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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."

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17th September 2017

(Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35)

Reflection

*Anger and wrath, these also are abominations,
and the sinful man will possess them.*

*He that takes vengeance will suffer vengeance from the Lord,
and he will firmly establish his sins.*

*Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.*

*Does a man harbor anger against another,
and yet seek for healing from the Lord?*

*Does he have no mercy toward a man like himself,
and yet pray for his own sins?*

*If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath,
who will make expiation for his sins?*

*Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity,
remember destruction and death, and be true to the commandments.*

*Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook ignorance.*

The main subject of the readings this Sunday is a basic principle of the Bible's teaching and it's a principle that is summed up by those lines in the first reading, where the author of the book of Ecclesiasticus is saying in effect: if somebody nurses anger and resentment against another person, and shows no forgiveness to other people, who are only fallible human beings exactly like himself, how can he then turn to God and demand compassion towards himself?

And this is the point of Jesus' parable as well: none of the people listening to Jesus could fail to see the wrongness and the double standard of the servant refusing to cancel some debts that he's owed, when he himself has just had his own debts cancelled - debts that were much bigger, into the bargain. You would have to be pretty obtuse to miss the basic moral point that Christ is making here.

Unless we've lived an exceptionally sheltered life, we've all had the experience of being hurt or offended or in some way taken advantage of. Sooner or later in life we all have to confront what you might call the problem of forgiveness: when should we forgive someone, and when are we entitled not to forgive them? How often do we keep forgiving someone who repeatedly lets us down? This is the way Peter puts the question.

And this isn't only an issue for Christians or for people who believe in God: it's a facet of human relationships in general, whether you've got religious beliefs or not.

The deeper the hurt, the greater the injustice - especially if the person who has committed the offence shows no awareness of having done anything wrong, or is even taking pleasure in causing our unhappiness - the more difficult it is for us to forgive the person genuinely and wholeheartedly and to do away with the perfectly natural desire that we feel for revenge or some kind of redressing of the balance.

All too often our emotions lag behind our conscience. Our conscience tells us that it would be right to forgive someone but our feelings produce all kinds of excuses and justifications for not forgiving. If our emotions were free from all negative or destructive tendencies we would be saints: but normally it takes God's time to make us perfectly forgiving and turn us into saints. *Deacon Mike*

Readings for next weekend: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20: 1-16

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 18th Sept	No Mass
TUE 19th Sept	No Mass 7.00pm RCIA
WED 20th Sept	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions No Mass
THU 21st Sept	St Matthew 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 22nd Sept	9.00am Rosary No Mass
SAT 23rd Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 24th Sept	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass - RCIA Rite of Acceptance 6.00pm Mass

Thanks to Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Parish Dinner : Will be held on 7 October at the Glen Hotel Function Room, in Eight Mile Plains. The cost is \$60 which includes: Canapés on arrival, main meal, dessert, tea and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase. If you would like help for transport, see one of the Pastoral Councillors. We will be fundraising towards security lighting around the church. Everyone is welcome. Tickets on sale this weekend and from the Parish Office during the week. Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878.

Cuppa and Chat Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 6pm Mass this Saturday 16th and after the 9am Mass next Sunday 24th September.

Church Locked: The Church will be locked and alarmed on weekdays at 1.15pm except by prior arrangement.

RCIA: In the parish this year a young man, Sione, has asked to be baptised in the Catholic faith. He has been in the Enquiry stage and now wants to be received into the Catechumenate where he will learn about the Church's teachings, traditions and scripture. On Sunday 24th September at the 9am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with him. We ask you to welcome Sione, support him and pray for him as he journeys to Baptism at Easter.

Driveway repairs: the school has arranged to repair the concrete at the entrance to the top driveway beside the presbytery. Works will commence on Monday. This will mean that there will be no access to the car-park near the Parish Office for several days. Please park in the main car-park or the paddock if you need to visit the church or Parish Office for the next few days.

Social Justice News: The Brisbane launch of the 2017 Social Justice Statement, "Everyone's Business", on an inclusive and sustainable economy, will take place on Wednesday 20 Sept at 7:30 pm at St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Bishop Brian Finnigan will launch the Statement. There will also be two guest speakers who will address some aspects covered by the Statement. A cuppa is available from 7pm & parking is available in the churchyard. All are welcome.

We at St Peter's will hold Social Justice Sunday on the weekend of **14th & 15th October** after Fr Baiyi has returned.

Towards the Marriage Vote: Please take home a copy of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's article in which he offers his perspective on the Same-Sex Marriage debate.

Many Thanks for all the prayers and good wishes during my health problems. Recovery going well now. Thank you again. *Val Holzberger*

The Catholic Leader proudly presents the Community Leader Awards 2017: These Awards recognise outstanding Catholics across Australia in various walks of life. All Australian Catholics are invited to nominate themselves or someone they know for one of five categories – Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Professional Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the major award, Community Leader of the Year. Nominations can be made at the official website, www.theleaders.com.au or grab a copy of The Catholic Leader for a full-page nomination form. Nominations close on Friday September 29.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

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Vinnies News: Huge Thank you to St Peters Parishioners & St Peters School Families and Staff - we raised \$3567 in cash through the SVDP Winter Appeal as well as receiving many gifts of blankets, throw overs, and doona's, some which were beautifully hand made

Although we had wet weather for the festival the day was a resounding success for which we are extremely grateful to Carmel Northey-Cherrett who is the driver of the SVDP Winter Appeal launch in our Parish. We had many Volunteers who also deserve a Special mention - it simply cannot happen without the time, enthusiasm and energy these people so generously give.

St Peters School presented us with \$426 collected from the Gold Coin for jersey day - it is really fantastic to see our children and grandchildren growing up in such a wonderfully, nurturing environment at St Peters - Thank you Bronwyn and your team for your most generous support provided to SVDP.

SVDP is not about hand outs - we look to assisting with a hand up through encouragement, and building self esteem so people can maintain and build their sense of dignity and feel part of our community - this is how you all assist - it is not just about material items it is also about knowing people do really care.

God Bless you all for helping those in need.

PS. we have a good quality wheelie walker available immediately for anyone in need.

Entertainment Books 2017/18 still available \$65 from the Parish Office or www.entbook.com.au/2224e97. Fantastic for the school holidays. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants and activities!

Invitations for Youth from around the Archdiocese:

Ignite Conference 2017 is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being equipped for living the Christian life, and being empowered to impact the Church and the world. It's the biggest Catholic youth event in our Archdiocese so be sure to check it out!

Cost: night rallies are free; starting at \$285 for four day pass

Date: 4pm Thursday 21st - 3:30pm Sunday 24th September

Venue: Mueller Performing Arts Centre (75 Morris Rd, Rothwell). For more info see the website

Spirit in the City Conference - QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane – Saturday, 7 October 2017 – Starting at 8.30am. A Website can be found at www.spiritinthecity.com.au and registrations are now open with Early Bird tickets closing Friday, 15 September 2017. For more info - Deacon Russ Nelson –Mb 0427 743 534

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: John Potts, Rhonda Noble, Aline de Baritault, Vincent Simon

Book of Life & Mass Requests: John Moy, Varghese Padikara, Rodrigo Jebamalai, Harry McKenna, Frist Jansen, Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink, Gwendoline Gough, John Probert, Sylvia Rappensberg, Charles Murray, Kathleen Davis, Valmai Waterson, Jack Fox, Elizabeth Severein, Roy Boyland, Wilfrid Howell, Marilyn Croft, Riquard Lyster, Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Neil and Shelagh Ballment, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, 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 23rd & 24th September 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Peta Grandin Anthony Della	Deacon Mike Jones Joyce Lyster Shelagh Ballment	Monika Talia	?
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Marilyn Mills Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahon	Jo Cullen Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Finn Leo	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Anne Fry	C 1 2	John Blake Lynn White Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Kevin Fry Anne Fry Ann Maree Collier	Jada Rena	Anne

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's cleaners

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 24th Sept: Care & Concern

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com
Social Justice Group Facebook:
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