ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Year C)*

26th October 2025

Readings: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

From self-justification to justified by God

Prayer is becoming aware of who I am and who God is in the presence of God. I could consistently explain the different forms of prayers within this definition. When I become aware of my dependence on God, it is the **prayer of intercession**. When I become aware of my sinfulness, I begin the **prayer of repentance**. When I become aware of what God has done for me, I express it **in prayer of praise and thanksgiving**.

Sometime back, when we were praying the Magnificat, it seemed to me that Mary was very proud, and I was reminded of the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. So, I started comparing the two texts. What I discovered was very uplifting. In contrast to the prayer of the Pharisee, Mary's **prayer is God-centred.** Almost every clause begins with a 'He' and when she refers to herself, it is only as an object of the action of God. True, Mary feels exalted, but it is because of Him. It is a similar attitude that we recognise in the prayer of the Tax Collector. He focuses on the mercy of God.

The Pharisee becomes a victim of the **cancerous comparison even in prayer**. He justifies himself and despises his neighbour in the temple. He went one step too far exalting himself above all. By judging the inner life of others, the Pharisee makes himself a god. The parable is preceded by the story of **the unjust judge**, who finally gives the widow what she wants, not out of generosity but to stop her pestering him. The woman was clearly persistent and determined, but what Jesus is really praising and asking from us is trusting faith. Jesus wants to stress the need to pray constantly and never lose heart. **The Psalm says, "A humble, contrite heart, O God, You will not spurn."**

Every time we come to Mass, we are reminded that we come before the presence of God, and so we need to humble ourselves. It starts with the **Penitential Rite.** The priest invites us: "Brothers and sisters, **let us acknowledge our sins**, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." The readings usually remind us of God's mighty deeds and of man's **helplessness and sinfulness.** In the **Prayers of the Faithful we** express all our needs, humbly acknowledging and imploring God's merciful providence. In the Eucharistic Prayer leading to Consecration, we are **asked to kneel**, the vivid expression of humility in worship. Pope Benedict XVI said: "The man who learns to believe learns also to kneel, and a faith or liturgy no longer familiar with kneeling is sick to the core. And just before receiving Holy Communion we say, **"Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my ro**of, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." After all, who is worthy anyway to **receive the sacred Body and Blood of Jesus?**

The fatal mistake of the prayer of the Pharisee is the lack of humility. The tax collector's prayer was more pleasing to God. He trusted in God's mercy. He acknowledged the truth – **that he was a sinner**. From a distance, he just bowed his head and said: **"O, God, be merciful to me, a sinner**." The prophet Micah says, **'to live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.**' Our challenge is to **deepen our own faith**.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: October /November 2025						
Monday 27	**Tuesday 28**	**Wednesday 29**	**Thursday 30**	**Friday 31**	**Saturday 01**	**Sunday 02**
8.00am Mass Followed by the Rosary	**Sts Simon & Jude** **8.00am** Mass with children followed by the Rosary 7.30pm Baptism Info meeting	**8.00am** Mass followed by the Rosary	*Parish Office closed* **7.00pm** Youth Group Mtg	**9.00am** Rosary **9.30am** Mass with Grade 5 students	**ALL SAINTS** **5.00pm** Reconciliation **6.00pm** Mass followed by a Cuppa	**All SOULS' DAY** **9.00am** Mass **6.00pm** Special Memorial Mass for the deceased

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch This Sunday 26th October 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Simon Peter Centre. Join us for a morning of support and fundraising. Your participation will make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer. Event Highlights: fashion show, morning tea & raffles. Tickets $50 per person (includes morning tea & a glass of champagne or orange juice on arrival). Please phone Carmel on 0417213702 to reserve a seat and you can pay at the door.

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Catholic Mission Appeal -Thank You **– held on the 18th & 19th October**.

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, we are still taking donations at St Peter's this weekend - donation envelopes are still available at the church (or bring back the one you took last weekend), or you can go to catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

50 & above Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: Saturday 25th October at 6pm All are invited to attend this Mass.

Readings for next weekend:
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed/ ALL SOULS DAY (Year C)
Isaiah 25:6-9 Romans 5:5-11 Luke 7:11-17

October – the month of the Rosary. October has always been known as the month of the rosary. Pope Leo has particularly asked everyone to pray the rosary in October for world peace. At St Peter's, the rosary will be prayed after the 8am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October. On Fridays, rosary will be prayed at 9am as usual.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Our next WOW gathering will be held on **Wednesday 29th October 10am to 2pm** which will be a **bus outing to Wellington Point.** Please RSVP to the Parish Office or on the expression of interest form for numbers for the bus. Morning tea available at the cafe

All Souls' Memorial Mass 6pm Sunday 2nd November Each year the St Peter's Bereavement Ministry hosts the All Souls' Memorial Mass where we remember all those who have gone before us but especially focussing on those of our family members that we have lost in the past 12 months.

