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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

24 - 25 March 2018

Attitude to Suffering

There is little point in being sentimental about suffering. Suffering could destroy us. W.B. Yeats says, 'Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart.' Suffering could take control of our lives with the result that we become perpetual victims.

But suffering can benefit us. Suffering can purify our souls and strengthen our character. It can enable us to tap rich sources of strength within ourselves. It can also soften our hearts and enable us to empathise with other sufferers. The value of suffering does not lie in the pain of it, but in what the sufferer makes of it. We don't have control over what happens to us, but we do have control over how we react to what happens to us.

For example, two people are seriously injured in a car accident. One chose to live the experience in bitterness. Everybody pitied him.

The other, chose to live the experience in gratitude – gratitude for having survived. The experience taught him a great lesson, namely that life is a precious gift and that no matter what circumstance, we should try to live it fully and joyfully. He became a source of inspiration to everyone.

We should not regard suffering as a punishment from God. God punishes no one. God allows us to suffer. And with God's help, we can derive good from suffering. Our pain can bring us closer to God. In coping with it we can experience his power, his love.

We are entering Holy Week, through this week we look especially for the example of Jesus. It is a great comfort to know that Jesus, innocent and blameless, has gone down the road of suffering before us and gone down it to the end. Jesus didn't love suffering, nor did he find it easy. Nor did God demand it from him. It was just that he had to go this way in order to be faithful to the mission God the Father had given him on our behalf. We recall the words of Isaiah 'Ours were the suffering he bore, ours the sorrows he carried' (Is 53:4).

Jesus didn't die to save us from suffering but rather, he died to teach us how to suffer. The road of suffering is narrow and difficult, but not the same since he travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. And even though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Those who link their sufferings with those of Christ become the source of blessings for others, and will share Christ's Easter glory.

We look to Holy week with a sense of wonder and awe at the Love Jesus has for us. May we be sensitive to the sufferings of those around us, and ensure they do not have to carry their cross alone.

***Love and Peace
Dean Peter***

RCIA PRAYER REQUEST The RCIA team encourages all Parishioners to pray for our Catechumen, Ross Shaw, and our Candidate, Louise Cheshire. Thank you all.

PARISH LUNCH: If you have booked in don't forget to come along to the Parish Lunch today **25 March at 12pm** at Lakeside Bowls Club.

EASTER CEREMONIES If you would like to participate in the Easter Ceremonies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday **There are still some vacancies on the sheets in the Cathedral.**

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in all Churches and with your planned giving envelopes for parishioners who receive these.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work for the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. The Good Friday collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability. Last year's collection supported 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans, three academic institutions, schools, supported 120 seminarians, rehabilitate 80 Christian homes, senior care facilities and preserved 54 shrines. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. Envelopes are available in the Cathedral.

SUPPER will be provided by the Parish Pastoral Council after the Easter Vigil Mass. Contributions of a plate of food to share would be greatly appreciated.

MASS OF THE OILS Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Pat together with all the clergy, on **Tuesday 27th March at 11.00 am** in St Mary's Cathedral Sale. During this Mass, which takes place in Holy Week, the Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use in parishes throughout the coming year. At this Mass too, the priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ministry of God's people and in the service of the bishop. This is a powerful sign of their unity with the bishop. Everyone is most welcome to participate in the Mass.

MEN ALIVE to meet after 9.30am Mass on a Thursday and then to convene at redd catt café for coffee and conversation. Call Lindsay on 0407 388 203 if you would like more information.

SITUATION VACANT St Mary's Primary School Sale has a vacancy for an Education Support Officer. Please contact the school on 5144 1780 if you would like information about this position. Applications close on **Wednesday 26 March.**

SERRA CLUB The annual Sports Day for Priests and Religious of all denominations will be held on **Monday 26 March.** Golf will be at Maffra from 12.15pm. Shotgun start bowls at Lakeside Bowls Club from 2pm. Dinner will be at Lakeside Bowls Club after play. All Parishioners are welcome to come along and enjoy a meal and fellowship with our Priests, Seminarians and other denominations in a relaxed atmosphere. The raffle will be drawn at this function. Please let Reg Carmody know if you would like to enjoy any of these activities on 5144 3349 or 0427 443 349 so he can finalise numbers. Raffle tickets are available weekdays in Raymond St or after Masses on weekends.

