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29th/ 30th July 2017

WISDOM

Matthew 13: 44-52

Wisdom is a priceless thing and is something we all need.

Search

Since the beginning of time people have been looking for treasure, they search in the fields, in the hills, under the sea....if only they could find gold or diamonds or pearls they would be happy. In today's world, people the world over are still looking and searching. Except now, they look for it in the casino, playing the pokies, investing in the stock market and buying Lotto tickets.

In one way or another, all of us are treasure – hunters. All of us are looking for that something that will make us completely happy. Nothing wrong with this. Christ encourages us in our searching as the Gospel shows today. Christ loved searchers he understood their hunger and thirst. He was able to put them in the right direction.

Christ compared the Kingdom of God to a rare pearl or a priceless treasure. In other words, the Kingdom of God is worth everything we have. Those who find it are truly fortunate. The Kingdom of God is a very simple concept. It means to discover that one is a child of God, with a divine dignity and an eternal destiny. It means to know the meaning of life and how to live it.

Our chief task is not to be successful or even to be fulfilled. It is to live properly. No one can be happy who misses the main purpose of life the only question that really matters is how best to live in this world. Those who find the answer to this question have found the pearl.

A close relationship with God is a real treasure. It gives us a sense of who we are, and where we're going. Only God can give us what we are looking for. If we find God, we find all. To have faith is not to have all the answers. It doesn't mean all the work is done for us. Faith commits us to a life of discovery, searching and yearning.

It is not only in holy places such as churches, or only on religious occasions, that we find God and feel close to him. In Jesus' story, it was while the man was going about his daily work (of digging) that he found the treasure. The treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand.

Those who belong to the kingdom of God will taste real joy even here. But that joy is only a foretaste of what we will experience hereafter, when they will come into full possession of the Kingdom. May our search begin, may our search continue, may our search never end. If the spirit of God lives in you, sing to the Lord, praise him for his goodness!

Love and peace to all

Dean Peter

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

WEEKEND 2 CELEBRATES FAITH WEEKEND SATURDAY 29TH & SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2017

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017
Our Stewardship Program continues this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community *celebrates faith*.

Frs Peter & Solomon will speak to us about the significance of how our parish comes together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. To quote Pope Francis in the National Catholic Reporter: *"Celebrating the Eucharist should make a difference in the way a parish community lives. At Mass, Christ gathers people around him to nourish us with his word and his life. This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form at Mass"*.

LETTER DELIVERY

Thank you to the people who picked up their letters last week and to the wonderful people who delivered such a large number. If you were away last weekend, please pick up yours today. If anyone can help by delivering a few more, it will be very much appreciated, as the remainder has to be posted on Monday.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

At all Masses this weekend RSVP cards will be distributed for parishioners to indicate their attendance at the key meeting of the Stewardship Program. Please show your support of our parish by making one hour available to come and participate at this special event. Full details are in the special attachment to this bulletin.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: the CWL meeting will be this Tuesday, 1st August at 1.30pm in Chapter House.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Masses in the Parish this Wednesday, August 2nd, due to a Clergy Gathering in Warragul.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral this Thursday August 3rd, for Rosary at 4.45am and Mass at 5.00pm then on to the Chapter House for their meeting. All welcome.

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 Mobile 0400 729 526 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.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM: Commitment Mass this weekend 29th/30th July. The Parent/Child workshop is this Thursday 3rd August at 4pm or 6pm in the Cathedral assembly area.

1ST SUNDAY CUPPA Our "First Sunday Cuppa" will be hosted by Catholic College Sale **next Sunday August 6th** in the Cathedral Assembly area. Everyone is invited to stay awhile after Mass to share a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate of food to share.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: A special collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend, 29th/30th July. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to Pope Francis and his works of charity to those in need. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. Join the Holy Father and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please be generous.

NATIONAL e- CONFERENCE: The annual e-Conference will take place on Thursday 10th August. This year's Conference is *Gospel Leadership in Time of Chaos: The Hope of Pope Francis*. Venue to be confirmed. For final details see Bulletin next Sunday 6th August.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN STRATFORD this Sunday 30th July - 7.30pm at St. Patrick's School Please bring a plate of supper to share afterwards. All welcome.

FUNERAL PRAYERS for the repose of the Soul of the Late Mr Walter Ernest Bateson will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 3rd August at 2.00pm.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE A Diocesan Choir is being formed to lead the singing at the Ordination Mass of our seminarians Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen on Saturday September 2nd at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral. We are also looking for instrumentalists. If you are interested in joining the choir/musicians for this wonderful occasion, please contact Mrs Sophy Morley, Diocesan Director of Music, as soon as possible. E-mail smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Phone 03 5622 6677 Mobile 0413 590 007

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

29th July 5.30pm—Mary Harkin 90th B'day

30th July 9.30am Nancy O'Brien (RD)

SACRISTY:

Team 4: (August 6th) Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy.

Team 5: (August 13th) Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper.

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 6: Pat and Betty Bourke, Brenda Bowden.

Next week: Team 7: Mike Hickey, Sue Harvey, Margaret Hickey.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,937.20

House: \$ 1,129.90

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
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 30th July 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29th July	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 30th July	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 31st July	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 1st August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 2nd August	No Mass	
Thursday 3rd August	9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Friday 4th August	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 5th August	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 6th 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.

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.
- 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 will be lists 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.

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.

We remember those who have died recently, **Elma Caffrey, Ian Grumley, John Daly, Eric Craig, Wally Bateson, Sr Aileen Vear csb., and Nancy O'Brien** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time . **Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr John Patrick O'Hea, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reginald Wilson, Charlotte Cullen, Henry Cullen, Les Blanks. 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
5.30pm Saturday		Sandra Smolenaars	Helen Peavey Jan Slattery		Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge, Brian Leak
9.30am Sunday	John Egan	Ann O'Brien	Jeff Hobbs Carmel Kuizenga	Dalia Ellison	Peter Centra, John Cooper Lenie Smolenaars
5.00pm Sunday		Yvonne Hope	Andrea Elgueta Jennifer Fitzgerald		Rosemary Webster, Lindsay Broughton, Sue Harvey.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place; God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of the Kings 3:5. 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits..



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A
First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Second Reading: Peter 1: 16-19;
Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9.

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