This year 'All Souls Day' or more formally 'The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed' falls on **Sunday 2nd November** so we will make the 6pm Mass that Sunday the Memorial Mass. This annual Mass is always a lovely way to remember those loved ones that we have lost.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Jaiden Booth, Fr Frank Lourigan, Rod Wall, Herbert Anderson, Michael Cuskelly

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Jerome Taylor, Douglas Legge, Colleen Hales, Michael Hales, Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey, Terence Connolly, Sally Feeney, Marcella Cunningham, Catherine Doyle, Kathleen Flanagan, Mary Santhing, Jim Wetherspoon, Mary Browne, Kathleen Carmody, Rodney West, Russell Hawkins, Desmond Baptist, Mary-Liz Field, Monica Moran, Lew Spowart, Inge Kurth.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Pat Bransdon, Angela Russo, Betty Partridge, Katy Warwas, Ursula Williamson, Carol Timkoe, Victor Timkoe, Kate Kim, Veronica Scholes, Tany Lemon, Liz Kelleher, Lynda Sweeney, Margaret Wagner, Shelly Furman, Ray Dupreez, June McCrenor, Rex Bransdon, Brent Austin, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Rikki-Lee Curran, Janet Hicks, Valerie Isaac, Kerrianne Meulman, Mel Singh, Kent McMahon, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Sr Lila Galvin, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Teresa Leong, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy & Danae Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Laurie Newnham.

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.

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Faith Matters: **"Dilexi Te" by Pope Leo XIV**

Pope Leo XIV has recently written an Apostolic exhortation called *'Dilexi Te'* ('I have loved you.')

Apostolic exhortations are important Church documents that offer guidance and encouragement to help Catholics live their faith in today's world. They show the Pope's teaching authority and reflect the Church's ongoing conversation with its members and society.

This beautiful document calls Christians to remember the Catholic Social Teaching of Preferential Option for the Poor. This teaching is meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity.

God's merciful love reveals a plan to create a world of justice, unity, and care. God especially cares for those who are treated unfairly or are suffering and calls on the Church to stand firmly and boldly with the most vulnerable.

In the Old Testament God is presented as the friend and liberator of the poor and in the New Testament this comes to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth who experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. *(DT 19)*

Throughout history, the saints and Fathers and Mothers of the Church have served the poor, written about the duty to care for the poor and prayed for the poor. May we continue their work today. Pope Leo urges us to do so.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Rochedale Youth: Next Youth & young adults gathering Thursday evening **30th October** in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please speak to Clive D'Silva when you are at Mass or contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next monthly get together at the local coffee shop, will be at More Café in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 3rd November**.
All are welcome to join us.

Date Claimer: Carols Under the Stars Sunday 30th November from 7pm on the lawn beside the church (weather permitting!). Please contact Carmel on 0417213702 if you would like to help in any way with planning or on the night.

Date Claimer: Logan Deanery Pigrimage Day of Prayer, Faith, Hope and Unity: Walking together on a sacred journey united in prayer, love and unity. Saturday 22nd November 2025 starting at 9.30am at St Mary's Catholic church,1 Bromelton St, Beaudesert. Workshop with Fr Ray Sanchez, prayer, adoration, reconciliation, reflection, music and concluding with Mass at 2pm. Entry is free. Some food will be available and bus transport may be arranged. Expressions of interest on the form near the main doors of the church or to the Parish Office please for bus arrangements and catering.

Roster: 1st & 2nd Nov	**Saturday 6pm Mass**	**Sunday 9am Mass**	**Sunday 6pm Mass**
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Isaac & Mary Barnier	Kate Guy
AV Operator	David Crowley	Tony Arakkakunnel	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Marissa Boucher 2. Neil Ballment	C. Alina George 1. Eric Quan 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. Sharon Fong
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Trish Meulman Joseph Varkey	Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Rosie Bertolacci Conrad D'Netto Lisa Hammett	Vickie Routledge Laly Chackoo John Blake
Musicians	Roger Ta'ale	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Diane & Nora	Lauren & Tayden
Cleaning Group 5	Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leema.		
Cuppa & Chat: after 6pm Saturday Mass on 1st November: Care & Concern group.			
This week: 26th Oct – 1st Nov:		**Sacristan:** Celine Phillips	**Counting:** Marcos' Group

Are you new to our Parish? 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: 0413 268 860
Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103
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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0451 804 058 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
Social Justice Group Facebook:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship at our brunch, hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 29th November from 11am to 2pm.** Tickets $20. ALL WELCOME! Delicious brunch, carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. (Cash preferred please). Please place your name, contact number & dietary requirement in the **'Blue folder'** at the back of the church. Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries. RSVP: Payments to the parish office 33414421 by Friday 21/11/25 please, alternatively payment to C&C ladies on the church verandah.

Books for sale from the Parish Office & church.

God's Word 2026: With all the readings for every day of the year they are a great resource and always very popular as Christmas gifts. Cost $15 each.

Advent Daily Reflection books *'In Holy Stillness'.* Cost $6 each.

Break Open the Word 2026 resource for readers at weekend Mass. Cost $33 each.

Around the Archdiocese:

Cathedral of St Stephen Jubilee! Celebrating 25 years of the Cathedral's Grand Organ: Sunday 26th October 3pm. With Christopher Trikilis, Organist & Brisbane Baroque Brass. https://www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

Women's Retreat: Love Story. Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. *Love Story: Dilexit Nos*, a retreat for women, rooted in Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos,* "He loved us", this retreat invites women of all ages to step away, rest, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Find out more and register at tinyurl.com/DilexitNosNov

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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.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: you can choose from 4 options for your donation amount to support St Peter's Parish.

Thank you for your support.

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'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.' Matt 25:40

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1 & 2 November

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