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*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 October 2020*

*The Scrutiny of the King
Matthews Gospel 22:11-14
Ways we respond!*

All of us have experienced 'giving a party' Having decided upon a date, having prepared our list of those whom we would dearly like to be with us – excitedly we send out invitations with RSVP date and await the responses.

There are three kinds of responses: Some accept our invitation almost immediately. We are so pleased so excited and very happy.

Secondly: Others respectfully decline: We are disappointed, perhaps even hurt - and in a sense we now know where we stand.

Thirdly: others make no response at all – we are left wondering - what's going on? - Did you inadvertently offend? - Still you don't know, and probably never will know. If you were to contact them their response may be – 'Oh, I meant to reply, but...I meant to!' We are left with an empty feeling.

God does not compel us. God invites us. A command can't be so easily ignored, but an invitation can. Advertisements can't compel us to buy a product, they resort to all kinds of gimmicks trying to persuade us into purchasing it. God doesn't act like that. God has total respect for our freedom.

Often we don't know what we really want, or even what is good for us. What we are seeking, and what deep down we really value and desire, are not always the same thing. Perhaps we are so very busy, our lives are so very full, that even God has difficulty in breaking through to us.

Only God knows what is truly best for us. Just as parents want the best for their children, so God wants the best for us, who are his children.

What is God calling us to? God is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life here on earth. God is calling us into intimacy with himself. God is calling us into community with others. At death God will call us into eternal life.

To pass over God's invitation altogether is the worst refusal of all. This refusal implies indifference. Indifferent people are the hardest to live our life's joy, our ups and downs with. The corona-virus – Covid19, has left us with stories of people in lock down, not able to call in on their parents, not able to visit for more than 1 or 2 hours. What we value most has been rediscovered and many are once again reaching out to those they love. Phone calls in abundance, letters, messages are putting smiles on faces and bringing joy to lonely hearts. Out of something terribly restricting new life is born and love abides in ways they have never done so before.

Love of God and neighbour is coming together through our live-stream Masses, prayers, zoom meetings. People baptised to be one with each other are finding ways to support and be present to each other – God is Good. Our Cathedral parish is graced with kindness and care and in that kindness, love and attention, God is with us all the time.

Let us find ways to respond to God's call - as we answer God's call to be one in our love of God and neighbour. God bless and love you all in your wonderful efforts to ease the plight of those who are lonely and afraid.

Love and prayers; 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.



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

We are waiting for a date for the ordination and
installation of Bishop-elect Greg Bennett. We will
inform you via the bulletin once the date has
been announced.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 12 - 18 October.
Please pray for vocations.

MASSES: There is no provision for Indoor or
Outdoor public Masses, even with small
groups, at present due to Coronavirus
restrictions

FAITH AND EQUALITY PETITION You may
have already received this but just in case you
haven't. It is a petition asking for a fairer
treatment for faith communities in the Roadmap.
Please consider signing up and encourage your
family and friends to do the same. [https://
www.ipetitions.com/petition/faith-equality](https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/faith-equality)

ANTI POVERTY WEEK - 12 to 18 October The
aim of Anti-Poverty Week is to strengthen public
understanding of the causes and consequences
of poverty and hardship around the world and in
Australia, and to encourage research, discussion
and action to address these problems including
action by individuals, communities, organisations
and governments.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY is being held
on 10 October. For additional information and
resources on either event please check on the
Catholic Social Justice website at: [https://
socialjustice.catholic.org.au](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

CARERS WEEK Carers Week is celebrated
from 11-17 October. National Carers Week is an
opportunity to recognise, celebrate, and raise
awareness among all Australians about the
diversity of carers and their caring roles.
Websites: <https://carersweek.com.au/about/>
<https://www.catholic.org.au/disability>

**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. To donate drop an envelope into the
Parish Office or go to the link at: [https://
www.catholicmission.org.au/donate](https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate)

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is organizing
the prayer campaign *One Million Children
Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the
prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into
the heart of God. How powerful then is the
prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of
children, and adults, all around the world! Join
this prayer campaign on 18 of October. Go to
www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to
learn more.

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.*

HEART OF LIFE

'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions
(via Zoom) – **Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm
(AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020.** We
invite you to join us for a series of
contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody
rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing
opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at
this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom
in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and
to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join
for one or all sessions. \$85 for the Series or
\$25 per session. Bookings at
www.trybooking.com/BLILH. Heart of Life
Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03
98901101, www.heartoflife.melbourne

**JESUIT AND IGNATION SPIRITUALITY
AUSTRALIA** has information and details of a
number of retreats and spirituality event listed on
their website. Please go to the link below if you
would like more details. [https://jisa.org.au/
upcoming-events/](https://jisa.org.au/upcoming-events/)

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY Come along,
meet other members of the Sale/Wellington and
surrounding community, and learn more about
making a real difference by volunteering.
Monday 23 November 2020, 6.30 – 7.30pm.
To register for free, visit:
voluteersale.eventbrite.com.au or email
worldlyconsulting@outlook.com or call
0428 348 250

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: \$1,358.00
Presbytery: \$239.00
Credit Cards: \$3,175.00
Direct Debits: \$1,105.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 October 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 11 October at 9.30am - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 11 October: Sr Margaret Fahey OLSH (A)
Tues 13 October: Leo Harkin (A - 7 October)

We offer prayers for those who have died **Don Weir, Kevin Cooper, Margaret Cahill (Glengarry)**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Sr Margaret Fahey OLSH, Leo Harkin, Fr John Gavin, Fr John Davis, Fr Thomas Egan, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy**. We pray for those who are sick Pat Corcoran, 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, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

THE PUBLIC ROSARY

Over a century ago, the Virgin Mary appeared to three children, and she promised to come to them on the 13th of each month. During the last apparition, on October 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother produced an incredible miracle that tens of thousands of people, believers and nonbelievers alike, saw with their own eyes.

This year is the 103rd anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', and Australia is to take part in a nationwide Public Rosary Rally in commemoration of the final apparition in Fatima.

You are invited to join in prayer with a threefold purpose: that the important message of Fatima is spread throughout the world for the Glory of God, the honour of Our Lady and the salvation of souls. We ask prayers for Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for God's merciful blessing upon Australia.

In *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, Saint John Paul II proposes the Rosary as our great prayer for peace in face of the grave challenges confronting the world today.

- The Public Rosary:
- Will promote unity by bringing people together in a life of prayer,
 - Will inspire others to see that God is still important in our lives,
 - Will touch and kindle the hearts of others to stand for God,
 - Is a public act of reparation for those sins which are committed in public.

Please join us and sign up to be a Public Rosary Captain by organising to pray the Rosary either as families, as prayer groups and parish groups. Do not feel overwhelmed that it may be difficult. Remember: you are doing it for God and Our Lady. They will help you.

In his monumental work, *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

We need the intercession of the Blessed Mother as much now as we did over 100 years ago when she appeared to the young children at Fatima.



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.



Missionary parishes transform lives and yield a growing army of disciples for whom worship and sacraments come to life and whose ministry and service flourishes. You are invited to this continuation of the series of interactive sessions with global leaders in missionary parish renewal.

From the comfort of your home, be inspired by a hope-filled vision for your parish and discuss practical ideas with fellow leaders.

The final two sessions:

Thursday 15 October, 7.30-9.30pm

Growing missionary disciples in your parish with Sherry Weddell

Thursday 29 October, 7.30-9.30pm

Making missionary disciples in our parish with Fr Mauro Conte and Vanessa Comminos

VENUE Zoom Link sent upon registration

REGISTER www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ Sessions are free

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:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

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:
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
First Reading: **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**
Second Reading: **Thessalonians 1:1-5**
Gospel: **Matthew: 22:15-21**

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: Briargolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm