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29th/30th April 2017

WORLD WAR ONE CHAPLAINS

Chaplain Michael McKernan, when writing about Australians in Gallipoli and France observed that ' the battlefield is a strange place for a Christian Minister, dedicated to a message of peace'. Further adding 'if men are to die or suffer, tradition decrees, their ministers should be with them to help in the best way they can!'

Australian clergymen rallied to the call. Australia's war history proudly writes that although we as a young nation were a small faith community, a significant number of the churches ministers acted as military chaplains. Indeed 414 Clergymen answered the call, knowing their role would be non-combative and their lines of responsibility would be determined on the battlefields - perhaps somewhat blurred - but certainly it was not in taking up arms, but in doing whatever would be necessary to honour their commitment to the troops.

The Chaplains served in the campaigns of Gallipoli, Sinai, Palestine and on the Western Front. As we know troops landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula with the purpose of dismantling the forts and artillery that threatened the passage of the Royal Navy through the Dardanelles. Around 4.30am, on April 25, 1915 the first wave of the All Australian 3rd brigade, under cover of darkness moved towards the Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula, known famously - as ANZAC COVE.

Only one chaplain went ashore that first day because of the orders given that all available space be given initially to combatants. He a Roman Catholic Padre John Fahey disregarded the orders declaring his duty was to accompany the men. Needing organisation the Chaplains structure was carefully planned under four leaders who served as CHAPLAINS-GENERAL. These were the head Chaplains nominated by the largest denominations of the day according to the 1911 census, these denominations being ANGLICAN, ROMAN CATHOLIC, PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODIST. The Salvation Army came into their own with wonderful service given in WORLD WAR ONE.

The Chaplains work proved to be simply awesome, with compassion, they supported the soldiers, wrote letters to their families, organised entertainment, worked tirelessly staying long hours with the wounded and the dying in makeshift hospitals - remaining ever attentive to the aid stations and front line, they acted as stretcher bearers and were part of the burial party, digging graves. Padre Pitt- Owens' letters and sermons and newspaper accounts recorded the making of 143 graves for brave boys who had gone down in an array of bullets. Desperately he exclaimed ' OH GOD! SHALL WE EVER FORGET THIS WORK.in remembering the centenary years of our war dead, we proudly recall the efforts of CHAPLAINS OF all denominations WWI who assisted without any regard for their personal safety, giving their very lives in their gift of service

Think on it - theirs were the last words those soldiers would hear, the soldiers were comforted in the final prayer and blessing and anointing administered with compassion care and love. The Chaplains to the best of their ability delivered their dictated letters carrying words of love to their families. Yes, those CHAPLAINS honoured those they served admirably, maintained their dignity, and strengthened their faith. They stretched them, carried them to field hospitals, shared jokes and smokes and humour in a miserable field of sorrow. With unimaginable sorrow in their hearts - and prayers on their lips they buried them on foreign soil.

All wars beget heroes! TO MY MIND CHAPLAINS OF WWI - are among our many men and women who NUMBER AMONG OUR HEROES.

Let us all call on the words of St Francis -

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt faith. Where there is despair hope. Where there is darkness light. Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master, grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving, we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

Sadly, the happenings of yesteryear are being repeated, humankind has not learnt its lesson may we adopt these words

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

Love peace and joy to all
Dean Peter

PRIESTS ON RETREAT Dean Peter and Fr Solomon will be on retreat from Tuesday 2nd May till Friday 5th May.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism Jacob Bautista Palaganas son of Tyrone and Marifel. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Next Sunday, 7th May is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA Bishop Patrick has provided copies of the Pastoral Letter to all Parishes for distribution to all parishioners. The letter is regarding the Victorian Parliament debate on assisted suicide or euthanasia bill that is scheduled sometime in the second half of 2017. Please take a copy home to read.

EASTER OFFERINGS can be handed in on the collection plate at Mass any time over the next few weekends. Easter Offering Envelopes have been placed in the back of the churches for the use of those not in the Planned Giving Program.

PROJECT COMPASSION:- Please return your Project Compassion boxes at this weekends Masses. Please bring your project compassion boxes up during the Offertory Procession of each Mass and place them in the box on the Sanctuary in front of the Altar. Alternatively please drop them in to the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION Commitment Masses will be held this weekend 29th/30th April. All children wishing to be Confirmed please attend Mass this weekend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Please take a moment after Mass to collect your envelopes or receipts if you have not already done this. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY MASS Sunday 7th June will be an Anniversary Mass for Anita Smolenaars.

SERRA CLUB OF SALE are starting the '31 Club' for Parishioners to offer a Mass a day for Vocations. If you wish to become a member of the '31 Club' please place your name on the sheet in the foyer.

Next meeting of members will be on Thursday 4th May for Rosary at 5.30pm followed by the dinner and a meeting in the Chapter House.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA Next weekend, 7 May, the Filipino Community will be our hosts for our first Sunday Cuppa. Please bring a plate of food to share.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA are seeking climate champions. From now until June, Caritas Australia and many other faith-based organisations are coordinating a huge campaign for climate justice: a petition in every electorate in Australia, calling on each MP and on our Parliament to support stronger climate action. Help create a resounding message for justice that our political representatives cannot ignore. Find out how you can take part at www.caritas.org.au/climate-petition.

LOST, possibly in Church surrounds, a small treasured Crucifix. If found could you please return to the Parish Office. Thank you—gratitude will be shown.

SPECIAL COLLECTION on Sunday 7th May after all Masses for the education of Seminarians Bursary Fund

CENTENARY OF OUR LADY'S FIRST APPARITION AT FATIMA 'Come spend a day with Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary'. To celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima in 1917 there will be a day held at St Brigid's Cowwarr on Saturday 13th May commencing at 9.00am. Speaker: **Fr Ken Clark**. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass at 12 noon, Confession and Procession and Crowning of Our Lady's statue and closes at 3.00pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet. BYO Lunch Enquiries to Pat Crozier on 0400 218 417.

CATHOLIC LIFE is now available for collection at the back of the Cathedral. Please take a copy to find out what's happening in the Sale diocese.

MEN ALIVE: You are invited to a "Men Alive

Weekend" on 6th and 7th May, 2017. at St Mary's Parish hall, Maffra. Brochures with more information are available in the Cathedral or by contacting John 03 5148 6220, Charles 0408 032 232 (contact after 5.30pm weekdays) Lindsay 0407 338 203, Bert 0427 492 351. Come and experience the faith and friendship of other Catholic men.

CLC VICTORIAN COMMUNITIES are coming together for a Traralgon Big Day Out: Care for creation. Guest speaker is Sr Anne Boyd—Earthsong. This event will be held on Saturday 20th May 2017 at the Comfort Inn Conference Centre 5601 Princes Hwy, (between Morwell and Traralgon. See the flyer on the noticeboard at the Cathedral for additional details.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
Saturday 29th April
Cathedral 5.30pm - Alec Casella (A)
Sunday 30th April
Cathedral 9.30am—Maria Scarfo (A)
Monday 1st May
Nell Smyth, Kathleen Daniel & Betty Wood (A's)

SACRISTY:
Team 5: (7 May) Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper
Team 6: (14 May) Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

COUNTERS:
This Week: Team 9: Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, Nick and Maree Centra
Next Week: Team 2: Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant and Lou Centra

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:
Planned Giving: \$ 1,804
House: \$ 1,342.30
With thanks from a grateful parish.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral:
Friday after Mass from 11.30am—12noon
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am to 4.00pm
Reconciliation:
Cathedral: Saturday.
Following 9.30am Mass to 10.30am.

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

**Third Sunday of Easter Year A -
30th April 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29th April	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 30th April.	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 1st May	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 2nd May	NO MASS	Priest's on Retreat
Wednesday 3rd May	NO MASS	Priest's on Retreat
Thursday 4th May	NO MASS	Priest's on Retreat
Friday 5th May	NO MASS	Priest's on Retreat
Saturday 6th May	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 7th May.	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.



The annual parish appeal for Trinity Families takes place during May.

Trinity Families, formerly known as the Bishop's Family Foundation, was established by the Diocese of Sale to provide support for families within our region. Requests for financial assistance are received from many charities providing services to families but unfortunately worthy programs cannot be supported because of lack of funds.

Many families in our diocese are under severe stress following the closure of Hazelwood Power Station and the pending closure of the Heyfield timber mill. Trinity Families will be working hard to ensure that help is available but to be effective it needs strong financial support from Parishioners.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral and can be used for cash or credit cards. Credit card and cheque donations can be mailed but envelopes with cash should be placed in a collection plate.

Direct debit details and more information is available from: www.trinityfamilies.org.au

We remember those who have died especially **Valma Schuitemaker, Darren McInnes (T'gon), Michele Minchella, Bernard Saunders, Pat Coleman, Maria Luz Napili, Tony Hurley, Tom Rigg, Pat Phelan and Sam Rizza** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick More, Fr James Martin, Fr James Hearty, Maria Scarfo, Alec Casella, Nell Smyth, Kathleen Daniel, Betty Wood, Elizabeth and Leslie Cullen.** We pray for those who are sick including Eric Tabuteau, Luke Packham, George Gatica, Rosa Maria Santos, Liz Gross, Sr Teresa Lyne, Bill Harkin, 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 7/05/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
7.00pm Saturday		Jan Slattery	Brenda Burditt Margaret Shirreffs		Will Smits, Rosemary Webster, Ann Neville
9.30am Sunday	Dalia Ellison	Jeff Hobbs	John Vermaelan Veronica Barnes	Clare & Lilli O'Brien	Peter Centra, John Cooper, Pam Edgely
5.00pm Sunday		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Andrea Elgueta		Anna Allen, Lisa Durrant, Kath Telling

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth: O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A
First Reading: Acts 2:42-47;
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9;
Gospel: John 20:19-31

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on
Thursdays, from 12.00 noon-1.30pm.
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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. Briogolong 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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