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## *Second Sunday of Advent 7 - 8 December 2019*

### *A PLACE CALLED HOPE*

*One of the images Isaiah uses to describe the messianic age is that of a lamb lying down with a wolf and having nothing to fear. It is a picture of universal peace – the strong would no longer prey on the weak or the cunning on the innocent.*

*Advent, with its wonderful promises of a new world takes us on a trip to a place called hope. If things and people were perfect, hope would not be needed. Hope is required precisely because we live in an imperfect world.*

*Hope is a vital part of life. We spend a great deal of our lives longing, waiting, hoping for one thing or another. It is impossible to live when one is completely without hope. Hope is as important for our spirit as food is for our body.*

*Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs us into action. It is precisely because we have hope that we work so hard. We believe our efforts are worthwhile, and that they do make a difference. Our strength, our commitment, depends to a great extent on the degree and quality of our hope.*

*Cynicism is the enemy of hope – many say things will never change. It's no good! Cynicism comes easy. It requires nothing from us – no trust, no effort, no love. Hope is the trust that God will fulfil his promises whatever the situation. The person of hope lives in the present moment, with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in God's hands.*

*Hope springs from faith that God will fulfil the promises he has made to us. He has given us his word in Jesus. The word on the basis on which our hope rests. And that hope is an anchor of our lives.*

*All great leaders were people of hope, they felt no need to know what the future would be like. They just tried to do what was right in the present, and trusted that God would take care of the future. It was enough for them to know that God is a faithful God. What the world needs is new people. Hence, the relevance for us to answer the call to repentance. To repent means to change our understanding of what is important in life, and to change our lives accordingly. Changed people will bring about a changed world.*

*What in practice can we do? St Paul says 'treat each other in the same friendly way that Christ has treated you.' That would make a great difference. It is easy to be critical, to be over-hasty to make judgements, to be intolerant of the faults of others. If we did as St Paul suggests, we would make the world, or at least where we live, a more hopeful place.*

*It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive, and to set an example. However, we must not depend on results, but on the rightness and truth of the work itself. We thank God for his blessings in the past, and ask his help for what we must yet achieve.*

*When all is said and done, this world will never fulfil our deepest hopes. Only God can do that. Meanwhile, we live in a place called hope. This hope enables us to keep one foot in the world as it is, and the other in the world as it should be.*

*Let us pray, for the followers of Christ, that they may be effective witnesses to the values of the Gospel. Let us pray for those finding life burdensome, that God may be their strength and their hope. Let us pray for the parishioners of our parish all members of the Sale community, that God may be their strength and their hope.*

*In Joyful Hope – Dean Peter*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**8 Dec** - Mass with prayers & anointing for healing **12noon**  
**10 Dec** - Liturgy Group meeting **2pm**  
**10 Dec** - Parish Reconciliation **7pm**  
**14 - 15 Dec** St Vinnies leaving collection

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME** for our candidates will take place at **9.30am on Sunday 8 December**. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER** we have no Mass roster for the Cathedral for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you would like to volunteer for one of these Christmas Masses please put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet in the foyer of the Cathedral.

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

**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.

**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 parish tree in the foyer of the Cathedral.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 11 - 17 Dec. Please pray for vocations.

**SINCERE THANKS** to the people of Sale parish for the support of the fundraising to support Joanna Courtney's trip to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth. The major prize was won by Claire Everard. Congratulations! For a full list of winners please check the noticeboard.

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

**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.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way to make the parish volunteers dinner such a wonderful evening. Particular thanks to Myriam Elgueta and members of the Serra Club for their catering and BBQ cooking. Also, thanks to Cijo Kuriakose, St Mary's and St Thomas' primary schools for the organisation of the Children's Mass. A very special thanks to the wonderful St Agatha's young people's choir, Cranbourne for their angelic singing.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CATHEDRAL** post Christmas. As some of our flower ladies have resigned after many years of service we need volunteers until a new roster can be put in place. Please put your name on the list in the foyer if you would like to help with the flowers on any **Thursday from 12 December to 2 January**. Thank you.

**URGENTLY WANTED: Kimberley Catholic VOLUNTEER WORKERS** The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months.

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**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 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.*

**TOUR OF CATHOLIC COLLEGE** There has been much interest in the recent physical developments at Catholic College Sale, especially the redevelopment of the College entrance and the St Patrick's building. The College is very happy to offer guided tours of the building on Monday 9 December 2019 at 4.30pm, 5.00pm and 5.30pm for any members of our community who wish to view the new facilities. All visitors will be required to meet in the Marian Centre for registration and a short information session before tours begin and are welcome to return to the Marian Centre for light refreshments at the conclusion of the tour. Looking forward to catching up with as many parents/guardians and parishioners as possible.

**COUNTERS: 8 Dec: Team 7:** Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars  
**15 Dec: Team 8:** Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving:** \$2,165.00  
**Presbytery:** \$1,231.80  
**Credit Cards:** \$2,328.33  
**Direct Debits:** \$610.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**FLOWERS: 12 & 19 Dec: Please offer**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sat 7 Dec 5.30pm:** Ray Chirgwin (A)  
**Sun 8 Dec 9.30am:** Loida, Emmanuel, Ernesto and Bautista (Deceased)  
**Sun 8 Dec 5.30pm:** Eileen Lyons and William Joseph Lyons (A's)

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**Mass Timetable this week  
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A  
7 - 8 December 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Sat 7 December</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sun 8 December</b> <i>Healing Mass</i>	9.30am 9.30am 12noon 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Mon 9 December</b> <i>Feast of Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Tues 10 December</b> <i>Parish Reconciliation</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Wed 11 December</b> <i>Whole School &amp; Year 6 Graduation</i>	10.30am 5.00pm	Ashleigh House Stratford
<b>Thurs 12 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	9.15am 11.00am	St Thomas' school Cathedral
<b>Sat 14 December</b> <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport



**Christmas Mass Timetable**

**Tuesday 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

**Wednesday 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.*

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We offer prayers for those who have died **Allan Garrett, Dennis Crane, Sr Bride O'Bryan, Mary Lawless, Alan Walsh, Sue Davis, Judith Cooney** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick O'Donohue, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Ray Chirgwin, Loida, Emmanuel, Ernesto and Bautista, Eileen Lyons, William Joseph Lyons, Julia Crosbie, Kerry Lee, Elizabeth Coloe**. 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: 15 Dec 2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Damian Hogan	Liz Tabuteau Ann Neville		Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge Please offer
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Dalia Ellison	Diane Ward	Margaret Shirreffs Brenda Bowden	Doug Waite	Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, John Cooper
<b>Sunday 5.30pm</b>		Nelly Coomber	Louie Minoza Colin Coomber		Jennifer Fitzgerald, Stephanie & Lindsay Broughton

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

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 the earth's bounds. **(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.)**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



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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:**

**3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A**

First Reading: **Isaiah 35:1-6, 10**  
Second Reading: **James 5:7-10**  
Gospel: **Matthew 11:2-11**

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

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

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

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm