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5 - 6 January 2019

The feast of the Epiphany

We are called to open our treasures

One of Aesop's fables goes like this. A child was sitting by a wall when suddenly a toad emerged from a hole. The child quickly spread out her silk scarf in front of the toad, the kind that toads love to walk on. As soon as the toad saw the scarf, it went back into the hole and soon returned carrying a little gold crown which it had laid on the scarf, and went back into the hole again.

The girl immediately picked up the crown and put it into her pocket. Before long the toad returned, but when it did not see the crown on the scarf, it crept to the wall and from sorrow beat its little head against the wall and sadly died. Had the girl left the crown lie where it was, the toad surely would have brought out more of its treasures from the cave.

The purpose of this special story is to show that everybody has a treasure to share. The question is: how do we get them to share that treasure. Getting them to share their gifts voluntarily is the task at hand. There is no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take from people, they are impoverished, but if you get them to give them up, they are enriched. People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

Christmas comes to our aid. If God's son had come in wealth, he would have made us aware of our own poverty. He came in weakness, thereby making us aware of our own riches. His poverty called forth in us our feeling of compassion, bringing our hearts to life. To look at the poverty of the infant king of the Universe causes us to open our hearts.

It was the poverty of Jesus that caused the Magi to open their treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and lay them before him. And, instead of being impoverished, the Magi were enriched. It is through giving that we are enriched, because through giving we discover our own riches.

This lovely feast of the Epiphany calls for us to open our hearts. To open one's heart is to begin to live. Jesus no longer needs our gifts. But other people may. He wants us to share ourselves with one another. And we too will find ourselves enriched, if as a result of knowing Jesus, we are able to open the treasures of our hearts and share them with others.

Happy New Year to all

Dean Peter, Fr Solomon, Your Parish Council with John Clancy as Chair, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Veronica Barnes, Myriam Elgueta, Mark Durrant and Clare O'Brien wish to assure you of our intention to continually give of ourselves for the life of our beautiful Cathedral Parish.

In the words of St Francis we invite you to pray

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred/let me sow your love where there is injury/pardon, where there is doubt/faith, where there is despair/hope, where there is darkness/light, and where there is sadness/joy.

O Divine Master / grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Stay safe on our roads, enjoy your well earned rest and the many families coming together because Christ is born.

Love and prayers

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

6 January - 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral

13 January - No Mass at Briagolong

13 January - Farewell for Fr Solomon

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Keisha Gunasekara daughter of Pubudu and Anushi. Congratulations to the family from us all.

MONDAY 7 JANUARY, this week there will be a 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral.

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY Please note there will not be a Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday

LEAVING COLLECTION: This weekend 6 January and next 13 January we will have an opportunity to contribute to the leaving collection through which the parish will express its appreciation to Fr Solomon for his priestly gifts so generously shared these two years with us. He takes up his new appointment at Morwell Catholic Parish 18 January 2019.

ON THE WEEKEND OF 13 JANUARY we will cancel the Mass at Briagolong to enable Priest and people to come together to the 9.30am Mass here in the Cathedral. (Sorry for any inconvenience).

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 JANUARY, the 9.30am Cathedral Mass will be a farewell Mass led by Fr Solomon. To allow Dean Peter to be present, there will be no 9.30am Mass at Briagolong (very sorry for any inconvenience caused). Immediately following the Mass there will be a cuppa in the Cathedral in the adjoining gathering space where parishioners will gather around Fr Solomon for personal messages over a cuppa (Please bring a plate) Dean Peter will leave for mass at Seaspray following the Mass.

REPORT ON JENNY FITZGERALD: we are pleased to see Jenny taking it easy and in doing so is effecting her recovery

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD on Saturday 5 January Deacon Avinash was ordained priest in his home Diocese in India.

We sincerely congratulate him and warmly look forward to his return to serve as our priest in the Diocese of Sale from the end of February. Hopefully he will say one of his first Masses here soon after he returns - I know he is very keen to do so.

Deacon Stanly currently in India for the Ordination of Deacon Avinash, is enjoying extra time with his family and will return to the Diocese of Sale Mid - February, and will resume his weekends with us in the Cathedral parish from then on.

VISITS TO THE HOSPITAL Very important ministry. Often-times - families miss notifying the priests of the parish that loved ones have been admitted to Hospital. (Here in Sale or to other Hospitals). Naturally with your family members permission, we, your priests want to assure all of the importance of a priestly visit, a simple greeting often gives comfort to loved ones with the administration of the oil of the Sick, reconciliation and communion easing any concerns. Please do call upon your priests who are ever willing to serve in the special ministry to the sick. God bless all our sick with the comforting thought they are loved dearly by us all.

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard at the back of the Cathedral for Plenary News and updates.

31 CLUB REMINDER 19 - 25 December. Please pray for vocations

SACRISTY: 10 January: Team 2:
Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko
17 January: Team 2: Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko

A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY to keep in our spiritual calendars. It is the 250th anniversary of St Junipero Serra's founding of the first California Missions in what is now San Diego - an anniversary important in our calendar for the Sale Serrans.

SOME THOUGHTS TO HELP our New Year - 2019 - Let us resolve to be more like Mary the Mother of God

- let us be prepared to expect the unexpected - to welcome what God brings us as a gift of grace

- let us resolve to live with that grace - as God's servant, as his handmaid, as his instrument

- Let us resolve to serve and to do it for others with haste as Mary served her cousin Elizabeth.

- Let us resolve to live our lives in a way that honours and celebrates his work in the world

- Let us be a people of prayer and remembrance, let us resolve to observe sacred spaces and sacred silence. May we trust enough to "hold all these things in our hearts," and surrender any uncertainty or doubt or anxiety to God.

May 2019 be full of grace, happiness and peace in the lord for all.

Dean Peter

COUNTERS: 6 January: Team 7: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

13 January: Team 8: Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

COLLECTIONS 22 - 23 December:

Planned Giving: \$2,557.85

Presbytery: \$1,102.40

Credit Cards: \$30 Direct Debits: \$799.00

25 December:

Christmas Collection: \$2,415.30

29 - 30 December & 1 January

Planned Giving: \$1,375 Presbytery:

\$504.10 Credit Cards: \$3,018.33

Direct Debits: \$520 New Year: \$334.65

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
Sunday 6 Jan 9.30am: Raquel Waite (Birthday Anniversary 8 January)

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**Mass Timetable this week
The Epiphany of the Lord
5 - 6 January 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 6 January	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	11.00am	Seaspray
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Monday 7 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 8 January	NO	MASS
Wednesday 9 January	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 10 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11 January	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 12 January <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale

2019 Feast of the Sto Nino

The 9th Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place on **Sunday 27 January at St Mary's Cathedral.**

9.30am Mass
10.30am Morning Tea

Anyone with a Sto Nino statue is encouraged to bring it along. Wearing of traditional costumes is encouraged. Everyone is invited to share a Filipino feast organised by the Bayanihan Circle and friends at the Cathedral Foyer after Mass.

You may bring a plate to share



Celebrant: Bishop Patrick O'Regan
Co-celebrant: Dean Peter Bickley
Choir: The Bayanihan Circle (Filipino Choir)

Plenary Council Prayer

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.*

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 recently **Colin Bowman, Gary Bickley** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr James Synnot, Bishop Noel Daly, Case Gordijn, Keith Gordijn, Eileen Coulthard.** We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Rosie Carroll, Maurice Briones and Maureen O'Kane.** We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date: 13/01/2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm					
Sunday 9.30am	Please	offer	for all	roles at	all Masses
Sunday 6.00pm					

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the 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 - Saturdays
Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am



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READINGS NEXT WEEK
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
First Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**
Second Reading: **Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**
Gospel: **Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

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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