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MISSION STATEMENT

"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st October 2017

(Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32)

Reflection

The readings this weekend show us the prophet Ezekiel trying to promote the qualities of honesty and integrity among his fellow believers, which he does by drawing a stark contrast between two basic moral attitudes or two basic choices we can make about the moral direction of our lives.

One attitude involves a commitment to integrity, the quality of consistent moral goodness running through our whole character, which leads us into closer communion with God. The other attitude turns away from the demands of integrity, refuses to move beyond a self-serving outlook on life, and therefore closes us off from God.

Along with the other prophets and many of the authors of the books of the Bible, Ezekiel had a passionate sense that our glory as human beings lies in our capacity for goodness and truth and love. These are the qualities that raise us up and help us realise the spiritual potential we're capable of. But the biblical authors also saw quite vividly that we've got to consciously choose the way of integrity.

We can refuse to raise our moral sights beyond our own self-interest, we can collude with all the lower instincts of human nature - greed, jealousy, violence, seeing other people as objects rather than persons and exploiting them - or we can resist those tendencies and make a deliberate effort to cultivate the virtues that lift us above the level of basic appetites and instincts.

The authors of the Bible often described this choice as a contrast between spiritual vision and blindness; between light and darkness; or, as in Ezekiel's image, between life and death. When someone renounces sin in favour of an overall integrity, says Ezekiel, he's opting for spiritual health and vitality - "life". But when an upright man renounces his integrity and commits sin, he's choosing spiritual death.

In the gospel reading Jesus draws a contrast of his own. He criticises the respectable religious people who do a lot of talking about their devotion to God but don't in any practical way adopt the attitudes and values and behaviour God wants to see. On the other side he applauds the "tax collectors and prostitutes" for responding positively to John the Baptist's preaching and changing the direction of their lives.

In other words, in spite of the accepted notions about what constitutes piety and righteousness, and in spite of their high opinion of their own spiritual loftiness, it's the recognised religious people who are rejected by God. Whereas many individuals who previously were far from being holy or upright in any conventional sense have turned and started to practice the values that enhance our spiritual nature and bring us into communion with God.

Obviously from their own point of view it was grossly offensive for Jesus to tell the chief priests and elders that well-known groups of religious outcasts had understood and responded to the genuine wishes of God more faithfully than they had.

But his aim in confronting people like that wasn't to offend their pride. His aim was to jolt people into reviewing their position in the hope that they would genuinely repent and make the basic choice of integrity. Jesus was laying the foundations of a new community of faith in God, a community which he offers to each and every one of us on a daily basis if we but turn our hearts to God.

Deacon Mike



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 2nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels No Mass <i>Queens' Birthday Public Holiday</i> <i>Parish Office and Church will be closed today</i>
TUE 3rd Oct	No Mass 7.00pm RCIA
WED 4th Oct	St Francis of Assisi No Mass
THU 5th Oct	No Mass
FRI 6th Oct	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 7th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.15pm Parish Dinner Dance
SUN 8th Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Safeguarding Sunday 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Readings for next weekend:
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Thanks to Fr John Gillen for celebrating 6pm Masses with us this weekend. We thank Fr John for the 21 Masses he will have celebrated with us while Fr Baiyi has been away!
We welcome and thank Fr Harry Chan for celebrating 9am Mass with us this Sunday. Fr Baiyi returns during the week. His first Mass will be the Healing Mass on Friday morning. Please join us for Rosary from 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am and Healing Mass at 9.30am to mark the First Friday of the month.
Towards the Marriage Vote: Please take home a copy of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's article in which he offers his perspective on the Same-Sex Marriage debate.
Also pick up another leaflet **Pope Francis, Marriage and the Plebiscite** prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops giving Pope Francis' views on the topic.
Church Locked: The Church will be locked and alarmed on weekdays at 1.15pm.

Parish Dinner: the Glen Hotel has given us till Tuesday for final numbers so it's not too late to join us! \$60 per ticket. Raffle Tickets on sale \$2 per ticket. Many prizes. Drawn at the Parish Dinner on Saturday night. We are fundraising towards security lighting for the car-park near the Parish Office. Thanks to those businesses who have donated prizes: Springwood Towers Chinese-Vietnamese Restaurant, Rochedale News, Rochedale Village Hot Bread & The Glen Hotel. Thanks also to all the parishioners who have donated! Contact Jo Cullen for more info on 0419733878.

Cuppa and Chat Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 6pm Mass this Sunday 1st October and after the 9am Mass next Sunday 8th October.

Safeguarding Sunday: Next weekend all parishes in the Archdiocese will mark Safeguarding Sunday. This was moved from September 10th where it would have fallen during National Child Protection week because of a clash with the timing of the Annual Catholic Campaign. This also gives the added benefit of allowing us to widen the scope to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults reflecting the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy. The practical implementation and strategies of this policy also protect those in ministry in the church. This choice of date allows links to Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th. When we pray the rosary the hope is we will "deepen our faith, prompt a conversion of heart and strengthen our will to follow Christ" (*Catechism*) and this is a great way to view Safeguarding as well!

Social Justice News: we will hold Social Justice Sunday on the weekend of 14th & 15th October.

Children's Liturgy will resume for Term 4 on Sunday 8th October. Leaders please contact Jodie to let her know any dates you will be unavailable for the new roster which will be drawn up this week.

Blue Cards: We really appreciate the wonderful parish involvement in following the Blue Card Regulations. However, please remember to notify the Parish Office when you receive your new Blue Card. A scan or email

giving the new number and expiry date will suffice.

Are you new to our Parish? If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME!! Please make yourself known to us. We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a 'New Parishioners Card' at the back of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Entertainment Books 2017/18 still available \$65 from the Parish Office or online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97.

Love Makes a Way: A Multi-Faith Workshop on changing the conversation about people seeking asylum. Sat 14th October 1—5pm St Bernard's Catholic Church Hall (left of the Aspinall Centre) 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. RSVP: action.qld@asrc.org.au 0432 699 934. See the noticeboard for more info.

Parish Workshops

Exploring Models of Parish Leadership

All Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Parish Pastoral Council & other leadership group members and all interested parishioners are offered 3 opportunities to attend a workshop on *Exploring Models of Parish Leadership*. This workshop will outline five existing parish leadership models and identify the circumstances in which they best contribute to the life and mission of the parish.

Option 1: Tuesday 10th October at the Community Centre at St Bernard's Church, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt 7pm—9pm. RSVP by Friday 6th October.
Option 2: Thursday 12th October at the Parish Hall, Mother of Mercy Parish, 25 Bowman Street, Hendra 7pm—9pm. RSVP by: Monday 9th October 2017
Option 3: Saturday 14th October at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane. 9.00am—11.00am. RSVP by: Tuesday 10th October. For RSVP's and enquiries please contact Mary-Anne at Evangelisation Brisbane: Ph: 3324 3443 or email ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au



Vinnies News: "Vincentians strive to seek out and find those in need and the forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity. We endeavour to help the poor to help themselves whenever possible, and to be aware that they can forge and change their own destinies and those of their local community."

We at Vinnies would like to once again thank the generous St. Peter's family for their ongoing support. We are always looking for donations of furniture and good quality used or new clothing for the families we assist. Any clothing can be dropped to the Vinnies shop at Slacks Creek. For furniture pick up please call 1800 846643.

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Parish Nursing Course—Information Session: A course equipping participants to serve within their Parish or Church organisation. Suited to Nurses, Mid-wives, Allied health professionals and Pastoral staff.

When: Wed, October 4 10:00am– 12pm. Where: ACU, Leadership centre Level 3, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. For further details please phone Leonie Rastas 0408 217 375

Cent Auction - Sun 8 October at the Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt (parking and Centre are behind St Bernard's Church). Doors open at 1pm for a 2pm start. \$10 entry (includes 2 free sheets of tickets and Afternoon Tea). Extra tickets are \$2/sheet or 6 for \$10. Over 100 prizes. Come along and have some fun. All proceeds will go directly to the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia. For more information contact Donna at missionispossible2017@gmail.com.

Spirit in the City Conference - QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane – Saturday, 7 October 2017 – Starting at 8.30am. A Website can be found at www.spiritinthecity.com.au and registrations are now open with Early Bird tickets closing Friday, 15 September 2017. For more info - Deacon Russ Nelson –Mb 0427 743 534

Celebrating 100 Years of Fatima: October 13th this year marks the centenary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to our Cathedral for a CANDLELIT ROSARY PROCESSION on the evening of Saturday, October 14th. The procession will commence with Mass at 6pm and will then move around the City, using the same route as the Corpus Christi Procession. The volunteer organising committee relies on donations to meet the expenses of the procession. For more information contact 0412 802 122.

Dutton Park Catholic Parish Centenary - All members of the community are invited to celebrate the Centenary Anniversary of St Ita's Parish at Dutton Park (now part of Dutton Park—West End parish) on Sunday October 15. The 10am Celebration Mass at St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park will be followed by a light lunch, refreshments and entertainment. . Enquiries: 3844 2744

The Uprising is a Youth Event on Friday 20th October 5pm to 9pm at Wynnum. See poster on the noticeboard.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Fr Chris Schick, Les Dwyer, Audrey Hussey, Joan Coyer, John Potts, Rhonda Noble, Aline de Baritault

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Bella Aguas, Colin Pettiford, Joan Stevens, Tom Stevens, Yat-Fung Choi, Shum Kong, Andrija Slivka, Ronald Paten, Sarah Denton, Sergio Viola, K. Wiltshire, Simon Doyle, Valentine Pollard, John Mitchell, Col Henderson, David Irvine, Anna Irwin, Joseph Kenway, Peter George, Merle Miller, Gys van Bekkum Snr, Gys van Bekkum Jnr, Willem van Bekkum, Mary O'Brien, Andrew Aranha, Angele vanden Boom, Patrick Bradley, Gerald Sherry, Jason Murray, Michael Glynn, Lewis Clarke

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Evelyn Scanlon, David Finlayson, Neil Ballment, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Bonnie Dematillar, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers

Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 7th & 8th October 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Barry Tier	C 1 2	David Crowley Lyndal Bray-Claridge Michael Claridge	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Ann Maree Collier	Jade Layla Sam	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Efren Tuazon	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Kath Seymour Megan Seymour	Alan Scanlon Shane Seymour Marilyn Mills	Finn Leo	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Margaret Connors	Deacon Mike Jones Matthew Jarvis ?	Rena Chevonne	Anne

Church Cleaning: 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas, Julie Hondroudakis

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent

This week: Linen: Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 8th Oct: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon, Tongan Community

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103
Family Group Facebook:
 St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
 Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O’Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
 Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com
Social Justice Group Facebook:
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