

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th July 2022

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

Reflection

The universalist vision of the gospel noted in the reflections for the previous two Sundays, covering Luke 9:51–10:20, comes to the fore only a few verses later. No-one mentions Samaritans as often as Luke. Mark never mentions Samaria or the Samaritans. Matthew mentions them to prohibit the Twelve going to them as they are sent before Jesus. John has a major scene with a Samaritan woman, and another reference. In today's gospel a Samaritan is famously put forward as a hypothetical exemplar of being neighbourly. The question put to Jesus by the lawyer, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?", at first seems disconnected from anything that had preceded it, but it instigates this exploration of a point that is of critical importance to the gentile Luke: the gospel is for all people. This universalist theme emerges only when the lawyer is coaxed to answer his own question from the source of his life's work, Torah, the Law. He replies with the twofold summation of the Law: love God with your whole self (Deuteronomy 6:5), and love your neighbour as yourself (Leviticus 19:18, 34).

It is misguided to say that this twofold summary was original to Jesus. Luke reports the lawyer himself, not Jesus, as giving this summary, and so the gospel itself stands as witness to this summary forming part of then contemporary Jewish thought; it was a commonly held point of view, well evidenced in later rabbinic documents too. The claim that our Lord invented it should be abandoned. What may still have been at issue with some at the time was what "neighbour" really means. If Leviticus 19:18 is read as an isolated rule then it applies only to compatriots, Jews, and not to others. But a few verses later we have another rule directing that the resident or visiting foreigner (an alien of any kind) is to be treated as a native (a citizen). The like of Exodus 12:43-49, using different terminology, further complicates a simple understanding of who each is, especially when it concludes that, at least concerning the original Passover, there is to be one law for both the "native" and the "foreigner"—but since the Hebrews, who in the story were born in Egypt, later call themselves the sojourners or aliens in the story we find that the Law applies the terms like "native" and "alien" ambiguously to both Jews and gentiles. We may well argue that the Exodus formulation reflects the later legal setting, but within the story itself, that is, in Scripture, the usual or common-sense applications are upended. Thus in discussions over the Law we find that both the Jew and the gentile are not so easily distinguishable and a neighbour may be either.

Luke's account has the lawyer focus on that question about who may be called "my neighbour". It is unfortunate then that the way Luke tells it inadvertently lent support to later anti-Jewish sentiment, for it allowed it to be seen as evidence of obstinate Jewish contrariness. This was further exacerbated by the invented rationales offered by preachers and teachers as to why a priest and a Levite might not want to become involved with the stricken man; the story does not present any idea of a defence based on purity laws. After all, as a parable it is work of fiction composed to explore an idea by presenting a hypothetical case. But in a perverse way the later name given this parable, "The Good Samaritan", further plays into this, for it can be seen to suggest that Samaritans, indistinguishable from Jews to later Christians, are likewise not normally "good"; that this fictitious Samaritan can be so called underlies the sense that generally they are not, or at least were seen as not by Jews. A more accurate title would be "The Good Neighbour".

Ultimately the question is not "Who is my neighbour?", which is passive, but "How am I to be a neighbour?", which is about action. The Christian teachings are clear: since we are all children of God, each is to be neighbour to all.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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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."



JULY		In our parish this week
Mon	11th	St Benedict No Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Tue	12th	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children
Wed	13th	No Mass 10.00am Coffee Gathering 7.00pm Sacramental Program Parent Information meeting - Confirmation
Thu	14th	8.00am Gardening Working Bee No Mass
Fri	15th	St Bonaventure 9.00am Rosary No Mass
Sat	16th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	17th	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 9.00am Mass - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 6.00pm Mass

No weekday Masses: Please note that there will be no weekday Masses this week and the church will only be open for private prayer from 8.15am to 1.15pm Monday to Friday.

Pivotal Players: The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....**7pm Wed 3rd August - St John Henry Newman**

Those who have died: Bea Winter, Ted D'Urso, Margaret Vito, James Tiley

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Theo Bakker, Winifred Harris, Maria Gardner, Cathy Breed, Marion Golding, John Neilsen, Rhonda Poulton, Olive Dwyer, Les Larsen, Joseph Van Den Boom, Pam O'Brien, Arthur Louis, Mary Hogan, James Airens, Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Erika Meerwald, Les O'Gorman, Mick Denton, Helen Viola, Milja Atanovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Marie Dingwall, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.

Readings for next weekend:
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

Sacramental Program 2022: Preparation will begin this week with a new group of children for Confirmation in August. If your child is in Grade 3 or above and has been baptised but not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Parent Information meeting this Wednesday 13th July at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Visiting Priest: This weekend we welcome back Fr John Gillen to celebrate the Masses with us. Please make Fr John very welcome.

Gardening Working Bee: Thursday morning 14th July from 8am until 10am followed by a morning tea. Please come along, to enjoy the outdoors and help to keep the gardens looking good. Bring with you some gardening gloves, sun protection. See you there.



