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Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B 19 - 20 December 2020



16th December 2020

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's Cathedral,

The prayer of Our Lady the Magnificat captures how I feel at the end of this period of ordinations, "my soul proclaims the greatness of my Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour"!

Your prayerful support has surrounded me in these months awaiting the 8th December 2020. I'm sure I also speak for Fr Paul Zaher, Fr Confidence and Fr Jithin Anto when I say how honoured we have been by your kindness, support and generosity.

Leading up to the ordination there was activity everywhere; cleaning, rearranging furniture, flowers, gardening, and more beside. Fr Peter ensured everything was in place and everyone would be welcomed as members of the family.

The Cathedral presbytery became a 5-star reception centre with Myriam and her helpers ensuring delicious meals, dining rooms and accommodation were thoughtfully prepared to welcome clergy from near and far. Cathedral staff ensured Covid safety was in place and were assisted by welcomers to provide a warm reception for all our guests.

Such occasions are a sign of the Eternal Banquet on earth!

To Frs. Edwin and Jithin who worked alongside Fr Peter enabling such a complicated liturgy to run so smoothly, thank you.

I acknowledge our Dean, Fr Peter whose warmth, welcome and fraternal care has created a home for me.

May God bless you for your kindness. I pray the grace of the feast of Christmas will strengthen our community and each of us as living witnesses of the Good News!

Blessings of peace, joy and hope.

+ Greg

Bishop Greg Bennet DD

Bishop 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 sign in sheet available and can mark your attendance. 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. If you have not booked for Christmas Masses there may be limited places so please book with the Parish Office immediately.

PARISH MASSES Weekday Masses are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am. There is no regular Friday Mass this week due to Christmas. 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 (except Public Holidays)

Our outer Church Mass times are as follows. Please keep these times handy:

Rosedale	Sunday Dec 27 2021	9.30am
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

9.00PM CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS will be livestreamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hf8AixPXAJV3nEYTZQ>.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 21 - 27 December. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Jake Felipe son of Dennis and Rosalyn. Congratulations to the family from us all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 20 Dec 9.30am John Vasilisin (RD)
Sun 20 Dec 5.30pm: Marie & Andy Geary (A)
Tues 22 Dec 9.30am: Paul A Tsing Lay (A)

ASHLEIGH HOUSE VIGIL MASS at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve will only be available for Ashleigh House, Northwood Park and Eastwood Park residents. **There is no Mass availability for the general public due to Covid restrictions.** 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 40 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.

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 via the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

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 **John Vasilisin, Fr Frank Young, Joan Turner, Vivienne Carrington, Jim Turner** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Marie and Andy Geary, Fr John Gowen, Mgr Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Fr John Nolan, Fr Daniel Lordon.** We pray for those who are sick Sue Barr, Barry Lyon, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

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.

RECONCILIATION for Christmas will be held in the Cathedral on Tuesday 22 December at 6.00pm. Please come in preparation for Christmas. Priest's will be available. Covid restrictions apply.

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: \$1,630.00
Presbytery: \$497.85
Credit Cards: \$0.00
Direct Debits: \$1,065.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Fourth Sunday of Advent, YEAR B
19 - 20 December 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 19 December	11.00am 5.30pm	Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 20 December	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Weekday Masses</i>		
Tues 22 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 23 December	9.30am	Cathedral
CHRISTMAS MASSES	BOOKINGS	REQUIRED
Thurs 24 December		
<i>Christmas Vigil (Residents only)</i>	6.00pm	Ashleigh House
<i>Christmas Vigil Family Mass</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>	7.00pm	Rosedale
<i>Christmas Night Mass</i>	9.00pm	Cathedral
Fri 25 December		
<i>Christmas Day Masses</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.30am	Cathedral Stratford Seaspray
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 26 December	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 27 December	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral
<i>Use QR Reader Code and Register or the sign in sheets and have the attendant tick your attendance please.</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.

BISHOP GREGORY BENNET'S APPOINTMENTS

- short term and then, from 20th January 2021

Bishop Gregory Bennet DD, Bishop of Sale, has announced that in light of the unusual year- that over Christmas and New Year our newly ordained will have "summer placements".

Fr Paul Zaher will remain in Warragul/Drouin,

Fr Confidence Masvosva will remain in Leongatha and

Fr Jithin Anto will commute between Yarram & the Cathedral Parish.

THESE NEW APPOINTMENTS TAKE EFFECT ON WEDS, JAN 20, 2021

Fr Paul Zaher will become assistant priest, Pakenham.

Fr Confidence Masvosva will be Assistant priest, Warragul/ Drouin, and **Fr Jithin Anto** will become assistant priest, St Mary's Cathedral Sale and Assistant Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Sale.

Further - New appointments - are -

Fr Edwin Ogbuka, From the Cathedral parish - as Assistant Priest, Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance and Orbost

And **Fr Sunil Francis IVDei** as Assistant Priest, Berwick.

Bishop Greg also gave thanks for the ministries of **Fr Jayakody Francis** who has transferred to the Diocese of Darwin and to **Fr Xavier Pinto CSsR** who has returned safely to India following the death of his brother.

We wish all these Priests well in their first and new appointments.

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:

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be open and bring forth a Saviour.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12.14.16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R.)**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

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 (except Christmas Day) from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Each Friday (except Christmas Day) 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND:
The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
First Reading: **Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**
Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**
Gospel: **Luke 22:22-40**

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