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*Second Sunday of Advent, Year B
5 - 6 December 2020*

NOTICE RE ATTENDANCE AT ORDINATIONS

Dear Friends

We are delighted to announce that our three transitional deacons will be ordained to the priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral Sale in the same week as we welcome our new Bishop: We shall rejoice with them, their families, friends and parishes of Sale as they are ordained to join us in the ministerial priesthood. As you would be aware, religious worship has now been capped at 150, however the density requirements have not changed, dictating the Cathedral remains at a maximum of 70 people. This means the Ordinations will be "invitation only" events with livestreaming (links to be provided at a later date).

A very small group of singers will lead the music at each of the three ordination ceremonies. If you would like to volunteer to be in this small group, please contact Director of Music: Sophy Morley as soon as possible. Email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or M: 0413 590 007. Please note that selection may depend on the expressions of interest received.

Yours in Christ

Fr Peter Slater Diocesan Administrator

Bishop-Elect Greg Bennet

THREE ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE

Friday December 11 - 11.00am

Ordination of Deacon Paul Zahar

Live stream details: <https://youtu.be/kBYFZli6XyU> or you can visit www.cdsale.org.au.

There are still spaces for **25** people to attend the Ordination. Please call Clare on 5144 4100 if you would like to book.

Saturday December 12 - 11.00am

Ordination of Deacon Confidence Masvosva

Live stream details: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ>

This ordination has no available spaces for Parishioners.

Saturday December 12 - 5.30pm

Ordination of Deacon Jithin Anto.

Live stream details: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ>.

This ordination has no available space for Parishioners.

Care and love to 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.

BISHOP'S ORDINATION: Bishop-Elect Greg
Bennet's Episcopal Ordination is to be held next
Tuesday 8 December. Unfortunately we cannot
invite parishioners generally as even though you
heard the numbers increased to 150 – we have
to abide by the restrictions and the social
distancing measurements only allow for 70 all up
to attend the Ordination-Installation ceremony.
We do encourage parishioners to tune into the
live-stream links provided for the ceremony. The
ordination Ceremony **begins at 10.45am** on
livestream.
Live stream details: <https://youtu.be/kBYFZli6XyU>
or you can visit www.cdsale.org.au

31 CLUB REMINDER for 7 - 13 December.
Please pray for vocations.

**FR JITHIN'S FIRST MASS Sunday Dec 13 -
9.30am** There are no places available for this
Mass. Unfortunately due to Covid regulations we
can't cater for people afterwards.

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.

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**MASSES: Mass can now be held for up to 70
people.** All standard Covid-19 directives to be
strictly followed. This week the only weekday
Masses available are on **Wednesday and
Thursday at 9.30am**. Please continue to make
bookings for weekend Masses at the
Cathedral through Clare in the Parish office on
5144 4100 **9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to
Friday**.

We are pleased to be able to visit our outer
churches again please keep these times handy:
Loch Sport Saturday Dec 5 11.00am
Stratford Sunday Dec 6 9.30am
Rosedale Sunday Dec 13 9.30am
Briagolong Sunday Dec 20 9.30am
Rosedale Sunday Dec 27 9.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died
**Vivienne Carrington, Don Schuback, Jim
Turner** and those whose anniversaries occur
about this time **Ray Chirgwin, Noel Bateson,
Len Watson, Julia Crosby, Kerry Lee,
Fr Patrick Donohue, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy**.
We pray for those who are sick Joan Turner,
Keith Nieuwenhuizen, Sue Barr, Barry Lyon,
Daryl Leggett, Celie Smith, Carolyn Everard,
Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Kim
Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Cynthia
Freshwater, Angela Jones, Fr Bernard Buckley
and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all
who care for the sick.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This
weekend at St Rose of Lima, we welcome for
Baptism **Ellie Lowe** daughter of Tom and
Elizabeth. Congratulations to the family from us
all.

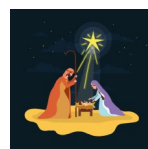
PARISH PRAYER.

*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.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE

Thursday: 24 December
CHRISTMAS EVE
6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Ashleigh House
6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Family Mass – Cathedral
7.00pm St Rose of Lima - Rosedale
CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS
9.00pm St Mary's Cathedral - Sale
Friday: 25 December
CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30am St Mary's Cathedral - Sale
9.30am St Patrick's - Stratford
10.30am Seaspray Community Hall



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5 Dec at 5.30pm: Noel Bateson (A)
Sun 6 Dec at 9.30am: Len Watson (A)
Sun 6 Dec at 5.30pm: Ray Chirgwin (A)

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,036.00
Presbytery: \$516.35
Credit Cards: \$1,825.00
Direct Debits: \$745.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Advent, YEAR B
5 - 6 December 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Sat 5 December	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sun 6 December	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Weekday Masses</i>		
Tues 8 December <i>Bishop-Elect Greg Bennet's Episcopal Ordination <u>by invitation only</u></i>	11.00am	Cathedral
Wed 9 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thurs 10 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Fri 11 December <i>Deacon Paul Zahar's Ordination <u>by Invitation only</u></i>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Sat 12 December <i>Deacon Confidence Masvosva's Ordination <u>by invitation only</u></i>	11.00am 11.00am	Loch Sport Cathedral
<i>Deacon Jithin Anton's Ordination <u>by invitation only</u></i>	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sun 6 December	9.30am	Stratford
<i>Fr Jithin's First Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Please social distance</i>	<i>Use hand sanitiser</i>	<i>Use the sign in sheets</i>

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND GIVING TREE.

Despite all the difficulties, challenges and hardships brought about by this year by the Covid-19 Pandemic, most of us have survived not only with our lives, but also our finances more or less intact, while many others have not fared so well and are suffering hardship through reduced working hours and loss of jobs. Again, others who do not have access to Government payments are particularly affected and become reliant on non-Government agencies like Vinnies for their basic survival. St Vinnies have been an integral part of our Parish for the past sixty years, providing help and support for all who are needy in our wider community. St Vinnies volunteers attempt to walk with people in need, helping them through financially difficult times, being there with them and for them in these times of need.

Once again, we are seeking your financial support which in turn will enable us to do more than just moral support. As in the past, a Giving Tree will be in the open area in the church where gifts of non-perishable food items can be placed. Tags listing of types of food needed can be taken from the tree and brought back to be placed under the tree or alternatively taken to the Parish office as access times to the church may be restricted due to Covid. Monetary gifts are also will also be gratefully received and these can also be left at the Parish office. (Collections at Mass may be possible later if restrictions are lifted) A tree is life giving and our gifts can also be lifegiving for both those who give and those who receive. If you know of parishioners unable to come to Mass and who would like to give, consider taking tags from the tree to them and returning their gift for them.

St Vinnies volunteers are very conscious that these efforts are a combined Parish effort to do for others who are unable to do for themselves. God bless the poor in their need and us for our support to try and alleviate some of their poverty,

Happy Christmas. St Vincent de Paul Society.



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That Catholic Shop. *That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development for *Aid to the Church in Need* Australia. This year do some Christmas shopping on the online store and support the works of ACN to keep the faith alive. Please visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

Your purchase of these beautiful Christmas Cards and olivewood items will support our Christian brothers and sisters to remain and work in the Holy Land - and ensure an ongoing Christian presence for generations to come.



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!

NAME:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5. 911

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

Each Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Each Friday 11.30am—12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

First Reading: **Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11**

Second Reading: **Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Gospel: **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Cancelled currently due to Covid restrictions.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am (Live-streamed only)

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