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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

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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."

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 7: 11-17. Believe First in Order to See.

We have two stories today about widows who lost their only sons. In Biblical time, to be widowed was a terrible thing for a woman. Unable to work or to inherit anything, the woman was left with nothing, only to be cared for by her children. If she had no children or they died, she would be left destitute. There was no Medicare or Social Security! There was nothing for these widowed women except the generosity of others. The widow of Nain in the Gospel was the epitome of powerlessness more so even than the widow of Zarepath in the sense she at least had a voice that she could raise and plead with the prophet Elijah who prayed and brought back her son to life. But the widow of Nain is in deep tears and walks behind her son's bier. We read that Jesus 'felt sorry for her' or 'had compassion for her'. Jesus touching the bier messianic and in doing so he is flouting the laws of ritual purity and taking the risk of being ostracized. Luke the master craftsman has made the story to make it not only humanly appealing but also theologically forceful: *In Jesus, death is overcome and life restored.*

The message of the readings then is that no matter how bleak a situation might seem, and no matter how depressing the present is, God is still very much with us. Thus, when we are faced with challenging situations, when we are faced with death like situations and death of the dear ones, we are invited to believe that God will have compassion for us and will lead us through the risky path to safety and hopefulness. The God who raised the Sidonian woman's son through Elijah, and raised the son of the widow of Nain in Jesus is the same one who raised Jesus from the dead *is the God who will walk with us every step of the way.* We need, even in this modern day and age of all-solutions by technology, to believe first in order to see.

Today is World Environment Day and the theme this year is to 'Join the race to make the world a better place' for humans and for all forms of life. It is again a good time to read and reflect Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*, on care for our common home.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24 Look, said Elijah, your son is living.

Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-19 God revealed his Son in me, that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Young man, I say to you, arise.

Readings for next Sunday : 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Galatians 2:16, 19-21 Luke 7:36- 8.3



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 6th June	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
TUE 7th June	8.00am Mass with children
WED 8th June	6.30am Mass
THU 9th June	
FRI 10th June	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 11th June	St Barnabas 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 12th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am School 40th Anniversary Mass 10.15am School 40th Anniversary BBQ and Bush Dance 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"What is the fruit of (God's) love and mercy? It is life! God's mercy gives life to the widow's son; it raises him from the dead. The Lord watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive. It is pure mercy. Let us go to Jesus!"

*Pope Francis,
Pope Francis Speaks to our
Hearts: Words of Challenge and
Hope*

Cuppa: Please note there will be no cuppa after Mass this weekend. Please also note there will be no cuppas after the 6pm Masses during the winter months. Next Cuppa and Chat will be after the 9am Mass on Sunday 26th June.



Sacramental Program: The children are at the half way mark of their preparation for Confirmation. This weekend 4th/5th June they will attend their 2nd workshop either at 5pm Saturday or 10.15am Sunday. Please continue to pray for the children and their families on this important part of their faith journey. The children will be Confirmed by Monsignor Peter Meneely on Friday 17th June.

Date Claimer: Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be making a Pastoral visit to our Parish and School from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th July. More details to come.

St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Celebrations

will take place on Sunday 12th June beginning with 9am Mass and followed by a BBQ and bush dance. For catering purposes can you either write your name on the form on the table near the door or call the school office this week on 3341 4800.



Social Justice News:

World Environment Day is an annual event celebrated on the 5th June. It is the main vehicle through which the UN stimulates awareness of environmental issues. The Reverence for Creation is one of the fundamental principles of Catholic Social Justice.

On 24/5/2015 our beloved Pope Francis published his second encyclical "*LaudatoSi*", "Praise be to you". The Pope enters in this encyclical into a dialogue with all people about the Earth, our common home. He refers to the beautiful canticle of St. Francis of Assisi "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains, governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

However, "this Sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. This is why the Earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor"

(*Laudato Si*, 2). The Pope challenges us to "devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power" (*Laudato Si*, 178). On this World Environment Day let us acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and embark on a new path of responsible care of our God given world.

