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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 20 September 2020

Dear family,

Most of us value compassion and agree that it is important both in our own lives as well as in the life of the society we live in. Undeniably, compassion is also part of our everyday experience of being human. We love and care for our children or those in pain, we instinctively feel for that person; when someone reaches out to us in distress, we feel touched. Most of us would also agree that compassion has something to do with what it means to lead a good life.

Broadly defined, compassion is a sense of concern that arises when we are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to see that suffering relieved. The English word compassion, from its Latin root, literally means 'to suffer with'. The word for compassion in Semitic languages – *rahamanut* in Hebrew and *rahman* in Arabic – is etymologically related to the word for womb, evoking the mother's love for her child as an archetypal expression of our compassion. At its core, compassion is a response to the inevitable reality of our human condition—our experience of pain and sorrow.

Compassion offers the possibility of responding to suffering with understanding, patience, and kindness rather than with fear and repulsion. Compassion lets us open ourselves to the reality of suffering and seek its alleviation. Compassion is what connects the feeling of empathy to acts of kindness and generosity.

Why am I writing on compassion? What better time to reflect on compassion than a time of universal suffering! This is not a time to search for those suffering, look around you, there is some sort of suffering in everyone. Being compassionate is not a weakness rather our noble human responsibility.

Jithin Anto

**PRAYER FOR
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide
We bless and thank you for the appointment
of your servant, Greg Bennet,
as the tenth Bishop of Sale.
May your Holy Spirit grace him
with the gifts of wisdom and strength,
gentleness and compassion,
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor
and teacher.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways and, with loving care,
watch over your people.
May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of
your truth.
As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his
home among us,
may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan
community,
now entrusted to his care and leadership.
May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of
Sale,
through our work and prayer
together bear witness to Christ and the building
up of your kingdom.
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.



31 CLUB REMINDER for 20 - 26 September.
Please pray for vocations.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD Please deliver a
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.
It would be lovely if we could reach as many of
our parishioners as possible, so they too may be
aware of the changes happening in our Parish
life. Copies are available from the Parish Office
on Monday or Friday.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections
with access to readings and prayers of the
faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID: Free
access to the following online music and video
resources Prayer: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS
will still be available for collection outside the
Chapter House all this week. Thank you to
those who have already collected their
envelopes or delivered them to others. We would
be grateful if you could collect yours at your
earliest convenience. We have receipts available
for all those who pay via Direct Debit and Credit
Card. Please collect your receipts as well if you
pay via Direct Debit or Credit Card. **We will start
mailing out any envelopes that are left in the
Chapter House from Monday 28 September.**

A COVID 19 PRAYER

When this is over,
May we never again
Take for granted:
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the store,
Dropping in on a relative,
A crowded theatre, Friday night out,
The taste of communion,
A routine check-up,
The school rush each morning,
A cuppa with a friend,
The local footy field roaring,
Each deep breath, a boring Tuesday.
Life itself.

When this ends,
May we find that we have become
More like the people we wanted to be,
We were called to be,
We hoped to be.
And may we stay that way
Better for each other because of the worst.

Until then, and always:
Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen.

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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAN PETER All
Parishioners of St Mary's Cathedral Parish would
like to wish Dean Peter a very happy for
Saturday 19 September. We hope you have a
wonderful day with many more to come.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

It is not too late to donate to this collection from
last weekend.
If you would like to donate directly the account
details are:
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**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR?** – The Siloam Program is a full-time
or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors.
It is suitable for those who wish to companion
others on their spiritual journey, helping them to
notice the movement of God in their hearts and
in their lived experience. The program, which
commences on 4 Feb 2021, blends academic
and supervisory work to foster a discerning,
contemplative approach. The program may be
offered face-to-face, online via Zoom, or a
combination of both. It may be studied as a
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University of Divinity, with Fee-Help available to
qualifying students. Apply to Heart of Life Centre
for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and
application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne
or tel 03 9890 1101.

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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,155.00
Presbytery: \$240.00
Credit Cards: \$30.00
Direct Debits: \$939.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
20 September 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS		

PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE we invite you to pray our Parish Mass at 9.30am each Sunday the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJV3nEYTZQ>. Alternatively, you can find the link on our Parish website at: <http://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>
This week's livestreamed Mass:
Sunday 20 September at 9.30am - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARRIAGE WEEK 13 - 19 SEPTEMBER A fun date night from 8 – 9pm on **Saturday 19 September**. We are partnering with our friends at Focus on the Family Australia online date night event and will be hosted by Christian comedian Ben Price. Brett and Kate Ryan of Focus on the Family Australia will talk on 'Looking back to help strengthen your future'. Discussing how to grow your relationship when life throws you a curve ball...or two! The cost is \$10 a couple who on registering will receive details. Registration through: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/virtual-date-night-2020-tickets-117714763025>

Prayer for the Year of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
Amen.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Peter Edey** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard, Fr Tim Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne**. We pray for those who are sick Daryl Leggett, Celie Smith, Carolyn Everard, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Zita Sutherland, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

17 September 2020

Postponement of Ordination & Installation of Bishop-elect Greg Bennet, Diocese of Sale

In light of the current circumstances of Covid-19 restrictions in the State of Victoria and following the announcement of "Steps" by Premier Andrews for Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne, it is necessary to postpone the planned Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Gregory Bennet which had been scheduled for 20th October at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. The Steps for Regional Victoria prevent public religious worship within the Cathedral and other settings (with special exemption for restricted funerals) until 23rd November 2020.

The Diocese of Sale wishes to support the State Government in its efforts to ensure the health and safety of all Victorians. We are mindful of the many other important occasions which people have delayed or have been unable to celebrate.

Once the Diocese is able to receive advice that we are able to proceed with the liturgy of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Bennet you will be notified immediately. As you would understand the liturgy will respect all restrictions as required. In any event the Ordination will be live-streamed in order that we can gather as One people in faith in welcoming our new bishop among us.



Yours sincerely in Christ, Rev Fr Peter Slater

DIOCESAN COVID UPDATE 17.09.2020

In response to the latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria, the following will become operational **for Regional Victoria only, from 11:59pm on 16 September, 2020.**

**REGIONAL VICTORIA
THIRD STEP**

MASSES: There is no provision for Indoor or Outdoor public Masses, even with small groups, at present.

**** In all cases, the requirements of masks, hygiene and social distancing and collection of contact details must be adhered to.**

CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

Our Vision: That all may have life in Christ. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (*John 10:10*)

Our Mission: As the Pope's international mission agency we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer.

Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another (*John 13:34*)

NEW TO 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:

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he

saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in your statutes.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Not being held until further notice

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Not being held until further notice

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**
Second Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**
Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Cancelled currently due to Coronavirus restrictions.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - No Public Masses until further notice.

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am (Live-streamed)
Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm