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12th/13th August, 2017

“SHARING OUR TREASURE” *Matthew 13, 44-52.*

This was the Gospel Reading of a couple of Sunday's ago and most apt for this weekend's sign up day as you generously gift your considered weekly contribution supporting your Church, parish and priests.

An exercise in evaluating in the course of time, that which you deem as most valuable to you does not change. As we grow, both up and in the world and more importantly, in God, our perception of what is truly valuable in this world, changes. Values change for almost everything – the cost of houses have spiralled, the cost of TV's in many cases are more affordable etc. But certainly, there is one treasure, that has never lost its true value. In the thousands of years since it was given, it has never lost its value, it has never lost its appeal. It has not become dull, it is not corroded, it has not fallen away. The ultimate treasure, the ultimate gift that is given, that is the gift of grace given freely by our triune God. The gift of relationship, the gift of eternal life in God through Jesus Christ.

Professor Ken Blanchard, once speaking about the very notion of possessions and all material wealth spoke of it, as being on loan from God. There is nothing that we can fully possess, nothing that we can fully own, all is on loan from God.

Of our possessions of our money through this planned giving programme we are reminded of God's goodness to us and of God's invitation for us to share that which we can as gift to his church for the building up of God's kingdom. Every one comes to Jesus with some gift and with some ability. Just as a scholar does not give up his scholarship but as a Christian he/she uses it for Christ. So also a business person need not give up their business; but rather, run it as a Christian person would.

It becomes obvious that it is giving that we receive. Jesus did not come to empty life but to fill it, not to impoverish life but to enrich it. So Jesus is telling us not to abandon our gifts, but to use them even more wonderfully in the light of the knowledge which he has given them to you. My appeal is that you will open your heart to a sacrificial giving, a considered weekly amount supporting your Cathedral Parish in its work for the next few years helping build the kingdom of God with the values of the love of Christ. A big thank you for your generosity, your love and support. “Giving is not a duty or a chore. Rather it is a response because we are loved, to the love we have been given. The challenge is to discover joy and happiness in being loved and in loving and in giving.

“If it dies it yields a rich harvest”. God's blessings on you all – God will reward you.

Dean Peter

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

WEEKEND 4 – SUPPORTS GENEROUSLY WEEKEND

Our Stewardship Program concludes this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community **supports generously.**

At all Masses this weekend, Father will invite us to make a meaningful financial commitment to support our parish – and emphasize the need to plan and budget for it as a priority in our lives.

You may have already completed your pledge on the form available in the Program brochure and brought it with you today. If so, simply place it in the basket when called to do so. If not, you will have the opportunity to complete a pledge card at Mass. By completing and returning your pledge this weekend you will assist in keeping the follow-up work of our Program Leadership Team to a minimum.

Your completed **Time and Talent Sheets** will also be collected at all Masses this weekend. Please note that the Parish Office will confirm your offer to join/re-join our groups and ministries and where appropriate new rosters will be forwarded in the coming weeks. Additional Time & Talent Sheets are available at the back of the church.

Our **Ministry Expo, in the Gathering Area,** will continue this weekend. It will help us showcase the different ministries and groups of our Parish so you can consider ways that you can be more fully involved in the life of our parish or consider new opportunities.

Therese Proy from the Parish Development Office and members of the Program Leadership Team will be available at all Masses this weekend to assist with any queries.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of the **Distribution Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday the 29th of August in Chapter House.** If you have not yet volunteered and would like to help please feel free to join us. Your support will be very much appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

HELP NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2017.

As we are aware, two of our Seminarians, **Avinash George and Hiep Nguyen** are to be Ordained as Deacons for the Sale Parish on Saturday September 2nd, 2017. As part of this celebration, we will be serving lunch to the immediate families of Hiep and Avinash at the Chapter House and offering light refreshments to their extended family members at the Cathedral after the ceremony. May we ask for volunteers to cook and also to help out on this very special day? **There are lists now placed in the Narthex area asking for people to help out in either cooking or helping on the day.** We ask you to please support this special event and help in any way you can. For further information please contact Brenda Burditt on 0407 441 995. Thank you.

LADIES RETREAT AT TEMPLESTOWE: The Retreat will be held from Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th October. Any ladies who may wish to attend please contact Anna Allen Phone 5144 3087 or Maureen McLeod Phone 5144 3550 by the 16th August, so we can determine if the retreat can go ahead. Cost will be approximately the same as last year. Looking forward to your replies. Further details when we have a good idea of numbers.

A DIOCESAN CHOIR IS BEING FORMED for the celebration of the Ordination to the Diaconate of Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen on Saturday 2nd September at 11.00am in St Mary's Cathedral Sale.

