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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."

4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

6th March 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 15:13-32. The Ideal Short Story: of the Prodigal Son or

Is it of the Father who is prodigal, profligate, wasteful in his love? Many scholars say that it is the best short story ever written, and it is true in many ways. Some of the phrases are so powerful that they have become proverbial. Prodigal Son, fatted calf ... lost and found, to mention few of them. It is a story that has enriched the vocabulary of the world; not just the world's vocabulary, but the world's mentality as well, its way of looking at things. No story tells us more about God or makes us feel better about ourselves. It is a short story with enormous scope, with the widest vista in that it embraces our sinfulness at one end and God's forgiveness at the other. The fact that the Pharisees objected to the company Jesus kept, to his eating with sinners, provoked Jesus and he told this story to give an insight into his own mind and the mind of God. The story falls into **three parts**: The first is about the **younger son**, an impatient lad who wanted his inheritance before the death of his father. Greedy fingers, itchy feet, a sensual nature; wanting to live it up, and to hell with the commandments. Not an unfamiliar story in any generation, including our own. Life is short, play hard, to quote the Nike logo. The second part of the story is about **the father**, and it is really extraordinary. **"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him"**(Luke 15:20). Still a long way off, a dot on the horizon he sees his son! It means he was on the look-out for his son, from the day he left, watching and waiting and praying, like many a father or mother. The third part of the story is about **the elder son**, who couldn't enter into the mood of the party to celebrate his lost brother's return. But this son's attitude helps to illustrate how much more forgiving God is than we are, all-embracing and forgiving is his love. I think the most respectful response to this great story is personal reflection. Just think about it, savour it and let it sink deeper and deeper into your soul.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings **4th Sunday of Lent** **Year C**

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Readings for Next Weekend: 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 7th March	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
TUE 8th March	8.00am Mass with Children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting
WED 9th March	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
THU 10th March	7.00pm Training Session for Communion Ministers
FRI 11th March	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 12th March	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 13th March	5th Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



**Year Of Mercy
6th March 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent**
*"Being all fashioned of
the self-same dust,
Let us be merciful
as well as just."*
 --Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow
(*Tales of a Wayside Inn*)

Date Claimers for Easter:

Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Monday 14th March 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm

Good Friday 25th March 10am Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill & 3pm Passion at St Peter's

Easter Vigil 26th March 7pm (NOTE later time!!)

Easter Sunday 27th March 9am only

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Lenten Discussion Group Wednesday 7.30pm: *Being Lost...Being Found...*

Sessions of prayer, scripture, reflection and discussion. Wednesday nights at 7.30pm in the Parish Office meeting room. This is a wonderful preparation for Easter.

Easter Volunteers: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We also need 8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night as well as readers for the Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill on Good Friday.

Training for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Mike is running 2 training sessions suitable for existing ministers or anyone interested in joining these ministry group:

Thursday 10th March for Communion Ministers and Thursday 17th March for Readers.

For both sessions please arrive at 7pm for a 7:15pm start. High school students are welcome to join the Reading Ministry. Please write your name on the relevant form on the back table or advise Julie in the Parish Office of your attendance.

2016 International Women's Day: Every year around the world International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March. It is a day when we give thanks to God for the many gifts and talents women bring to their communities, when we acknowledge the economic, political and social achievements women have made particularly in the last 100 years. However in many countries, particularly in deeply patriarchal societies, there are still significant barriers for women to achieve equality with men. Our theme this year is "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity". We honour women past and present who at great personal cost have fought and continue the struggle to achieve social change. We commit ourselves to the promotion of justice for women everywhere. We know that whatever denies, diminishes or distorts the full humanity of women is not of God.
The Social Justice Group

International Women's Day: Collection: There will be retiring collections at all Masses on 5th and 6th March. Funds collected will go towards the needs of the City of Joy in Zambia and Hamlin Fistula Foundation, Ethiopia.

Liturgy Group meeting to plan the Easter ceremonies this Tuesday 8th March in the Parish Office meeting room from 7.30pm.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 6th March after both the 9am and 6pm Masses and next Sunday 13th March after the 9am Mass.

Children's Liturgy will take a break this Sunday with the special Family Mass but will continue next weekend. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.)

New Website: As well as our new-look newsletter our new Parish Website www.stpetersrochedale.org.au is now live though is still being reviewed. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact the Parish Office.

Communion Ministers and Readers, Altar Servers & Church Cleaners: Please collect your new rosters. New volunteers welcome. Contact the Parish Office.

Toilet Renovation: We have received a grant from the Gaming Commission to remodel the church toilets to provide a toilet appropriate for a Person with a Disability. Our plan is to still have 2 toilet stalls, both will be unisex and 1 will have disabled access. Thanks to John Donohue for his work in preparing and submitting the successful application to the Gaming Commission.

Project Compassion: First Australian Evangeline is an Artswoman at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre where she is flourishing with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians to gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.** www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday 16th March commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Alma Calabria, Betty Clifford

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Marcella Hayward, Tony Lilly, Francis Mayer, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Bella Agnas, Teodolfo Cruz, Terry Naughton, Patricia Stanfield, Debra McKenna, Mick Rawlins, Terri Mills, Mary Scholes, 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.*

Rosters for 12th & 13th March

	Communion		Readers	Altar Servers	Musicians
Saturday 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Lyndal Bray-Claridge Michael Claridge	Jade P Monica S	Tim
Sunday 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Kieran Lenihan Anne Scanlon	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Kevin McMahon Romana Langdon	Jada N	Carmel
Sunday 6:00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Nathaniel B	Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 4 Mary Andrew, Mark Connolly, Narelle Garland, Shane D'Silva

Children's Liturgy: Kristy Scanlon

This week 5th & 6th: Linen: Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sun 13th March after 9am Mass: S Lenihan, J Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills, Ian Crawford

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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Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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