The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday April 5 at 4.45pm** for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in the Chapter House. All welcome.

31 CLUB REMINDER 28 March - 3 April 2018.

CWL REGIONAL CONFERENCE will be held on Tuesday 3 April commencing with Mass in the Cathedral at 9.30am. Registration will then commence in the Chapter House after a cuppa.

EASTER FLOWERS if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this years Easter flowers, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

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

May we be a welcoming and serving community, always discerning and doing your will for one another.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 March 9.30am: Bernard Saunders (A)

COUNTERS: March 25: Team 6: Mike & Margaret Hickey, Sue Harvey

1 April: Team 7: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,877.00

House: \$964.25

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: Team 2: (29 March) Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko, Carmel Allman

Team 3: (5 April) Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy

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
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A
24 - 25 March 2018**

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat March 24	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun March 25 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Mon March 26	9.30am	Cathedral
Tues March 27	11.00am	Cathedral - <i>Mass of Holy Oils</i>
Wed March 28	10.30am 5.00 - 6.00pm 7.30pm	Ashleigh House Cathedral - Reconciliation <u>Uniting Church</u> - <i>Tenebrae /Service of Shadows</i>
Thurs March 29 <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>	9.30 - 10.30am 5.00 - 6.00pm 7.30pm	Cathedral - Reconciliation Cathedral - Reconciliation Cathedral - <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper. Prayers till 10.30pm</i>
Fri March 30 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> <i>Ecumenical Walk of the Cross</i>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Cathedral - Stations of the Cross Rosedale - Stations of the Cross Stratford - Stations of the Cross <u>St Mary's to St Paul's Cathedral</u> Cathedral - <i>Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i>
Sat March 31 <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>	10 - 11.00am 7.30pm	Cathedral - <i>Reconciliation</i> Cathedral - <i>Service of the Light</i>
Sunday April 1 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.30am	Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Community Hall - Seaspray Rosedale

We remember those who have died **Ken Vivian, Joan Jennings** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr O'Connor, Fr Edward O'Donnel, Fr James O'Kean, Bernard Saunders**. We pray for those who are sick Raquel Waite, John Cunningham, Aussie Boyd, Rosie Carroll, Noreen Lyttle, Maureen O'Kane and Suzanne Wheeler. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date 8/04/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Damian Hogan	Liz Tabuteau Margaret Shirreffs		Frank Fidge, Wilbert Smits, John Cooper
Sunday 9.30pm	Harold & Mary Hopkins	Sue Mattson	Jeff Hobbs Bill Smolenaars	Raquel & Doug Waite	Lenie Smolenaars, Peter Centra, Brian Donnelly
Sunday 6.00pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Andrea Elguetta Louie Minoza		Lyn & Len Althaus, Kath Telling

 <p>SHOP 2 GIPPSLAND CENTRE Gippsland health and beauty specialists</p>	<p align="center"><i>Captains Lodge International</i> Motel & Restaurant 46 Princes Highway, Sale Telephone 5144 3766 Fax 5143 1311 Specialises in Austrian and International cuisine Dinner from 7.00pm Wednesday—Sunday or by special arrangement.</p>	<p align="center">Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL:

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

.....On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

C Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

.....The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

.....And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die. Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

C Play the prophet!

.....But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

.....But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N They shouted back.

C Crucify him!

N Pilate asked them,

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Crucify him!

.....The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C Hail, king of the Jews!

.....The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

.....The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen he is calling on Elijah.

..... Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 Mass: 9.30am to 10.30am.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK
Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**

First Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**
Second Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**
Gospel: **Mark 14:1 - 15:47.**