

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year B 12 - 13 December 2020

The Diocese of Sale welcomes it's new Bishop with joy - Bishop Gregory Charles Bennet.



We rejoice in the Ordinations of Fr Paul Zaher, Fr Confidence Masvosva and Fr Jithin Anto and wish them a fruitful ministry within the Diocese of Sale.



MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 80 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. When you enter your Cathedral or local church you will see **QR codes on display**. Use this QR code to register your attendance. If you don't have a smart phone or don't have it with you the Covid attendant will have a manual sign in sheet available. This allows us to have more Parishioners attend each Mass as the space ratio drops from 1 person per 4 square metres to 1 person per 2 square metres. This is a State Government requirement for holding services.

PARISH MASSES Weekday Masses are held on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am. Friday Mass is held at 11.00am** and is followed by Reconciliation and Exposition. 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:

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| Rosedale | Sunday Dec 13 | 9.30am |
| Briagolong | Sunday Dec 20 | 9.30am |
| Rosedale | Sunday Dec 27 | 9.30am |
| | 2021 | |
| Stratford | Sunday Jan 3 | 9.30am |
| Loch Sport | Saturday Jan 9 | 11.00am |
| Rosedale | Sunday Jan 10 | 9.30am |
| Briagolong | Sunday Jan 17 | 9.30am |

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Rose of Lima, we welcome for Baptism Penelope Mitchell daughter of Adam and Christina. Congratulations to the family from us all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 13 Dec at 5.30pm: Thomas Whelan(A)
Tues 15 Dec at 9.30am: Renato & Stephen Segafredo (A's)

ASHLEIGH HOUSE VIGIL MASS at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve will **only be available for Ashleigh House, Northwood Park and Eastwood Park residents** due to the Covid restrictions reduced numbers. To make a booking please call **Fiona at Ashleigh House on 5144 4484**. We thank all Parishioners for their understanding of this requirement.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS can be made through the Parish Office on 5144 4100 for all Cathedral and Seaspray Masses. We can accommodate **80 Parishioners in the Cathedral and 50 in the Assembly area**.

To make a booking for our other Churches please call:

Rosedale - call Veronica on 0419 172 114
Stratford - call Beth on 0427 437 989

ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL LEADER – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Closing date of 30 November 2020 extended as places are still available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants.

Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne.org or phone 03 9890 1101.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 14 - 20 December. Please pray for vocations.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Fr Frank Young, Joan Turner, Vivienne Carrington, Jim Turner** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Jack Lyon, Eileen Lyons, Bill Lyons, Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr Patrick Kavanagh**. We pray for those who are sick **Sue Barr, Barry Lyon, Daryl Leggett, Celie Smith, 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.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL if you would like to make a monetary donation please place your money in a clearly marked envelope and add it to the collection plate. Alternatively, you can transfer money to the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS if you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers please put it in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers' and place in on the collection plate or drop it in to the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. **ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament**, Friday after Mass 11.30am—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: \$2,474.00

Presbytery: \$348.10

Credit Cards: \$40.00

Direct Debits: \$1,239.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Advent, YEAR B
12 - 13 December 2020**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
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| <i>Weekend Masses</i> | | |
| Sat 12 December <i>Deacon Jithin Anton's Ordination by invitation only</i> | 5.30pm | Cathedral |
| Sun 13 December <i>Fr Jithin's First Mass</i> | 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Stratford Cathedral Cathedral |
| <i>Weekday Masses</i> | | |
| Tues 15 December <i>Bishop Bennet's Diocesan Mass</i> | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Wed 16 December | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thurs 17 December | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Fri 18 December <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i> | 11.00am 11.30am | Cathedral Cathedral |
| <i>Weekend Masses</i> | | |
| Sat 19 December | 11.00am 5.30pm | Loch Sport Cathedral |
| Sun 20 December | 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Stratford Cathedral |
| <i>Use QR Reader Code and Register or the sign in sheets</i> | <i>Use hand Sanitiser</i> | <i>Please social distance</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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE

Thursday: 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm *Christmas Vigil Mass
Ashleigh House (Residents only)*

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*

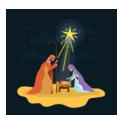
Friday: 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am *St Mary's Cathedral - Sale*

9.30am *St Patrick's - Stratford*

10.30am *Seaspray Community Hall*



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:

ADDRESS:

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If you would like to join a Family Group

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of nations.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8. 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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:
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B
First Reading: **2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16**
Second Reading: **Romans 16:25-27**
Gospel: **Luke 1:26-38**

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