St Peter's Gardening Group

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: Dear Parishioners, Next weekend, 16th & 17th July, we will be celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. At Sunday 9am Mass, we will be assisted in celebration by our indigenous friends from the Murri Ministry. We hope many of you will be able to celebrate this special Mass with us. After every Mass, on the 16th & 17th, we will have a **retiring collection** for the needs of the Murri Ministry.

The SJG

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Wednesday 13th July at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South.



St Vinnies Free Migrant Advice Service: Please call the St Vinnies Help Line 1800846643 to register for an appointment with qualified Migrant Agents who offer advice to any nationality or cultural background. This service is provided free of charge.



PARISH OFFICE

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Altar Servers Day: This Sunday 10th July from 10.30am. Come along and find out what Altar Serving is all about. There will be games and lunch as well as training. Contact Lauren, Coordinator of the Altar Server Support Group, for more information on 0432095185.

Seniors Ministry Survey: We are beginning a Seniors Ministry Group with the aim of providing activities and get-togethers for the over 65s. Please complete and return a survey so we can start planning.

New rosters for those who minister at weekend Masses during the months of July to September have been emailed. Please check your inbox for your roster. Thank you all.

♥ **Youth Update** ♥
New members always welcome!

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St Peter's has a **High School Youth Group** and a **Young Adults Group** (for 18 to 35 year olds). Both groups meet regularly, usually fortnightly.

New Youth Ministry Co-ordinator:

We are pleased to announce that our new Youth Ministry Coordinator is Chloe Chivers. Chloe will start working with us on Monday 11th July. We look forward to welcoming Chloe into our parish community.

Faith Matters: Naidoc Week

This Sunday marks the end of Naidoc Week. Let us acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the First Nations Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Settling Prayer:

God of all wonder,
 We pause in the busyness of our days to listen deeply to the wisdom of this land and those who belong to it.
 May our minds be open to dialogue,
 May our hearts be open to transformation and
 May our hands do the work of reconciliation.
 We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our journey of healing on these lands, seas and waterways;
 We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those who are living a life of fear, dispossession and distress.
 We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother and friend. Amen.

<https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NAIDOC-Week-for-Parents-2020.pdf>

Faith Enrichment Group



St Peter's Planned Giving:

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

'Parish Giving' App: The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 16th & 17th July	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Kate Guy
AV Operator	David Crowley	Eric Quan	Jonny Vigor
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. Peta Grandin 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Sheree Mae Marfil 1. Pauline Angus 2. Alan Vigor	C. Edmund Lai 1. Helen Graczyk 2. Cecilia Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Honora Wong	Bob Devere Jim Nathan Anne Scanlon	Megan Carroll Jo Cullen Vicki Routledge
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 6: Julie and Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No evening Cuppas during the Winter months.			
This week 11th - 17th July		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Bob's Group



Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! WELCOME!!

We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on **3341 4421** or **stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au**

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

♥ **Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ **Memorial Wall & Gardens:**

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ **Evangelisation Task Group Facebook**

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775



PLENARY COUNCIL: The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia took place from July 3rd to 9th. Please continue to pray for all those involved.

Go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au to watch the live stream of the concluding Mass from St Mary's cathedral on Sat 9th July at 10.30am. You can also watch sessions on archive and see how the voting outcomes

The Catholic Leader - July issue available this weekend \$4

- Taking time to reconnect with the sacred in life is truly priceless.
- Shaping the Church's future.
- Parish team linking poor and migrants through computers.
- Community volunteers top the list for the Queen's honours.
- Rain or shine, **Logan Deanery festival** draws families together.
- Fr Ken guides on praying with the heart of Jesus.
- Pope chooses cardinal for Timor.
- Young saint a model for all.
- Every journey changes us says Mt Isa parishioner.
- Book and film reviews, Sudoku, trivia and more.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Entertainment Memberships:

Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. You can purchase a single city (\$69.99) or Multi City subscription (\$119.99) which gives access to 21 cities across Australia and New Zealand. For the month of July get 2 bonus months on new memberships - that is 14 months for the same price. Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

A Morning's Prayer: A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. Saturday 30th July from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$20. Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer4>

Pastoral Care in Hospital Training Course: Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria please email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

Guided Retreat - Living Your Christian Vocation: The guided retreats are a great opportunity to take some time away, find some quiet and grow deeper in your spiritual life. These weekend-long retreat begin on a Friday at 6pm and end on Sunday 1pm and are held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The next guided weekend is on Friday 19th August to Sunday 21st August 2022 and will be guided by Shane Dwyer (Associate Director for Adult Formation) and members of the Adult Formation team. To register, head to: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatAugust2022>

Women of the Way Retreat - August 26th – 28th: Ladies, would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge? Treat yourself to some quality time with God at The Women of The Way Retreat. Come to Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite your faith.

Theme: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Retreat Leader: Rebecca Crouch, an inspirational speaker, worship leader and Spiritual Director will lead the Retreat.

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando ph 0400755516 email: wowqld@gmail.com

Registrations close 31st July.

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