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Third Sunday of Lent 14 - 15 March 2020

FINDING OUR OWN WELL

We know how hard it is when people become dependent on hand-outs. There is stagnation and in all probability regression too. Dependency erodes pride and self-respect. What people need is not a hand-out but a hand-up. People can become spiritually dependent also, and this too is difficult.

Once there was a woman who had to make a daily trip of about a mile to draw water from a public well. Over the years she grew weary of the journey, no matter how much water she brought home. She always ended up with an empty container.

One day whilst doing some work in her own garden near a remote corner she came upon a large flagstone lying on the ground. The flagstone was completely covered with moss. Her curiosity increased, she cleared the moss, removed the flagstone and discovered a lovely well. Thrilled, never again would she have to make that tiresome journey to the public well. Now in her own back yard she had an unfailing source of water of her own.

Most of us have been through years of education and spiritual formation of one kind or another. During those years we have had many teachers and spiritual guides. These worked hard at providing us with the waters of knowledge, waters drawn from their own and others people's wells. But we still thirsted. If only our teachers had helped us to find our own well, how much further on would we be now.

It seems to me that this is what Jesus did for the Samaritan woman. She had been searching for love and happiness but always outside herself. Jesus directed her search inwards. Ever so gently he showed her that up to now she had been looking for the right thing (love), but in the wrong places. Then he told her where the water was that she was seeking – surprisingly it was within- the spring was there all the time, it was just that it was hidden and blocked off.

Many spiritual teachers fill others from their own abundance. This is good to a point - but it can easily make people dependent on the teacher, making them content to live on spiritual hand-outs. This can have a further effect of making people painfully aware of their own emptiness. Sadly, many are content to live like that.

Christ made people aware of their own emptiness, but didn't leave it at that. He showed them how to begin to fill this emptiness, not from without, but from within.

Let our prayer be:- 'Oh, that we may find the inner well, the well that lies hidden under the moss in our hearts.' Then we won't have to be running here and there in search of spiritual nourishment. We will have an unfailing source inside us. We must believe that this well is really there.

What is this inner spring? It is the life of God bubbling up inside us. The discovery of God is like a spring within us. A spring from which we can drink and refresh ourselves. A spring which bubbles up into eternal life.

Prayer, fasting and Alms-giving – three tools lent provides to help us discover what is already within – Please note from this week there will be an extra Lenten Mass 6.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Parish Lenten Reconciliation, Thursday March 26, following the night 5.30pm Mass that evening.

Care and love to all : Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

18 Mar - Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7pm
20 Mar - Stations of the Cross 6pm
22 Mar - Children's Mass 9.30am
21 Mar - Child Safe training Bairnsdale 10am
27 Mar - Stations of the Cross 6pm
18 April - Child Safe training Morwell 10am
26 April - Child Safe Training Sale 2pm

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism Elena Fischer daughter of Nick and Kayla. Congratulations to the family from us all.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING Sunday 26 April 2pm
Training is also available at:
- Bairnsdale this **Saturday 21 March from 10.00am to 12.30pm**. Phone Bairnsdale parish office on **5152 2942**.

More details will be available closer to the date of Sale training. Training is compulsory for all Diocesan & Parish volunteers.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on **Tuesdays** - 17/3, 24/3 & 31/3 from **5 – 6pm**. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held at **7pm this Wednesday 18 March**.

CHILDREN'S MASS will be held in the Cathedral at **9.30am next Sunday 22 March**. All welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this years Easter flowers, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'Easter Flowers'. Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

PALM SUNDAY HELP needed for making crosses. If you can assist a workshop will be held at the Chapter House on **Friday 3 April** commencing at **9.00am** - learn a new skill in a fun working bee!

PARISH - LENTEN RECONCILIATION
Remember to keep **Thursday night March 26** available for Parish Lenten Reconciliation. **Lenten Mass will be at 5.30pm** and **Parish Lenten Reconciliation** will follow at **6.00pm**.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

We welcome into our program baptised Catholic children from all schools in the Cathedral parish of Sale. We welcome you and your child to make a commitment to the 2020 Sacramental program. **Confirmation** is available to children in **Grade 6 or older** who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation. **First Communion** is available to children in **Grade 4** who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. **Reconciliation** is available to children in **Grade 3** who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Enrolment information and forms are now available at the parish office. Phone: Jennifer Fitzgerald on 5144 4100. Email: Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au. And at our Catholic Primary Schools: St Mary's Sale, St Thomas' Sale, St Patrick's Stratford. Forms can be returned to the Parish office in Sale or to your Catholic Primary School. **Enrolments close Thursday 26 March 2020**.

ABUSE AND FAITH Has your faith been affected by the revelations of historical sexual abuse within the church? Are you affected by current or recent events related to this? If so you may wish to attend an open conversation around this, with Arda Tymensen, an experienced family counsellor, as facilitator.

Where: The Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul.

When: **Thursday 26 March at 7.30 pm**.

For further information contact the **Parish Office on 5623 1642 or Warragul@cdsale.org.au** and ask for Joan or Fr Peter.

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS in the Cathedral this weekend **14 & 15 March** there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items made by Christian artisans of Bethlehem available for purchase. This will help the artisans to improve their livelihood.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS &/or ENVELOPES are available for collection in your local Church or in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Thank you to all who give so generously to our Planned Giving Program. Please collect **your receipt or envelopes and receipt** as this saves costs for the Parish if we do not need to post them.

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.*

MASS TIMES: Please note there will be **no morning Mass on Tuesday 17 March** – St Patrick's Day – Our Parish Priests will be attending a Reflection day at Warragul - there will be Mass in the Cathedral at **6.00pm**. From this week during Lent there will be an **evening mass at 6.00pm each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each **Friday evening at 6.00pm** please come it's a good way of reflecting the passion of our Lord and of leading us into the Easter ceremonies

MASS for the Repose of the Soul of Elly Cox will be **1.00pm at St Patrick's Stratford Wed March 18**. Rosary for her dear soul will be **7.00pm Tuesday March 17** at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. Many may like to gather at the Cathedral and Stratford remembering her in our prayers.

COUNTERS: 15 March: Team 5: Len & Lyn Althaus

22 March: Team 6: Sue Harvey, Mike & Margaret Hickey

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,328.00

Presbytery: \$872.30

Credit Cards: \$0.00

Direct Debits: \$1,390.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun 15 March 9.30am: Antoni Myrdzio (A)
Sun 15 March 9.30am: Marshall McLinden (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Lent
14 - 15 March 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 14 March	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 15 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Mon 16 March	NO	MASS
Tues 17 March <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
Wed 18 March <i>Funeral Mass Elly Cox</i>	10.30am 1.00pm 6.00pm	Ashleigh House Stratford Cathedral
Thurs 19 March	9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Friday 20 March <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.15am 11.00am 6.00pm	St Thomas' school Cathedral Cathedral
Sat 21 March <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am	Cathedral

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 & 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 St Mary's Cathedral Sale (20/4).

RCIA

Dean Stuart Brown, Kim Leanne Gleeson, Tammy Lee Joyce Hanratty (Catechumens) and Cindy Pauline Foat (Candidate) were accepted at the Rite of Election and now commence their intense preparation towards Easter. Our Catechumens will be baptised and our Candidate will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church. The next three Sundays will see the First, Second and Third Scrutinies inviting your prayerful support leading to Easter when we will welcome them as our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Mary Holmes, Bill Young, Elly Cox, Sheila Edgar, Dave Rebbechi, Mary Ejale** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mgr Dan McCartan, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joe Daly, Antoni Myrdzio, Marshall McLinden**. We pray for those who are sick **Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Lorna Ray, 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: 21 - 22 March	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Ann Neville	Sandra Smolenaars		Rosemary Webster, Theo Smolenaars, Damian Hogan
Sunday 9.30am	Vince Beer	Jeff Hobbs	Brenda Bowden	John & Therese Cooper	John Vermaelen, Lenie & Bill Smolenaars
Sunday 5.30pm		Colin Coomber	Nelly Coomber		Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton, Sue Harvey

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.' Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the

water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir', said the woman 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her? or, Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus the sower and the reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**
Second Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**
Gospel: **John 9:1-41**

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