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## *3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A 14 - 15 December 2019*

*'Happy the person who does not lose faith in me'*

*All three readings this weekend have comforting words. Isaiah: - 'Courage, do not be afraid.' 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading St James; 'Be patient! Do not loose heart.' Gospel - 'Happy the person who does not lose faith in me.' John's situation is very grim he is locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him. His faith severely tested - he needed reassurance and comforting. No doubt Jesus' words were a source of comfort and strength to John.*

*The comforting words of this weekend's readings are addressed to us. We need to drink on them, because we too can find ourselves in dark situations. We find ourselves going along nicely until suddenly a storm hits us- the New Zealand Tragedy Volcano erupts lives taken, people lost. Unemployment, a serious illness, a loved one dies suddenly, families are thrown into grief. These kinds of things shatter our faith in the right order of things and even in God. Isaiah offers these words: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

*John the Baptist was a holy, God-fearing man, yet he ended up in a dungeon under sentence of death. We can do our best, but things may still go wrong. We feel let down by God. We doubt his love for us. At times like these may we hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me.'*

*Modern life is becoming increasingly stressful. Christmas brings added work and more stress we may feel overwhelmed unable to cope: In times like this we hear Isaiah say 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

*Death constitutes the severest test of all for our faith. That all of us especially those who have recently lost a loved one, we may hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me.'*

*Some parents have seen their children give up the practice of the faith. For them this is a great pain and a great sadness. May these parents hear the words of St James: 'Be patient! Do not lose heart!'*

*Members of the Church have been scandalised and deeply hurt by the revelation of the grave sins committed by some members of the clergy against little ones. Their faith has taken a severe knock. May they hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me,'*

*Alcoholism is a terrible affliction. So too drug addiction. They cause misery to the sufferer and to those who live with him or her. The Alcoholic and the addict have to seek help. It takes courage to admit one's need and to ask for help. May such people hear the words of Isaiah: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

*Each of us knows the kind of situations that cause us to be fearful and doubtful. We can't stop feeling afraid. But we must not allow our fears to cripple us. Courage is not never feeling afraid; it is feeling afraid and going on in spite of it. Faith is a fragile thing. We mustn't be surprised when doubts arise within us. God will understand our doubts in a world like ours.*

*But blessed are we if we do not lose faith in Jesus. And twice blessed are we if, like Jesus we are able to show forth our faith in deeds of love and mercy.*

*' LORD I BELIEVE, HELP MY UNBELIEF.'*

*Peace and Love to all  
Dean Peter*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**14 - 15 Dec** St Vincent de Paul leaving collection

**22 Dec** Ecumenical Carol Service St Paul's Anglican Cathedral **8pm**

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Hailey Irving daughter of Jonathan and Deneal. Congratulations to the family from us all.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 18 - 24 Dec. Please pray for vocations.

**ROSTERS FOR THE CATHEDRAL** we have no Mass roster for the Cathedral for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and January. If you would like to volunteer for one of these Christmas Masses or any Masses in January please put your name and phone number on the sign up sheets in the foyer of the Cathedral.

**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.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CATHEDRAL** post Christmas. As some of our flower ladies have resigned after many years of service we have issued a new flower roster commencing **2 January 2020**. If you are on the roster please collect your copy from the foyer of the Cathedral.

Thank you to the ladies who have helped with the flowers for the Cathedral over many years and have now retired.

**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 the tree.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE** will be in the assembly area of the cathedral to **15 December**. There will be a **leaving collection** at all masses this weekend, **14 and 15 December**. Please give generously to those who are less fortunate.

**TUESDAY ROSARY** All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Rosary Group, which meets in the Lady Chapel each **Tuesday after 9.30am Mass**. All are very welcome.

**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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### CONGRATULATIONS PETER CENTRA

On 40 years plus of teaching in Catholic education. 37 of these years have been here at Catholic College, Sale. Peter had a wonderful influence on the minds and hearts of thousands of young people. We will miss him and we wish him and Margaret every happiness and good health in his retirement. Congratulations, God's blessings and good wishes from us all.

Fr Peter, Parishioners and friends from St Mary's Cathedral parish, Sale

**CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS:** please note there will be Carols sung from **8.30pm** prior to the Christmas night Mass at **9.00pm on Tuesday 24 December**.

## 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.*

**ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE** will be held at **8pm next Sunday 22 December** at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. All welcome.

**COUNTERS: 15 Dec: Team 8:** Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

**22 December: Team 1:** Mark Durrant, Robert McKenzie, Lou Centra

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving:** \$1,710.00

**Presbytery:** \$827.00

**Credit Cards:** \$30.00

**Direct Debits:** \$1,324.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**FLOWERS: 19 & 26 Dec:**

Sue Harvey and Myriam Elgueta organizing.

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 11.30am—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

**Sat 14 Dec 5.30pm:** Renato and Stephen Segafredo (A)

**Sun 15 Dec 9.30am:** Thomas Whelan (A)

**Sun 15 Dec 9.30am** Stratford: Len Watson (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week  
3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A  
14 - 15 December 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Sat 14 December</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sun 15 December</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>Mon 16 December</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tues 17 December</b> <i>St Mary's Whole School and Year 6 Graduation</i>	9.30am 10.30am	Cathedral Wilson Lodge
<b>Wed 18 December</b>	9.00am? 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
<b>Thurs 19 December</b> <i>St Thomas' Year 6 Graduation</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Sat 21 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  
8.30pm Carols in the Cathedral  
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 **Allen Garrett, Dennis Crane, Sr Bridie O'Bryan**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr John Gowen, Mgr Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Renato and Stephen Segafredo, Thomas Whelan, Len Watson, Vincent Carubia, Socorro Oliquino-Atutubo, Eddie Atutubo, Tomas Oliquino, Petronila Debellion-Oliquino, Rosa and John Centra**. 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: 22 Dec 2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Sandra Smolenaars	Ann Neville Brenda Burditt		Sue Harvey, Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	John & Therese Cooper	Sue Mattson	Joel Brayshaw Margaret Shirreffs	Dalia Ellison	Peter Centra, Pam Edgely, John Vermaelen
<b>Sunday 5.30pm</b>		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Louie Minoza Brenda Bowden		Rosemary Webster, Len & Lyn Althaus

**NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended

The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Lord, come and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear.**

**Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**



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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:**  
**4th Sunday of Advent - Year A**  
First Reading: **Isaiah 7:10-14**  
Second Reading: **Romans 1:1-7**  
Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-24**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**  
Has finished until February 2020. Thank you to all who helped in any way in 2019. Have a wonderful break.



**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