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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C *2 - 3 March 2019*

“From the fullness of the Heart the mouth speaks”

Whenever we go for a medical check-up, one of the things the Doctor will do is to examine the tongue. “Say ‘ah!’” Looking at the tongue can tell the Doctor a great deal. The tongue, that is, our speech as a theme of this weekend's readings.

One of the most versatile parts of the human body is the tongue. It has many muscles, nerve endings and taste buds. We use it for taste and eating. It warns us if something is too hot or spoiled. We need it to manipulate food and of course we use it for speaking. It is one of the busiest parts of the body and one of the most powerful.

This week-end's readings from Sirach and the Gospel of Luke speak about the power of the tongue, the power of speech. They are about the tongue as a sword and a symptom.

Think back over time and ask how many people have we touched with our words? With our words we can give comfort, strength, encouragement, praise. We can sing to the glory of God or we can hurt people destroy reputations, spread suspicion and slander. Our words can clarify and clear the air. They can deceive and create confusion. Words can cause a war or begin the process of peace.

What we say is more powerful and long lasting than anything we do with our fist. If we verbally abuse someone our words cut into places deeper than the body. They cut into the heart and soul of a person and those wounds from another's words don't heal easily – “sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me” is a lie. We all know the terrible terror of the untamed tongue!

Today's reading from Sirach and the Lord's closing words in the Gospel, “From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks” teach that how we speak to and of others is a symptom, a pretty good indicator of what is happening in our heart.

As we approach Lent, our readings call us to look not only at our speech but also at our heart. Most of the year, we reflect about the state of the world, the culture, the media, the scandals out there. Lent is a time to look within - at the state of our heart! Are we trying to clear the speck from another's eye and missing the log within our own? We know what our heart is like through the things that come out of it. And one of them is the power of speech, our words. Let us not forget the power of the good word, the healing word, the helping word, when we let our words be the word of the Lord to others. A good word, a Christian word to another has an effect that will last a lifetime.

Yes! That odd, strange, versatile organ, the tongue, is more powerful than any muscle in our body. Through it, we touch the lives of hundreds, even thousands for better or worse.

“From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks.” If we give our heart to Christ and then speak from that heart, we will say the right thing. It may not be popular, it may not be elegant, it may not be the most politically correct, but it will be the right thing. Our words will carry the word of the Lord. If our heart reflects Christ, so will our words.

Let us take an opportunity to join in Lenten discussion groups. Please inquire through the parish office what groups are in place that you may join. Let the words of healing forgiveness and love be born anew in our hearts and proclaimed strongly in our speech. Compassion sounds like a pretty good place to start!

Peace, Love and Healing to one and all. Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 3 March - First Sunday Cuppa, St Mary's School

Sun 3 March - Healing Mass 12.00pm

Wed 6 March - Ash Wednesday

Thurs 7 March - Serra Club 4.45pm

Sun 10 March - Rite of Elect 3pm

Thurs 14 March - Ladies Dinner 6.30pm

Sun 24 March - Children's Mass 9.30am

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Logan Van der Velden son of Leonard and Melissa. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Enrolment for sacraments in 2019 begins with a parent only information and enrolment meeting this **Thursday 7 March at 7pm**, to be held in the open area of the Cathedral. Enrolments close by the end of term 1.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 7 March at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass** followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard on 5144 4905.

31 Club reminder for the 6 - 12 March. Please pray for vocations.

PROJECT COMPASSION You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. **Lives change when we all give 100%.**

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.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND PILGRIMAGE Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on **13-14 September** at Marist-Sion College Warragul. During the Plenary Council 2020 *Listening and Dialogue* process, several common topics have emerged. It has become evident that many of the suggestions which have been made can be initiated and implemented at a local Diocesan level. The Diocesan Assembly, while part of the overall Plenary journey, is of vital importance as it will provide us with the opportunity to together discern and discuss what it is that we can do here and now for our local Church in the Diocese of Sale. In the months leading up to the Assembly, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE PAST STUDENTS GET TOGETHER. There will be a get together for past students from Catholic College Sale **Saturday 16 March 12.30pm** Commercial Hotel Yarragon. The hotel is across the road from the Yarragon railway station, or alternatively there is a large carpark behind the hotel. If you like to book or for further information, could you please contact John Daniels by email john@travelpluswarragul.com.au no later than **Sat 9 March**.

LADIES DINNER The next dinner will be held on **Thursday 14 March** at the Midtown. Dinner will commence at **6.30pm for a 7pm** start. All welcome. Replies to Maria Maxfield on 0418 570 544 by **Monday 11 March**.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE The Serra Club of Sale will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Club at our Annual Sports Day Dinner on **April 15** at the Sale Bowls Club. This will follow the presentation of the trophies for the Golf and Bowls day and the drawing of the Fundraiser Raffle. Everyone will be most welcome to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS for this week in March:

Mon 4th: Brenda Burditt & Lockie Wilson

Tues 5th: Bernadette Van Lier

Wed 6th: Jan Mitchell & Sheena Brown

Thurs 7th: Mike & Margaret Hickey

Fri 8th: John & Therese Cooper

Thanks to all our willing helpers - Maureen McLeod.

RITE OF ELECT for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates Rite of Elect will be celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on **Sunday 10th March at 3.00 pm** in St. Mary's Cathedral. Afternoon tea will be held after the ceremony. Please bring a plate to share.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH congratulates Paul and Angela Ronchi on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

COUNTERS: 3 March: Team 7: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

10 March: Team 8: Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,058.80

Presbytery: \$919.20

Credit Cards: \$0.00

Direct Debits: \$860.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 7 & 14 March: Team 6: Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2 Mar 5.30pm: John & Rieke Strongman

3 Mar 9.30am: David Lancaster (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
2 - 3 March 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 3 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Monday 4 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 5 March	9.30am 3.00pm	Cathedral Royal Freemasons
Wednesday 6 March ASH WEDNESDAY	9.00am	Stratford (<i>Whole School & Parishioners</i>)
	9.30am	Cathedral (<i>St Mary's school & Parishioners</i>)
	10.30am	Ashleigh House (<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>)
	11.00am	St Thomas' School (<i>Whole school</i>)
	12.30pm	Cathedral (<i>Catholic College - Year 9 & Parishioners</i>)
6.00pm	Cathedral	
Thursday 7 March <i>Serra Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 8 March <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Saturday 9 March <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale

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.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

**STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE,
PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

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 offer prayers for those who have died **John Strongman, Robert Allen, Maria Jones, Jack Heyfron, Michael Houlihan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Peter Dawson, Fr P McDonald, Fr Patrick Verling, David Lancaster, Jim Gray, Bernard Peavey, Neville McLeod.** We pray for those who are sick **Shayne Lange, Sr Lauraine Brice, Elly Cox, Peter Smyth, Anna Pohlodora & husband and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 10/03/2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Margaret Shirreffs	Damian Hogan Ann Neville		Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars, Bryan Leak
Sunday 9.30am	Vince Beer	Diane Ward	Carmel Kuizenga Joel Brayshaw	Doug Waite	Pam Edgely, Lenie Smolenaars, John Vermaelen
Sunday 6.00pm		Yvonne Hope	Colin Coomber Nelly Coomber		Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton, Lisa Durrant

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



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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

READINGS NEXT WEEK
First Sunday of Lent, Year C
First Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:4-10**
Second Reading: **Romans 10:8-13**
Gospel: **Luke 4:1-13**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN
CHAPTER HOUSE
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from Noon-1.30pm
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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 - 6.00pm