

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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*19th/20th August, 2017*

## **THE CRY OF THE POOR**

*(Matthew 15:21-28)*

*This Gospel story is a strange one, one that all of us are familiar with. An encounter with a beggar, True this Canaanite woman was not begging for money. But she was begging for a favour. At one time or another all of us have been approached by a beggar either at our doorstep or on a public street. **How do we react when we encounter someone asking for help?** I think it would be fair to say that few of us Father, Mother, Priest, Religious, Teacher, professional, everyday people of all denominations come out of such an encounter with credit! Generally we refuse to help the person. We justify our refusal to help by telling ourselves we haven't time, we can't help everybody.*

*What it comes down to is this: **We are afraid of the cry of the poor.** An encounter with a beggar stirs up unpleasant feeling inside us, reveals conflicting feelings of pity, discomfort, anger and guilt. **We dislike what we discover about ourselves.** Unless we (Father, Mother, Child, Priest, Religious, Teacher, Student-everyday person) are careful we may direct that dislike at the poor unfortunate person, who has dared to approach us.*

***An encounter with a poor person can be a humbling experience** because it makes us aware of our own poverty. We realise that while the beggar is materially poor, we are poor in a different sense. We are poor in compassion, poor in our willingness to help another person, poor in our capacity to love. On the other hand even though an encounter with a person in need may disturb us, it can also be fruitful. **Through the poor we discover our own weakness and brokenness** which we are good at concealing. This means that we do not have to wear a mask and pretend to be what we are not. It results in a deep inner liberation. It puts us in touch with our true selves. In point of fact the encounter with the needy can awaken and reveal the heart. **It can awaken in us feelings of tenderness, compassion, kindness and communion.** It shows us that it is possible to be more, to love more, and to give more of ourselves. It can change us. It calls us to humanity. It leads us to a new beginning.*

***And it reminds us, that before God all of us are poor.** The priest says the prayers of the Mass with outstretched hands-praying like this acknowledges that before God we are poor and stand in need of his mercy and love. We hold out our empty hands to God as a beggar holds out an empty bowl to passersby. In effect we are saying '**Lord before you I am as poor as a beggar.**'*

***The Lord feeds the poor, blessed be the Lord.***

*Love, peace and kindness to one and all  
Dean Peter*

**HELP NEEDED  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**A DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR THE ORDINATION**

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**

**WHAT IS MARRIAGE?** You will see in the local papers soon this thought provoking Question "What is Marriage?" Our Bishops and others have boldly put up their hands to raise our awareness that Our sacred institution of Marriage is seriously under threat as Government(s) seek to change Marriage laws already clearly defined. As you know "Adds" are very costly. To share the costs I invite parishioners to generously support Pat O'Brien in his admirable effort to speak to the community at large on this most important question. Phone Pat on 51442959

**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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**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM:**

Congratulations to our 27 young people from our three primary schools receiving Holy Communion for the very first time, this weekend. We are proud of you and your families for bringing you to this wonderful Sacrament. Our hope and our prayers are that you will grow deeper and deeper in your love for Holy Communion and that you and your wonderful families will join us in our Cathedral Masses each and every weekend. You are most welcome among us. God Bless and protect you always.

Very specially, a big thank you to Jane Mitchell and her team for bringing their music to both the 5.30pm Saturday Mass and the 9.30am Sunday Mass this weekend.

**St Mary's Cathedral, 5.30pm Mass, Saturday 19th August** Our candidates are: Jemma Fisher; Hayden Smolenaars; Lincoln McDonough; Isaac Foat; Marli Callaghan; Oscar Millar; Emma Callahan; Charlie Cantwell; Georgie Padula; Noah Chaffey; Stevie-Lena Fiddler; Judd Burgiel; Mahli Light; and Kyan Horder

**At the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 20th August** Mia Ballinger; Jonah Hall; Bonnie Johnson; Tori Bird; Olivia Covino; Demmi Grubb; Oliver Slattery; and Sam Anderson

**At St Patrick's Church Stratford, 9.30am Mass, Sunday 20th August** Meg Ross; Cassidy Maclaurin; Sara Goodwin; Dakota Maclaurin; Nicholas Strobel

**MGL SISTERS CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND**

Curious about Consecrated Life?? Wondering what God is calling you to in your life?? Seeking some space to listen to God?? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters (MGL) would like to invite young' women to their Consecrated Life Weekend from September 15th-17th. The weekend will include talks, opportunity for prayer, sharing, sisterhood and more. Friday night will begin at the Sisters house at 6pm, and the following days will be at St Benedict's Parish in Burwood. Cost is by donation. For more information or to RSVP, call us on 03 98578177 or email [mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing the gift of our life with you .

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017**

**WEEKEND AFTER SUPPORTS  
GENEROUSLY WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**Thank you** to parishioners who have already responded to the invitation to generously support our parish with a financial pledge to the Stewardship Program.

If you were not at Mass last weekend and have brought your completed pledge slip from the Program brochure with you this weekend, please place in the collection baskets. Pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets are also available on the tables in the Gathering Area and the back of the Church. By completing and returning your pledge today, you will assist in minimizing the follow-up work of our Parish Leadership Team.

Thank you once again for your generous response.

**DISTRIBUTION MEETING** Parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of the **Distribution Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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 27<sup>th</sup> August concelebrated by Bishop Patrick and diocesan clergy. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 20th August, 2017**

| Day/Date                     | Time                                  | Place  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 19th August</b>  | 5.30pm<br>7.00pm                      | Cathedral<br>Rosedale                            |
| <b>Sunday 20th August</b>    | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>5.00pm            | Cathedral<br>Stratford<br>Cathedral              |
| <b>Monday 21st August</b>    | 9.30am                                | Cathedral  |
| <b>Tuesday 22nd August</b>   | 9.30am                                | Cathedral  |
| <b>Wednesday 23rd August</b> | 10.30am                               | Ashleigh House                                   |
| <b>Thursday 24th August</b>  | 9.30am                                | Cathedral  |
| <b>Friday 25th August</b>    | 9.30am<br>11.00am                     | St Thomas' School<br>Cathedral                   |
| <b>Saturday 26th August</b>  | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.30pm<br>7.00pm | Cathedral<br>Loch Sport<br>Cathedral<br>Rosedale |
| <b>Sunday 27th August</b>    | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>5.00pm            | Cathedral<br>Briagolong<br>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.*

**COUNTERS:**

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

**Next week: Team 2:** Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**

**Planned Giving: \$2,594.00**

**House: \$1,464.05**

**With thanks from a grateful parish.**

**CatholicCare SUNDAY APPEAL:**

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of the parish during their CatholicCare Sunday appeal last weekend. The amount of **\$670.75** was raised. Thank you to all who contributed.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**23rd August—10.30am Ashleigh House  
Monica and Victor Chirgwin (A's)**

*Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima*

Most Holy Virgin, who appeared at Fatima, to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of grace hidden in the recitation of the Rosary,

Inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, and *(here name the other favours you are praying for)*, which we ask of you in this Novena, for the greater glory of God, for your own honour, and for the good of souls.  
Amen.



*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us.*

**CATHOLIC LIFE:** The latest edition of our Diocesan newspaper is now available in the back of the Churches. Please take a copy home after Mass

**SACRISTY:**

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

**Team 1:** Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi.

**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.

We remember those who have died recently, **Joan Clarke and Tommy Clarke**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time

**Fr John L McCormack Monica and Victor Chirgwin and Bill Waud**, 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                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 27/08/2017<br>5.30pm Saturday |               | Jan Slattery  | Brenda Burditt<br>Sandra Smolenaars |                      | Brian Leak, Ann Neville<br>Wilbert Smits             |
| 9.30am Sunday                 | Dalia Ellison | Betty Bourke  | Veronica Barnes<br>Clare O'Brien    | Ann and Pat O'Brien  | Peter Centra, Bill Smolenaars,<br>John Cooper        |
| 5.00pm Sunday                 |               | Brenda Bowden | Damien Hogan<br>Lydia Camp          |                      | Lindsay Broughton, Lisa Durrant,<br>Jenny Fitzgerald |

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your eyes , O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23;**  
**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36;**  
**Gospel: Matthew: 16:13-20**

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



**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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