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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A 15 - 16 February 2020

Deeper in Virtue – we strive for goodness of heart.

Jesus said 'If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you will never get into heaven.' In this statement Jesus shattered the complacent belief of the Pharisees and the Scribes in their own goodness and virtue. He declared their goodness as skin-deep. He challenged his disciples to do better. Virtue is shallow when the motive is not pure – an unworthy motive can spoil the best deed. Virtue is shallow when it lacks personal conviction and is practised merely out of convention or conformity or routine. Virtue is inauthentic when the person is not sincere.

But then there is the genuine article. There is deep, true, authentic virtue. It's not a skin-deep thing, but an expression of what one is inside. Above all, it's a revelation of the heart.

Sin and virtue, badness and goodness, are essentially matters of the heart. And it is from the perspective of the heart that a Christian should assess them. Corruption of the heart is the worst kind of badness – it is to be bad at the core. Goodness of the heart is the best kind of goodness – it is to be good at the core. It is important therefore, that we must not be content merely to look at the surface of our lives – at our words and deeds. We must have the courage to search our hearts. We need to look at what is going on inside us – at our thoughts, intentions, attitudes, and desires.

From a spiritual point of view, one of the worst things we can say about anyone is that he/she has a cold heart or a hard heart. To be cold-hearted is to be unable to show kindness, understanding, sympathy. To be hard-hearted is worse again. It means that one is unable to show pity, mercy, forgiveness.

For all their piety, the Pharisees were both cold-hearted and hard-hearted. If one's heart is cold and hard, how can one be virtuous? On the other hand, one of the best things we can say about anyone is that he/she is warm-hearted or soft-hearted. This means he/she is capable of goodness, kindness, tenderness, pity, compassion, mercy..... These are the virtues of the heart. Without a warm, compassionate heart one cannot call oneself a true human being, never mind a truly religious or virtuous person.

When it is all said and done it is the heart that matters. It's what's in the heart that matters. The heart is what I am deep down. It is the real me. And what is in the Heart will out. The state of the heart will effect how I live. What we have to strive for is goodness of heart. Then our good deeds will flow from what we are, naturally as good fruit from a good tree. They will be true and genuine. They will come from the heart. You can't go deeper than that.

A Prayer for the end of the day: Grant O Lord, that each day before we enter the little death of sleep, we may undergo the little judgement of the past day, so that every wrong deed may be forgiven and every unholy thought set right. Let nothing go down into the depths of our being which has not been forgiven and sanctified. Then we shall be ready for our final birth into eternity, and look forward with love and hope to standing before you, who are both judge and saviour, hold judge and loving saviour. (Bishop Appleton)

We pray our parish be that of Love and Kindness to one and all

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

19 Feb - PPC meeting 7pm

26 Feb - **ASH WEDNESDAY** Timetable

9.00am Stratford
9.30am Cathedral
10.30am Ashleigh House
11.00am St Thomas' School
12.30pm Cathedral
6.00pm Cathedral

28 Feb - Stations of the Cross 6pm

1 Mar - Diocesan Rite of Elect 3pm

8 Mar - Mass with prayers and anointing 12pm

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism William Breakspear son of Thomas & Madelaine. Congratulations from us all.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 February at 7pm** in the Bishop's House

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

FR STANLY DEVASIA, newly ordained, is to say Mass at 9.30am next **Sunday 23 February**. Welcome one and all as we gather around him for this special celebration. **Please bring a plate of food to share as there will be morning tea served after Mass.**

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2020 The Sale Cathedral parish will use the Brisbane Archdiocese 2020 Lenten Program of Gospel reflections titled '**Be opened - a journey to new life**'. The program commences after Ash Wednesday which is on **26 February**. Parishioners wishing to lead or attend a Lenten group please contact the parish office on 5144 4100 or call into collect your Lenten Resource book. Books are available for \$10 each.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONVERSATION is on **Friday 21 February 10.00am till 3.30pm**. It is not too late to book. To book call the **Abbey on 5156 6580** or info@theabbey.org.au.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the Cathedral at 6pm each Friday in Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 26 - the season of Lent begins. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. It is good to recall, Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Notice how the mood becomes more solemn as the Alleluia is omitted at Mass, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts let us be open to entering into the spirit of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

On **Tuesday 25th Feb** the Diocesan Project Compassion Launch will take place, reminding all Catholics and families here is a tangible way of entering into taking a project compassion box, into which we place donations for the care of the poor.

26 Feb - ASH WEDNESDAY Timetable

9.00am Stratford
9.30am Cathedral
10.30am Ashleigh House
11.00am St Thomas' School
12.30pm Cathedral
6.00pm Cathedral

FAMILY GROUP next gathering will be for lunch at the **Lakeside Bowls Club at 12noon on Monday 24 February**. Please contact Kath Bird on 5144 5556 by Friday **21 February** so that numbers can be confirmed.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING Could all Parish volunteers please save the date of **Sunday 26 April from 2pm to 4.30pm** for our Parish Child Safe training. If you know you will not be available on that date please talk to Lorel Donnelly or John Clancy, Child Safeguarding Officers about the possibility of attending training on a different date with another parish. More details will be available closer to the date of training.

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.*

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR –

we pray for young minds and hearts that they all grow in the mind and love of the lord, loving God and their neighbour.

Let us keep in our prayers Catholic College Sale, our parish schools St Pat's Primary-Stratford, St Mary's Primary and St Thomas primary : We are Praying for the School Principals in all that is asked of them in leading their school in Academia, and especially to a knowledge and love of God throughout 2020.

COUNTERS: 16 Feb: Team 1: Mark Durrant, Robert McKenzie, Lou Centra
23 Feb: Team 2: Mary Cooper, Pat Lord

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,951.00
Presbytery: \$889.15
Credit Cards: \$0.00
Direct Debits: \$1,090.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

FLOWERS: 20 Feb: Team 4: Lenie Smolenaars, Huong Clancy
27 Feb: Team 5: Myriam & Edith Elgueta

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 15 Feb 5.30pm: Kevin & Mollie Hickey (A's)

Sunday 16 Feb 9.30am: Julian Terante (A)

Sunday 16 Feb 5.30pm: Shirani Cooray (RD)

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**Mass Timetable this week
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
15 - 16 February 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 15 February	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 16 February	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Mon 17 February	NO	MASS
Tues 18 February	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Cathedral Wilson Lodge
Wed 19 February	9.30am 10.30am	St Thomas' School Ashleigh House
Thurs 20 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 21 February	9.15am 11.00am	St Thomas' school Cathedral
Sat 22 February <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport

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.*

**PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND
HER PARENTS LUIS AND ZELIE:**

The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Louis & Zelig Martin have arrived in Australia and will be on pilgrimage throughout Australia from 1 February to 10 May 2020. **The Diocese of Sale will host the Pilgrimage from Monday 20 April until Thursday 23 April 2020.**

The Relics will visit St Mary's Cathedral (20-21/4); St Michael's Traralgon and St Joseph's Warragul (21/4); St Laurence's Leongatha, St Agatha's Cranbourne (22/4) and Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren (22 - 23/4) before departing for Adelaide. At this stage there will be the opportunity to attend an all-night Vigil at both St Mary's Cathedral Sale (20/4) and Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren (22/4).

THE RITE OF ELECTION

Will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday **1st March at 3.00 pm**. We will be forming a Diocesan Choir to lead the singing for this beautiful ceremony. Most of the music will be familiar to parishes.

Interested singers are asked to register their interest by contacting Sophy Morley at the Diocesan Pastoral Office 03 5622 6677 (leave a message) or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

Music packs will be emailed out to you or given to you on the day.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Cathy Eddy, Shirani Cooray** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik, Kevin and Mollie Hickey, Julian Terante, Loida and Emmanuel, Vin Cantwell**. We pray for those who are sick Sheila Edgar, Bill Young, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Lorna Ray, Elly Cox, Marie Adjemovic, 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: 22-23 Feb	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Jo Jones	Liz Tabuteau		Brenda Burditt, Damian Hogan, Rosemary Webster
Sunday 9.30am	John & Therese Cooper	Sue Mattson	Margaret Shirreffs	Dalia Ellison	Bill & Lenie Smolenaars, Peter Centra
Sunday 5.30pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Yvonne Hope		Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton, 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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold for me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey you statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.'

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court, if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal, But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all", either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



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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:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:38-48**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

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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