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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 3 - 4 November 2018

The Gift of Love - More important than Sacrifice

The Film Les Misérables, is the story of a man by the name of Jean Valjean. Valjean had just escaped from prison after 19 years. He was a bitter man having been sentenced to jail for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his sisters family. Valjean to avoid re-capture moved in the darkness of the night. Knocking on a door, a kindly bishop invites him into his house, offering him a meal and a bed.

When Valjean dined, the bishop insisted on putting his finest silver plates, used only for special guests, out on the table. During the night Valjean woke, stole the bishops silver plates and sneaked out of the house. The police soon caught him. He lied about the silver plates, saying the bishop gave them to him as a gift. The police took him back to the bishop's house with the stolen goods. When the bishop saw Valjean he declared that he was glad to see him because he wanted to give him the silver candlesticks as well. The police had no choice but to let him go.

This amazing act of forgiveness and mercy made such a deep impression on Valjean that he was transformed into a new person who spent the rest of his life serving others and showing them mercy.

Jesus said that the two greatest commandments were: that we should love our God with our whole heart....and that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. The scribe agreeing fully with Jesus went further 'This is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice'.

In other words love of God and loving service to our neighbour are more important than elaborate cult. This would have endeared the scribe to Jesus because he himself had said (quoting Hosea 6:6) 'What I want is mercy not sacrifice'. To offer sacrifice is a great thing. But to show mercy to a fellow human being - often there is no payback, especially when the person involved deserves to be punished (as in Valjean's case), especially when it is in our power to punish him.

One thing should be a big help to us, namely, the conviction that we ourselves stand in daily need of God's mercy. We should always remember the words of Jesus 'Blessed are the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.'

It is sad we would all agree - to find people of faith devoid of any warm attribute of compassion for others. When a true disciple combines true faith and warm compassion, you have a powerful combination. Here you have true holiness.

God acts generously towards people who have not earned nor deserved his generosity. God shows us grace and mercy when we least deserve it, and like Valjean when we really experience it we are transformed.

Love and peace to all

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

4 November 1st Sunday Cuppa - Parish Family Groups
8 November 6pm - Remembrance Mass at the Cathedral
11 November 9.30am - Friends of Sion Gathering
13 November 7.30pm - Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Sessions with Bishop Patrick O'Regan.
14 November 2.00pm - Liturgy Group Meeting
21 November 7pm - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
27 November 7pm - Finance Committee Meeting
2 December - First Sunday Cuppa
3 December 6pm - Volunteers Dinner
9 December 9.30am - Children's Mass

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend, Sunday 4 November, Parish Family Groups will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

NOVEMBER MASS A Remembrance Mass will be held in the Cathedral at **6pm this Thursday, 8 November**, for loved ones passed away during 2017 - 2018, followed by supper. Please come and join with families whose grief and loss is our loss.

SAVE THE DATES the Annual Parish Volunteers BBQ Dinner will be held on **Monday 3 December from 6pm** on the Presbytery lawn. Children's Mass, lead by Fr Solomon, will be held in the Cathedral at **9.30am on Sunday 9 December**. Families please bring along your children

WELCOME to Fr Francis Otobo for this weekend's Masses - we hope you enjoy your visit. Dean Peter stressed that this is a swap for this weekend only.

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.

2018 FRIENDS OF SION GATHERING will commence at **9.30am next Sunday 11 November 2018** with Mass in the Cathedral. Gather and spend time with friends, past school mates, teachers and the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion at the Sion Campus in Sale, Victoria. The event this year will include the launch of Sr. Patricia Watson's new book about Mother Raphaela. The schedule for the day is outlined on the flyer on the bulletin board in your church. For more information contact C. Kingwill by emailing: wjcck@iinet.net.au