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday however, please note there will be no Children's Liturgy next Sunday 12th June when the School 40th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated.

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters.

Project Compassion receipts are available for collection this weekend from the back table

Parish Feast Day: Feast of Sts Peter and Paul:

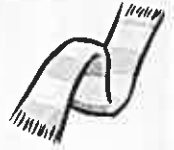
This year we will celebrate our parish feast day on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd July at all Masses. On Sunday 3rd July after the 9am Mass there will be a morning tea to celebrate. Because it's our special day we're asking you to bring a plate of morning tea items to share. It is a great way to build community.

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. Now as well as the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.



Vinnies News: Thank You! A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Winter Appeal Fundraiser last Sunday. We would like to especially thank Carmel Northey-Cherrett for her tireless effort in organising the event. Special thanks also to the band of helpers particularly Scott Cherrett. The day went extremely well with many people in attendance. It was a great, fun morning. Thanks to the whole school and parish for their support. We raised a total of \$1787.15 so it was a successful day too!

Well done everyone! The poor and needy in our parish will benefit from your efforts.
God Bless. St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Parish Rochedale



Holy Spirit Seminary Prayer Calendar: Pick up a Prayer Calendar and pray daily for our Seminarians.

See the Noticeboard for more information on the following invitations:

Clairvaux MacKillop College Open Morning: Friday 10 June 9.00am – 11.00am. Presentation in the Auditorium followed by a College tour. There is an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. Bookings recommended. Contact our Enrolment Officer – ph. 3347 9223 or email: gomf@cvxmck.edu.au

Missa en Francais: The next MASS IN FRENCH will be on Sunday June 5 in the church of Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba, at 3 pm. All French speakers and students of French welcome.

Mass for the Deaf: St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on **Sun 5 June 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.

2016 Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Gathering
Mass at 10 am, Sunday, 12 June 2016, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, followed by High Tea in The Founders' Room, St. Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.
\$20 per head. To book: go to www.terrace.qld.edu.au, click on About Us, and then click College Events.
Bookings close 8 June.

Retreat Invitation: "... but who do you say I am?"
3 day retreat at St Paul's, Woodridge, Friday evening 10th to Sunday 12th June. Evangelisation as a Journey... back to the Book of Acts...to the Apostles and the early Church, Jesus is wanting to ask each of us the very same question that He asked his Apostles: "but who do you say that I am?" Pick up a brochure from the back table for more information.

Women of the Way Annual Retreat: 26th-28th Aug at Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin
Theme: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God (1 Pet 5:6) **Presenter:** Faylene Sparkes.
Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor.
Contact: ph 0426 420 119 or email wowqld@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Colin Garner

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Olga Ferdenands, Patrick Holden, Shirley Brady, Giovanna Dileo, Peter Foley, Rodney van Rooyen, Francis Moffatt, James Burns, Mary Carter, Robina Carter, John Leadbetter, Frances Owen, Janet Thyer, Edward Dwyer, Alex van Blonestein, Roy Harvison, Jim Fleming, Paul Simpson, Ricky Peeters, Joan Paszkiewicz

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Don Bechly, Brian Button, Rod Johnston, Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Ronald Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, Nicolas Tendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, 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 11th & 12th June 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Kevin Healan Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Geoff Hondroudakis Anthony Della Brooke Della	Saidat Samson Nafisa	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew Diane McKeone Del Reynolds	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain School child School child	Zac	Anne & School choir
Sun 6:00pm	Cesarina Gigante ?	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Rosemary Moore Helen Graczyk	Volunteers please	Rita

Church Cleaning: 1 Joseph & Angela Dedigamuwa, Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede

Children's Liturgy: None **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Anthony's team

Cuppa: there will be no cuppa next weekend. Next cuppa 26th June after the 9am Mass: Care & Concern



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.

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
- St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**
John Blake

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