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5th/6th August, 2017

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD *(Matthew 17:1-9)*

We commit ourselves in faith to a gift we're never quiet ready for.

A young seminarian soon to be ordained a priest was serving in a parish as a deacon. After he preached and in the foyer talking with parishioners an elderly person stepped forward and in the midst of them all said " This man when preaching is preaching the word of God. Listen to him!" He went on to say to the young deacon, "You have a great gift. Don't you dare waste it!"

In a way something like this happens to Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. It happened to him once before you will remember, at his baptism. And, being truly human, he was probably never quite ready for what would entail. He must have been awed at times by the powerful effect of his healing and his preaching on the people he touched.

There is something awesome and a bit terrifying about knowing that we're called by God – and we are all called in some way, even if not in so many words. It may be a feeling we have about our purpose in life. It maybe someone challenging us to use our gifts. We know that each time we listen to the voice of God, we need to take the plunge, ready or not, into the depths of a Christian life.

When we discover how much we are loved by God, we find that we begin to reach out to people in new ways. We become more willing to risk others' disapproval in order to speak out for what we believe is right. Even if we begin with a clear vision of what God wants of us, we only arrive at a sense of what it really means as we struggle with living that call in our everyday lives. With Jesus we need to head down the mountain into Jerusalem.

Stay close to the Lord – Listen to Him and you will hear!

*Every best wish
Love and prayers*

Dean Peter

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2017

Our Stewardship Program continues this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community **values engagement.**

A number of our parishioners will speak at Masses this weekend and will share with us the importance of our parish in their lives. They will discuss their own experiences and encourage us all to be actively involved in parish life by joining and participating in our parish groups and ministries. We thank them for sharing their stories.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

All parishioners are reminded of our **Parish Information Meetings** this coming **Thursday, the 10th of August at 2.00pm and 7.00pm in the Cathedral Gathering Area.** The Parish Information Meeting is the key meeting of our Program. We will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided. If you have not already accepted, please complete the RSVP cards available at all Masses over the weekend (please specify time: 2.00pm or 7.00pm)

MINISTRY EXPO

As part of our Parish Stewardship Program **please join us at the Ministry Expo in the Gathering Area of the Cathedral,** for a celebration of the ministries supported by the many stewards in our parish. We are showcasing 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. Please review the list of ministries found in the 'Time and Talent Sheet', visit the Expo and then prayerfully discern what special skills and talents God might be calling you to share in our parish or community.

Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our parish and community. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards in our parish!

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 on Thursday August 17th..

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. **ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 11.30am—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.

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

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend at St Rose of Lima, Rosedale we welcome for Baptism Phoebe Ellise MacDougall daughter of Rohan and Sarah and April Willow Wangman daughter of Susan. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK begins this weekend 6th-13th August. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.

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.* Conference will be held in Bishop's House from 10am—3.00pm Thursday.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal: Next weekend is the *CatholicCare Sunday Appeal.* As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Catholic College Sale will be our host for our First Sunday Cuppa at St Mary's Cathedral this Sunday 6th August. Please stay awhile after Mass to share a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

RCIA Information Evening: Tuesday 8th August at 7.00pm in Bishops House. RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic. The information evening is a casual, no obligation, opportunity to discover the process involved and then to decide whether to proceed further. Parishioners knowing someone who may be interested are urged to inform them of the meeting and consider accompanying them to the information evening. For further details, please contact the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

SEMINARIANS ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE A Diocesan Choir is being formed to lead the singing at the Ordination Mass. We are also looking for instrumentalists. If you would like to join in, please contact Mrs Sophy Morley, Diocesan Director of Music, asap E-mail smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Phone 03 5622 6677 Mobile 0413 590 007

SACRISTY:

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

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

COUNTERS:

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

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

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,925.00

House: \$ 1,088.35

Peter's Pence Collection \$582.90

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.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A - 6th August, 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5th August	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 6th August	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 7th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 8th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9th August	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 10th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11th August	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 12th August	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13th August	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong 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, 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.

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



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.

For Registration details see Brochure in the Churches.

We remember those who have died recently, **Elma Caffrey, Ian Grumley, Wally Bateson and Beryl Dowd**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John McGirr. 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		Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shiffefs Sandra Smolenaars		Jan Slattery, Ann Neville, Will Smits
9.30am Sunday	Carmel Kuizenga	Diane Ward	Joel Brayshaw Chris Randall	John & Therese Cooper	Pam Edgely, Bill Smolenaars, Liz Staberhofer
5.00pm Sunday		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Yvonne Hope		Damian Hogan, Sue Harvey, Len Althaus

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13;

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5;

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
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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
If you would like to join a Family Group