A JOINT INVITATION has come from Bishop O'Regan and Bishop Treloar (Anglican Bishop of Gippsland) to attend an Advent Ecumenical Conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island on **Thursday 6 December**. The schedule for the day along with the Biographies of the two presenters, Fr Frank Moloney and Dorothy Lee are on the bulletin board in the churches. For catering purposes booking is essential. Please book through the email address: info@theabbey.org.au

TEACHING DAY WITH BISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN: Catholic Charismatic Renewal are hosting a teaching day with Bishop Patrick, on 10th November at St Josephs Church and Marian room, Witton St Warragul. 9.30am-4.00pm. All Welcome. BYO lunch to share. Tea and coffee provided. See notice board for Information or contact, Cathy Mc Lure 0432 588 195; M & W Power 0488 680 681 or 03 5678 2271.

31 CLUB REMINDER 7 - 13 November 2018

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard at the back of the Cathedral for Plenary News and updates. Our upcoming session is at **7.30pm on Tuesday 13 November** for the Bishop's listening and Dialogue Session.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE Celebrates the closure of the Year of the Youth: "The LAMP ABLAZE" With the Year of the Youth coming to an end, the Catholic diocese of Sale cordially invites all Youth of the diocese 13 years and older to join in the celebration of Thanksgiving for the wonderful opportunities afforded us during this Year of the Youth and to officially mark the closure of the year of the Youth.

Date: 17 November, 2018 **Venue:** St Peter's College (1005 Cranbourne-Frankston Rd, Cranbourne West Vic 3977)

Host: Western Region Youth (The L.A.M.P)

Chief Celebrant: Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan, Bishop of Sale diocese

Registration: Is to be accessed via our website (<https://thelampwrsale.wixsite.com/home>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheL.A.M.P.Sale/>) and is \$5.00 payable on the day.

DEACON HIEP will be with us for the next two weekends. Please make him welcome as he prepares for his ordination..

COUNTERS: 4 November: Team 6: Mike Hickey, Margaret Hickey, Sue Harvey

11 November: Team 7: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnston, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,980.00

House: \$937.75

Credit Cards: \$2,463.33

Direct Debits: \$1,687.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 8 Nov: Team 4: Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper

15 November: Team 5: Sue Harvey, Lenie Smolenaars

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 3 Nov 5.30pm: Kevin Maxfield (A)

Sun 4 Nov 9.30am: John Johnson (A)

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Mass Timetable this week
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
3 - 4 November 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place	
Sunday 4 November	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral	Plenary Council Prayer <i>Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.</i>
Monday 5 November	NO MASS		<i>Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.</i>
Tuesday 6 November <i>Followed by a Cuppa for Melbourne Cup good wishes</i>	9.30am	Chapter House	<i>Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.</i>
Wednesday 7 November	9.15am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House	<i>Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.</i>
Thursday 8 November <i>Remembrance Mass for 2017/2018</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Chapter House Cathedral	<i>Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.</i>
Friday 9 November	9.15am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral	
Saturday 10 November <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale	

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.*

We remember those who have died Lisa Kirwan (Yarram), Margaret Turnbull (Yarram), Caroline Flint, Patrick Phelan (Maffra), Desmond Bennett (Morwell), Norman Schuback (Brother of Don) and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Fr Cornelius Donovan, Fr James O'Donnell, Kevin Maxfield, John Johnson. We pray for those who are sick Ellen Delany, Rosie Carroll, and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date: 11/11/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Burditt Damian Hogan		Sue Harvey, Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars
Sunday 9.30am	Vince Beer	Jeff Hobbs	Joel Brayshaw Clare O'Brien	Barb Muegel	John Vermaelen, Pam Edgely, John Cooper
Sunday 6.00pm		Colin Coomber	Nelly Coomber Brenda Bowden		Rosemary Webster, Sue Harvey, Anna Allen



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ENTRANCE ANTIphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O
Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: "If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart."

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour,
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. /R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. /R.

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests, under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes now came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'

Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.'

Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God'. And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIphon: You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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 to10.30am.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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 - 6.00pm

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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