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## *First Sunday of Advent, Year A 30 November - 1 December 2019*

### *Year 12 Valedictory November 2019*

#### *Message to our young adults*

*We are familiar with the ad 'Are we there yet?' - its a typical question that we all face in the footsteps of our lives – Other questions – 'What do you want to do? What will you become? Did you like your year 12 course? And tonight the question 'Are we there yet?'*

*All of your thirteen years have been in Catholic Education – what values and teachings will help you grow deeper in your love of God?*

*The lives of the saints are a good read! Some people have the idea that saints never committed a sin in all their lives - this is a fallacy! It implies that saints were saints from the cradle onwards - in other words that saints are born. We know though, that saints are not born – they become saints. In becoming a saint they underwent conversion, through a change of heart which resulted in a change of life and this change did not just happen overnight, in some cases it was the result of a long and painful struggle.*

*My dear young people, there are so many people in your lives backing and caring for each of you. They will sweat with you right through to when your VCE results become known – they are your friends and family who will back you up - you know you are not alone. Soon the lesson of life will be before you and you will build on the strong foundations you have and, these will help get you there – St Paul in his letters prayed constantly with joy in his heart for everyone who had helped him along the way – he knew it was because of their love, care, sacrifices and good counsel with true Gospel values now fully embraced in his heart that, he was able to do for God what God called him to do.*

*Each of the lives of the saints are a challenge to all of us – there is always a call to a simple conversion – a call to rethink our values, our attitude to life and a call to redefine our goals, by continually embracing openness to God's love, understanding and service. We must be willing to take the risk of a total surrender to the love of God in our lives.*

*Year 12's May God protect you today and in the years ahead, when reflecting on who gave you, your start in life – I know, you will thank God for your Parents, Teachers, Schools. Your parishes, your peers and all who took time to be with you, that you may grow in the image of God. Are we there yet? Well No!!*

*This will be the question that will stay with us through the years ahead.*

*Through the Gospels, God is asking for your help – asking you to go now into the world with his principles, values and teachings – with love and care in your hearts, you are not to step over the needy, the homeless, the falsely accused, you are not to walk away from those who have been abused or rejected but to prayerfully and lovingly walk with them, give ear to their story and from the heart give wise counsel, good support – and to walk humbly with your God!*

*Will you be able to say - Hear I am Lord, send me ?*

*May God bless and protect you one and all and from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the years we have been together. May the years ahead be full of achievement, happiness and good-will in your turn.*

*Dean Peter*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**1 Dec** - Family Mass 9.30am  
**1 Dec** - First Sunday Cuppa  
**2 Dec** - Parish volunteers dinner 6pm  
**5 Dec** - Serra Club Mass 5pm  
**8 Dec** - Mass with prayers and anointing for healing 12pm  
**10 Dec** - Parish reconciliation night 7pm  
**14-15 Dec** - St Vincent de Paul collection

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism Elsie, Kohen and Audrey Smolenaars children of Jesse and Marney. Congratulations to the family from us all.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 5 December** at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies can be sent to Lyn 0418 497 753 or Pat 0403 096 318.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 4 - 10 Dec. Please pray for vocations.

**MASS WITH PRAYERS AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING:** will be held on **Sunday, 8 December** in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at 12noon.

**PLENARY GATHERING** Our next Listening and Discerning gathering is Tuesday **3rd December** from 7-9pm in the Chapter House. The theme we will be looking at is 'Missionary and Evangelising'. Come and join us as we pray and discuss ways we can fulfil our mission as baptised children of God in Australia and our local community.

**LOCH SPORT CHRISTMAS CAROLS** are being held this **Sunday 1 Dec from 7.00pm**. All welcome

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS DINNER** Parish volunteers are invited to attend the Parish Volunteers Dinner at **6pm this Monday 2 December at the Chapter House**. To help our caterers please call Clare in the Parish Office to advise numbers if you wish to attend.

**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.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION NIGHT** will be held in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 10 December at 7pm**. Let's all make this a good opportunity to prepare for Christmas. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**SPECIAL FAMILY MASS** The 9.30am Mass First Sunday of Advent, will include a special family blessing and have the company of the St Joseph's young peoples Choir leading the music. We are happy to invite young people of all ages to this Mass. Following the Mass will be finger-food and time together. Theme :- With our young we celebrate hope, light and joy. See you there. St Mary's Cathedral Sale, 9.30am Mass  
**Our special guests – St Joseph's young peoples Choir, Cranbourne.**

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** This weekend, **Sunday 1 December**, Men Alive will be our hosts for the first Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area.

**FAMILY GROUP:** Members of Keith & Veronica's Family Group will share a meal at the Lakeside Bowling Club on **Tuesday 10th December at 12 Noon**. Wear your Christmas finery & bring Christmas cheer to celebrate Christmas. Parishioners are invited. Enquiries/bookings Veronica/Keith 0455121949.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE** will be in the assembly area of the cathedral from **1 to 15 December**. Parishioners are invited to take tags from the tree and purchase these goods then return them to the box under the tree to be distributed to families. There will be a leaving collection at all masses on **14 and 15 December**. Please take your items and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

**JESSE TREE** the Advent Jesse tree is a valued Christmas Tradition first started in medieval times. The biblical figures tell the story of the Bible from creation to Christmas. Each week different biblical figures are added to our Jesse tree.

## 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.*

**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:** If you would like to make a donation, please place in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

**CATECHIST LUNCH** due to be held on Wednesday 4th December has been postponed due to low numbers.

**COUNTERS: 1 Dec: Team 6:** Sue Harvey, Margaret & Mike Hickey  
**8 Dec: Team 7:** Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving:** \$1,702.05  
**Presbytery:** \$889.60  
**Credit Cards:** \$30.00  
**Direct Debits:** \$504.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**FLOWERS: 5 Dec: Team 1:** Lyn Althaus and Jenny Rebecchi  
**12 Dec: Team 2:** Emmy Van Berkel,

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sat 7 Dec 9.30am:** Ray Chirgwin (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week  
First Sunday of Advent, Year A  
30 November - 1 December 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Sat 30 November</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sun 1 December</b> <i>Children's Mass Cathedral</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>Mon 2 December</b> <i>Funeral Mass Alan Walsh</i>	11.30am	Cathedral
<b>Tues 3 December</b>	9.30am 3.15pm	Cathedral Royal Freemasons
<b>Wed 4 December</b>	9.00am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
<b>Thurs 5 December</b> <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Friday 6 December</b> <i>Exposition to 4pm</i>	9.15am <b>10.30am</b>	St Thomas' school Cathedral
<b>Sat 7 December</b> <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am	Cathedral



**Christmas Mass Timetable**

**Monday December 24**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Ashleigh House  
6.00pm Family Mass - St Mary's Cathedral  
7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Rosedale  
9.00pm Christmas Night Mass- Cathedral

**Tuesday December 25**

**Christmas Day Masses**

9.30am St Mary's Cathedral  
9.30am St Patrick's Stratford  
10.30am Seaspray – Community Hall

**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.*

**ADVENT: A Rich and Powerful Season of the Church Year.** We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. This site offers simple ways to enter into this Advent season, week by week, in the midst of our everyday lives. Creighton University, a Jesuit Catholic University in Nebraska USA, has a website devoted to the liturgical seasons of the Church year, and offers many simple ways to enter into this Advent season, week by week, in the midst of our everyday lives. Reflections, Advent videos, podcasts, prayers, parish bulletin clips and more. <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

We offer prayers for those who have died **John Foster, Mary Lawless, Alan Walsh, Sue Davies, Judith Cooney, Lucie Ingram,** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Dave Cagney, William Slater, Pat Weatherly, Luba Wsol.** We pray for those who are sick Marie Adjemovic, Fr John O'Kelly, Eliza Watkins, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann (Bernie) Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 8 Dec 2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Jo Jones	Brenda Burditt Ann Neville		Wilbert Smits, Damian Hogan, Sue Harvey
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Vince Beer	Jeff Hobbs	Margaret Shirreffs John Vermaelen	Barb Muegel	John Cooper, Peter Centra, Pam Edgely
<b>Sunday 5.30pm</b>		Yvonne Hope	Brenda Bowden Louie Minoza		Rosemary Webster, Kath Telling, Anna Allen

**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!

NAME:

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace! **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**



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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:**

**Second Sunday of Advent - Year A**

First Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-10**  
Second Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**  
Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

### **MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from  
12 - 1.30pm

Tea and Coffee provided.

**All welcome.**



### **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** Stratford - 9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)

**Sunday.** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm