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*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
27 September 2020*

## *The giving of one's word*

*One of the greatest gifts we can give another is the gift of our word. Giving our word is sacrosanct. We know its easy to give our word, it has no cost but the cost comes later, and that is, if and when we honour our word.*

*Some people are very generous with their word, they promise the sun, moon and the stars. But when called upon and they don't live up to their word, their word becomes worthless. It can be very disappointing to deal with these people. Many of us will identify with such disappointments, we may have pained in being let down by those who have failed to keep their word. On the other hand some people test our patience when they are slow to give their word, appearing not to make promises easily. But when they do make a promise, you know you can rely on them to honour it.*

*In today's gospel the Father in Jesus' story asks his two sons to go and work in the vineyard, one says yes immediately and gives his solemn word that he will go - sadly he didn't go. The other son, gave his word also, he said he wouldn't go, later he changes his mind and goes. Neither son is held up as the ideal, yet we learn from both.*

*The son who said yes and didn't go is meant to act as a warning to us. Calling ourselves Christian, outsiders sometimes accuse us of hypocrisy because our lives don't give witness to the faith we profess. Sin does not necessarily imply doing something wrong. The greatest sin is not to do good: the sin of inactivity, of doing nothing. We can learn from the son who said 'No' but later changed his mind. To change one's mind is generally regarded as a fault, a weakness. This is not always the case. It takes humility to admit to one's mistakes, and courage to put it right.*

*The second son, because he finally obeyed his father, is a lot better than the first. Ideally the son who immediately and willingly carries out his father's wishes is the one we should aim at trying to be. Jesus is the ideal Son. Remember, St Pauls tells us 'He emptied himself and become obedient even to the point of death, death on the cross. Therefore, God exalted him.' (second reading)*

*The parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words can never be a substitute for fine deeds. Faithfulness is costly, it is not an easy road, it demands unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice. Even within our own lives whilst in our earthly journey, it brings great rewards in growth, serenity and joy. The unfaithful it would be fair to say have no such rewards. There is no happiness at the end of the day for the one who gives his/her word but fails in honouring it. But! The joy is great for the one who gives their word and honours it. We have heard it said of others he/she is as good as their word - Let us ask ourselves the challenging question - How good is my word?*

*We answer God's call in our Baptism, Confirmation Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Single life, Priesthood, religious life – to be his disciples, we know we are empowered to hear God's call through his word and to live it generously in our lives. Ceasing our doubt we live the good news.*

*God Bless and love you one and all*

*Dean Peter*

**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.



**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.

*Peter Slater*

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.**

**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.**

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

**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.*

**A WORD OF THANKS TO PARISHIONERS**

I want so much to thank you for your wonderful  
and thoughtful words celebrating my 75th birth-  
day last weekend. I was overwhelmed and hum-  
bled at your love and kindness. May the good  
lord bless you and in our ongoing time together  
may we do freely for God what God calls us to  
do. Love and peace. Dean Peter

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A SPIRITUAL  
DIRECTOR? –**

The Siloam Program is a full-time  
or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors.  
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application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)  
or tel 03 9890 1101.  
on Monday or Friday.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** Please deliver a  
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.  
Copies are available from the Parish Office.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 27 Sep - 4 October.  
Please pray for vocations.

**HELP FOR MARRIAGES UNDER STRESS:**

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50% until **September 30, 2020.**

**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:** \$3,155.00  
**Presbytery:** \$270.00  
**Credit Cards:** \$0.00  
**Direct Debits:** \$880.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
27 September 2020**

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

**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 27 September at 9.30am - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sun 27 Sep:** Gloria Alfar (Birthday Anniversary)  
**Tues 29 Sep:** St Michael the Archangel (Fiesta)

We offer prayers for those who have died **Dean Jones, David Aitken, Stella Ashley** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Gloria Alfar, Fr David Verlin, Andrew Birch**. We pray for those who are sick Sue Barr, Barry Lyon, 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.

**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*)

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)**

Arranges Mass stipends to be sent to poor priest overseas. In many regions, the Christian faithful are so poor they cannot support their priests and so Mass stipends are often a priests only means of material support. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. To arrange Mass offerings please visit

[www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests)  
or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

**WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Today, **Sunday 27 September**, is the 106th world day for Migrants and Refugees. Let's remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. Pope Francis in his message for Migrant and Refugee Sunday tells us "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close in order to serve".

**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.



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Dear Parishioners,


Thank you for your past and current support of the St Vincent de Paul Society and its "Good Works". However, we would like to draw your attention to, and provide information of our overseas Assist A Student program. I acknowledge the difficult times we are facing here in Victoria because of COVID-19, but it is even more difficult for the very poor overseas students that we assist.


In 2019, the National Council of the Society requested a review of the AAS program and engaged Coffey International to conduct the review. The purpose of the review was to examine the impact of the program, and the effectiveness of procedures and systems used in administering the program.

The review concluded, "The AAS program is valued and has real impact as intended in our partner countries. The amount will increase to \$100 per student". It has been \$70 per student since the beginning of the program in 1996. However, any amount towards the program is appreciated. The money is used to assist very poor students in countries to our north to attend school, who may otherwise without the assistance, not be able to afford to attend. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds himself/herself in, and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out".

If you are interested in receiving any further information, please contact Paul McCarthy on 0432 585 580.

Yours in Christ,

  
Paul McCarthy  
State Coordinator, Assist A Student  
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Kevin McMahon  
State President  
St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

**YES! I would like to Assist a Student**

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.**

**This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

**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:**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

First Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

**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