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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2nd October 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 17:5-10 - Increase Our Faith Lord

Out of nowhere, the disciples put an important request to Jesus: *Increase our Faith*. On another occasion, they had asked him: *Teach us to pray*. As Jesus uncovers God's project for them, and the task he wanted to pass on to them, the disciples feel that it is not enough to hold on to the faith that they have borne from childhood, if they want to respond to his call. They need a more robust and vigorous faith. It is now twenty centuries later. Throughout history Jesus' followers have maintained faithfulness to the Gospel over the years, as well as through dark hours of unfaithfulness. Times of strong faith and also of crisis and uncertainty. Don't we need to ask the Lord to increase our faith as individuals and as St Peter's Community? We plan the **Ministry Expo** next Sunday and it is good to make the same request to the Lord. A reflection I found on this passage I share with you.

Teach us that faith isn't about believing, but about believing in you, incarnate Son of God, in order to open us to your Spirit, to let us grasp your Word, to learn to live with your style of life and follow closely your footsteps. You alone can begin and fulfill our faith.

Give us a faith that is centered on what is essential, purified of false attachments and additions that lead us far from the nucleus of your Gospel. Teach us to live our faith in our times today, but based on our living presence in our hearts and in our believing communities.

Teach us to live converted to a more evangelical life, without resigning ourselves to a watered-down Christianity where the salt has gone insipid and where the Church is strangely losing her quality of leaven. Awaken among us the faith of witnesses and prophets.

Don't let us fall into a Christianity without the Cross. Teach us to discover that faith doesn't consist in believing in the God that we want, but in the One that strengthens our responsibility and develops our capacity to love. Teach us to follow you, taking up our cross each day.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 The just will live by faithfulness.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 If you had faith!

Readings for next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Parish Ministry Expo: Next weekend 8th & 9th October after all Masses:

Come along to the Parish Centre to see all the wonderful work being done in our Parish by you, the parishioners. Enjoy a Cuppa & Chat after each Mass whilst you check out the displays. Leaders: remember to plan your displays for assembling this Saturday 8th Oct from 10am.

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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."



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 3rd October	8.00am Mass <i>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: Parish Office closed</i>
TUE 4th October	St Francis of Assisi 8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 5th October	6.30am Mass
THU 6th October	
FRI 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 8th October	10.00am Set-up for Ministry Expo 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Ministry Expo & Cuppa & Chat after Mass
SUN 9th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass Ministry Expo & Cuppa & Chat after each Mass

Year Of Mercy 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful... Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful... My true rest is in the service of my neighbour."

Saint Faustina Kowalska



Parking: Due to construction of a new administration block within the school, parking is now available in the paddock next to the Parish. There is access via Rochedale Road. On October 16 (Fete day), parking near the Parish Office will be for handicapped only. Parking in the paddock after 9:30am will be charged at \$2 per vehicle.

Pilgrimage retreat to Santa Teresa on Sat 22nd Oct for the Year of Mercy. We will be travelling to Santa Teresa, Ormiston by coach. We will have facilities for wheelie walkers and people needing assistance. Cost \$10 which includes coach travel, morning and afternoon boxed lunch (let us know dietary requirements), quiet day of reflection in the Year of Mercy overlooking the bay and the beautiful garden areas of prayer. Open to everyone though there are ONLY 30 Seats available. (flyer at front of church) Place name on sheet at front of church. Please see Jo Cullen or Care & Concern committee on 0419733878 for more info.

Thank You God for Spring! WHAT A SUCCESS!!

Over 20 primary school children from 3 different schools attended the day for fun, craft, scripture, drama, games on grassed area, food and day ending with a popsicle. We were asked by a couple of children "Can we come to the next one?" Due to such a successful day, the next fun day will be at Easter holidays. Thank you to my wonderful helpers on the day Stephanie Lenihan, Aurelie Regnard, Carmel Northey - Cherrett, Rita Bishop, Anna Pereira (teacher St. Peter's) Anne Flood, Patrick Flood, and Lyndal Claridge. Great team. I think the leaders also had fun with the games. Jo Cullen

Social Justice News: Dear Friends, We hope you found the Social Justice Statement valuable and inspirational. Your generous donation of \$182.60 more than covered the initial purchase costs of \$ 159.09. Thank you very much. Erika

Adoration and Healing Mass: this Friday 7th October, the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. As always we will commence with Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Reconciliation available from 9.05 to 9.20am then Healing Mass at 9.30am.

Altar Servers, please collect your Term 4 rosters.

Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday October 9th. Leaders please advise Jodie of dates you are unavailable in Term 4 so the new roster can be prepared.

Attention care and concern volunteers: Firstly I would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who have supported Care and Concern over the years. I have decided to resign as co-ordinator but I am extremely excited and we are all blessed to have Lynn White who will be taking on the role next year, 2017. After 13 years I am also looking for someone who would be interested in doing the funeral organising. Please contact me any time if interested. Thank you again, Jo Cullen 0419733878

Celebration of 40 Years of Care & Concern in the

Archdiocese: Mass followed by Morning Tea at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley (10am, 6 October) All past and present members of Care & Concern groups are welcome to attend. Please let Jo Cullen know if you would like to attend this celebration.

Home Communion Ministers, Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters & Volunteer information. Please return the completed Volunteer forms at your earliest convenience.

The St Peter's School Fete is on October 16th from 10am to 3pm. Theme is "Farm to Fabulous" to celebrate the school's 40th Anniversary. The P&F has opened the pre-sale of ride armbands, a order form is available at the back of the church. If you are interested in sponsorship of the fete, or can donate items, please contact the P&F via stpeterspar-entsandfriends@gmail.com or Michael Smythe on 0419 651 103. Stalls such as the cakes and preserve stall, and sweets stall would appreciate home cooked items that can be delivered close to the fete. We look forward to seeing many parishioners at the fete for this great community event.



Vinnies News: Each year at Christmas time there is an increasing demand from families in need for our Christmas Hampers. Through your generous support we have been able to meet that demand. For this 2016 year we now ask our parishioners to invite their employer to join with us and donate items (Food or toys etc.). We are aware that there are many calls on organisations and we would be grateful for whatever may be donated. If any employer is willing to join with us please leave a contact name and telephone number with Julie on 3341 4421 and a Vinnies member will make contact. We will also make contact again with our local Drakes IGA and Woolworths Underwood store. Both of these organisations donated to our 2015 Christmas Hamper appeal.

Volunteers & the need for a Volunteer Register: The Archdiocese requires us to be more diligent in our record keeping regarding volunteers. In many ways, volunteers share the duties and rights of an employee of an organisation and as such we are required to have a complete list of volunteers just as a business would have a list of employees. Much of this is coming out as a result of a variety of legal action, including the Royal Commission. All Parish Volunteers will need to complete a Volunteer Data Form and sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour and return both to Julie. Certain volunteer roles will require more steps such as acquiring a Blue Card or having a Police check. Any queries or concerns, please contact Julie.

Brisbane Open House (BOH) On the weekend of 8/9 October the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in BOH. BOH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. View the display of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the windows of Penola Place and follow the Mary MacKillop Walk (opened and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on 8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

"Spirit in the City": A QUT Chaplaincy Christian Conference on Faith, Culture, Public Affairs aimed at young adults. This one day conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. Cost: \$25 Concession \$50 Adult Saturday, 8 October, 2016 @ P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane. Registrations essential. See noticeboard for more details.

Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:

Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery
287 Wellington St, Ormiston.

Dates: Saturday 15 October
9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm

Cost: \$40 (\$25 concession)

BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied

Contact: Carolyn Doherty 0416 268 316 or
carolyndoh@gmail.com

All Hallows School 1953—56 Reunion

A 60 year reunion for past students who did Junior in 1954 or senior in 1956 (and those who joined them along the way) is planned for Saturday 29 October beginning with Mass in the school chapel at 10am followed by morning tea. Please call Sr Anne Hetherington on 0409 075 739 for invitation and further details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Leo Cahill

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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 Jean Chartres, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, Cherian Chacko (Fr Jacob's brother), Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, 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 8th & 9th October 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Patrick Sequeira Joseph Dedigamuwa Diane Land	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Mal Jensen Geoff Hondroudakis	Jade Monica	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Diane McKeone Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Theresa Cruz Romana Langdon Del Reynolds	Jada	Tongan choir & Liz
Sun 6:00pm	Kate Guy Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Lynn White Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Chevonne	Carmel

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak, Cecilia Morandini

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: There will be a Cuppa & Chat after every Mass on the Ministry weekend 8th & 9th October



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 Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

- Baptism Preparation:** Julie Hondroudakis
- Bereavement Group:** Contact the Parish Office
- Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337
Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878
- Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent
- Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon
Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
- Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Les O'Gorman 3341 3862
- Mothers' Prayers:** Trish Bakker
- Music Liturgy Group:** Liz Fort

- Parish Pastoral Council:**
Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll
- Play Group:** Kristy Scanlon
- RE Teachers in State Schools:** Rita Bishop
- Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am
(1st Fridays 8.30am)
- Social Justice Group:** Erika Meerwald
Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
- St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**
John Blake

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

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