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"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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 4th September 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 14:25-33: No Turning Back, Carry the Burdens Lightly

"If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, his own life too, he cannot be my disciple ... Sit down and work out... Sit down and consider ... None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions" (Luke 14:26-33). The Italian poet Dante's most famous line is, "In his will is our peace", but he doesn't say it baldly like that. First he speaks of all the evils that we do, the envy, greed, and lust that haunt people in his Hell, and then we go through Purgatory and its sins, and finally in Paradise, we come across 'In his will is our peace'. Usually it is only after we have done what we want for years and ended up in a mess that we wake up that wrongdoing is truly bad and does us harm. Our personalities can't get away with it. Then we might look over the fence and see, 'In His will is our peace'. We humans learn slowly about what a commitment to Jesus entails, as we learn slowly about all our promises. T.S Eliot has put it neatly: 'Between the idea and the reality falls the shadow'. I could leave the school or university wanting to be a singer or a doctor or an artist, but can I manage the reality, surviving failures and knockbacks, criticism? Between the idea and reality falls the shadow. G K Chesterton says a true commitment has laughter and humility. In 1906 he wrote that 90% of the jokes in clubs and bars were about marriage; the spouses being trapped or fighting with the in-laws. He says, 'We respect anything by the measure we can joke about it and take it lightly. When we stop making jokes about marriage then the institution marriage will be in a very bad way indeed'. We don't make jokes about marriage anymore, do we? We are not so secure about it. Nor do we joke about the church as Dave Allen used to do. And the church is in a bad way too. The implication is that a commitment to faith or marriage or any choice of life has problems when we take ourselves seriously.

In any commitment, everything is directed to the other, to the sport, the job, the person I love and away from me. That is how commitment works. Away from me – to that one. Believing in oneself should come outside me, from other people believing in me – telling me 'you can do that'. Other people and God should be the source of my confidence, not my self-promotion as the modern culture does. Commitment has a lightness about it. 'My yoke is easy and my burden light', as Jesus says because it is our own choice and that takes away the burden out of it. We can know clearly in our minds what we want and what is to be done. But again between the idea and reality falls the shadow. Today's gospel text tells us: Sit down and consider'. Belief in myself can deceive me or take away the real commitment. Allow myself to be directed away from me to the other and God, so that I can finally hand over to Him and live in God's peace.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 Who can comprehend the will of God?

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Receive him, not as a slave any more, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.


Readings for next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

Church locked: Please note that the Church will be locked and alarmed at 1.15pm Monday to Friday this week.

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 5th September	7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 6th September	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 7th September	
THU 8th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 9th September	9.00am Rosary
SAT 10th September	9.30am Social Justice meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 11th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass followed by Cuppa & Chat 6.00pm Mass <i>Annual Catholic Campaign Commitment weekend—All Masses</i>

Year Of Mercy
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Mercy is the willingness to step into the chaos of another."
— James F. Keenan SJ



Thanks to Fr Sunil Paul from Kingston-Marsden parish & **Fr John Gillen** from Nudgee College for celebrating Masses with us this weekend!

Communion Ministers and Readers:
Please collect your new rosters & Volunteer information. Please complete the Volunteer data Form, sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour and return both to Julie. Then please read and keep all the policy documents.

Date Claimer: Spring Garden Raffle—Care & Concern are having a spring garden raffle on the week-ends of 10/11 Sept and 17/18 Sept so bring along your spare change to buy a ticket. Let's get ready for spring!!!

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 if interested or for more info.

Thank You God for Spring: Wed 28th September 9am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. Numbers are limited so get in early!

The St Peter's School Fete is on October 16th from 10am to 3pm. This year the school is celebrating 40 years and the anniversary theme of "Farm to Fabulous" continues at the fete. The day will be filled with great entertainment, huge range of food, displays from the classes, and many stalls and rides.

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 stpetersparentsandfriends@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.

Meetings: Please note that there are multiple meetings this week!! Check the calendar above.

Help needed urgently: A lady parishioner needs urgent help to concrete her driveway to comply with Logan City Council regulations. Concreter or someone with driveway experience for help or advice desperately needed. Perhaps we could organize a willing band of helpers!?! If you can help in any way please contact Care & Concern via Jo Cullen on 0419 733 878 or call Julie in the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

Have you heard?

Pope Francis puts it simply: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

This is the effect that your donations have had on the most vulnerable people in our community. Your gifts enable Centacare Pastoral Ministries to seek out the lost, to embrace those on the fringes of society... Your gifts help show the merciful face of our Church to those who are in need.



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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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary (or more) and their family and friends are invited to Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday 1st October 2016 @ 10.00am. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Hanly Room. RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; 3324 3030 by Wednesday 28 September 2016. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Canonisation:
In the lead up to this very special event, there will be Novena, Adoration & Rosary at St Mary's Church, 20 Merivale St, South Brisbane. A Mass to celebrate Mother's canonisation will be held at St Mary's at 5pm on Sun 4th Sept. Mother's Feast day Mass will be at 6pm on Mon 5th Sept also at St Mary's church. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating a Mass in Mother's honour at St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St on Saturday 10th Sept at 11.30am. All are welcome. Please see the 'Blue Notice' on the church door for times and further details.

Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:
Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery
287 Wellington St, Ormiston.
Dates: Saturdays 10 September; 15 October
9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$40 per day/\$100 for three days
\$25 per day/\$65 concession for three days
BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied
Contact: Carolyn Doherty 0416 268 316 or carolyndoh@gmail.com

Mass for the Deaf: St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove, for the Central Deanery Pastoral Council, will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on Sunday 11th September at 8.30 am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au. Another Auslan Mass will be held on 20th November.

St Paul's Parish, Woodridge just received a consignment of statues for sale in our Gift Shop as follows:
2 large statues (1 ½ metres) of Mary
2 Divine Mercy as well as many other statues of various sizes.
Trading times: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am – 10:30am and Sundays, 8:30am to 9am, and 10am – 10:30am.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Rosa Sponza (Jane Sponza's mother-in-law), Don Marion (Kathy Jensen's brother-in-law)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Lillian Rose Funk, Leslie McLachlan, Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone, Kevin Sorohan, Johannes (John) van Hoof, Roy Bevan, Mary Hanson, Bernard Burke, Thomas White, Edward Lynch, Anthony Aliprandi, Ursula Knuth, Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Ivan Christensen, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham

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 10th & 11th September 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Patrick Sequeira	C 1 2	Geoff Hondroudakis Joyce Lyster Peta Grandin	Clive Angelina	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon Alan Scanlon	C 1 2	Kieran Lenihan Romana Langdon Lydia Chew	Zac	Tim & the Tongan choir
Sun 6:00pm	Kevin Fry Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Alan Camp Anne Fry Patti Camp	Nathaniel	Carmel

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

Children's Liturgy: Joel Lenihan **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sunday 11th September after the 9am Mass: Care & Concern & the Tongan community



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 one of the Parish Councillors or to Julie in the Office.

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

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