There are two regional choir rehearsals scheduled prior to the ordination. Singers who have indicated their intention to be part of the choir and other interested singers are asked to attend one of these rehearsals.

- **MORWELL Saturday 19th August at 2 pm Sacred Heart Church, Commercial Road Morwell**
- **BERWICK Sunday 20th August at 1.00 pm at St Michael's Church, High St Berwick**

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend at St Rose of Lima, Rosedale we welcome for Baptism, April Willow Wangman, daughter of Susan.

Phoebe Ellise MacDougall, daughter of Rohan and Sarah will also be baptised. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal: This weekend is the *CatholicCare Sunday Appeal*. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare support the most vulnerable people in our community. **A special collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend and envelopes are also available in the back of the churches for those wishing to make a donation directly to CatholicCare.**

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM: The final Parent/Child workshop and practise will be held in Stratford at 3.30pm and Sale at either 4.00pm or 7.00pm this Thursday August 17th.

First Communion will be held at St Patrick's Stratford on Sunday 20th August at the 9.30am Mass.

First Communion at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on Saturday 19th August at the 5.30pm Mass and Sunday 20th August at the 9.30am Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: The Diocesan celebration of Migrant and Refugee Sunday will be hosted by St Patrick's Parish Pakenham. Mass at 2.00pm on 27th August concelebrated by Bishop Patrick and diocesan clergy. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea in the parish hall. All are welcome.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. **ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

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**Mass Timetable this week
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 13th August, 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 12th August	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13th August	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 14th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm 9.30am 12.00noon 2.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Catholic College Sale Cathedral Heyfield Maffra St Thomas School
Wednesday 16th August	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 17th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 18th August	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 19th August	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 20th August	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS.

MISSION STATEMENT.

We the parish of Sale believe in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As a Parish, we seek to live out this belief by enriching the quality of our Parish life and providing opportunities to grow together in God's love.

MOTTO.

Believe! Live! Give!

PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation.

Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.

Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.

Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.

May we be a welcoming and serving community,

always discerning and doing your will for one another.

Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

SACRISTY:

Team 6: (August 20th) Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey.

Team 7: (August 27th) Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 8: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo and Sandra Smolenaars.

Next week: Team 9: Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, Nick and Maree Centra.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2,037.50

House: \$ 1,107.40

Credit Cards: \$1,553.33

Direct Debit: \$ 1.550.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

12th August 5.30pm Jack Henebery (A)

13th August 9.30am Pierina (Rina) Cappozzo (A)

13th August 5.00pm Jack Slattery (A)

15th August 8.30am George Vasilisin (A)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral:

Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday.

Following 9.30am Mass to 10.30am.



You are invited

***JUBILEE CONFERENCE -
DIOCESE OF SALE***

18th-20th August, 2017

A CURRENT OF GRACE

Fr Ken Barker

St Michael's Parish Hall

Church Street, Traralgon

Phone Cathy: 5174 3001 or 0432 588 195

This conference is being held to celebrate 50 years of Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. It is sponsored by the Sale Diocese Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Everyone is invited to attend.

Program commences with Mass Friday 18th at 8.00pm at St Michael's Church.

For Registration details see Brochure in the Churches.

We remember those who have died recently, **Joan Clarke (Traralgon), Wally Bateson and Beryl Dowd**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Bishop Patrick Francis Lyons, Neville Lee, Jack Slattery, Pierina (Rina) Cappozzo, John Slaviero, George Vasilisin, Bruce and Barbara Bunnett and Gerard Condon**. We pray for those who are sick including **Harry Fuest, Cath Smyth, Luke Packham, Rosa Maria Santos, Liz Gross, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd and Rosie Carroll**. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
20/08/2017 5.30pm Saturday		Ann Neville	Maureen Mcleod Helen Peavey		Theo Smolenaars, Frank Fidge, Brenda Burditt
9.30am Sunday	Richard and Patricia Bloink	Sue Mattson	Jeff Hobbs Ann O'Brien	Clare and Lilly O'Brien	Lenie Smolenaars, Mirella Segafredo, John Vermaelen
5.00pm Sunday		Damien Hogan	Jennifer Fitzgerald Andrea Elgueta		Anna Allen, Rosemary Webster, Kathleen Telling

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, an forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7;
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Gospel: Matthew: 15:21-28

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from 12.00 noon-1.30pm.
Tea and Coffee provided.
At Chapter House.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil
Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am
Sunday: Briagolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Stratford -9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.00pm (EST) 6.00pm (DST)

NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.

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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program
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