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Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via <u>pso.sale@cdsale.org.au</u>.

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 30 - 31 January 2021

## SANTO NINO

## Welcome Bishop Gregory and members of the Filipino communities

In Malolos City, Bulacan, 40 Km north of Manila, enormous crowds gather at the end of January each year for a grand feast to celebrate the Santo Nino, the Holy Child, one of the most widely revered holy figures in the Philippines.

Malolos is home to a revered image, the Santo Nino of Malolos, but the feast here is notable because more than Santo Nino. some traditional and 200 other images of the some auite imaginative, are processed along with it. Like the participants, these images come from all over the country, occasionally even from abroad. The celebration. while much smaller than the Cebu (https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/philippines/santo-nino/santo-nino-andannual one in sinulog.cebu), provides a way of seeing in a single place how many local manifestations of the Santo Nino have made their into Filipino life and culture. The Malolos feast wav the largest celebration of Santo Nino on Luzon Island.

The Santo Nino of Malolos is an antique ivory image, locally regarded as miraculous, that belongs to a prominent Filipino-Chinese family, the Tantacos. A foundation was established to encourage and propagate devotion.

The oldest and most popular Santo Nino image in the Santo Nino of Cebu – revered by Cebuanos, people from the region in and around the city of Cebu. The devotion has spread beyond that region, and its images are common sight in homes and shops around the country and in the Filipino diaspora.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this level of devotion to the image of a boy Jesus is unique to the Philippines. In Cebu it reaches fever pitch early in January with crowds flocking to the basilica that houses it and the city and harbour are taken over for days by processions, colourful parades and celebrations. The name of that feast, Sinulog, refers to a ritual dance inspired and performed before the Santo Nino.

Though many processions in the Philippines contain large numbers of saints, a procession with so many images gives evidence to the deeply ingrained piety in Filipino culture.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Gregory Bennet who leads this devotion recognising the faithful presence of our Brothers and Sisters from the Philippines who warmly share their devotion and celebration with us.

All are welcome among us here at St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sale.

Dean Peter A Bickley

#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday - 17 February Stations of the Cross Fridays Feb: 19, 26 Fridays March: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Palm Sunday: March 28, Mass of the Holy Oils: Tuesday March 30, Holy Thursday: April 1, Good Friday: April 2, Holy Saturday: April 3, Easter Sunday: April 4.

MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 140 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. Please social distance and use the hand sanitizers' provided. Masks are not required to be worn and bookings are no longer required to attend Mass.

**<u>RITE</u> OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Julian Casley son of Shaun and Charmaine. Congratulations to the family.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will held at **7.00pm** in the Presbytery (come via the front door on the Highway side) on **Wednesday 17 February**. If you have ideas or initiatives you would like discussed please approach any member of the PPC who are listed in the banner of this bulletin.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** will be held at **1.30pm on Tuesday 9 February** in the Presbytery (come via the front door on the Highway side).

HELP NEEDED Are you able to help with the Cathedral Gardens? We need to increase our numbers assisting in caring for the Cathedral lawns and Gardens. Would you be kind, could you form a small garden team to take care of a particular section? - Please phone Clare 5144 4100 give your name (s) and contact phone number. 'Many hands make light work'. We will be most grateful.

<u>**31 CLUB REMINDER**</u> for 1 - 7 February. Please pray for vocations.

commencing soon for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. **Reconciliation** is offered to children in Grade 3 (and older) who have received the Sacrament of Baptism. **First Communion** is offered to children in Grade 4 (and older) who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. **Confirmation** is offered to children in Grade 6 (and older) who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation.

PROGRAM

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SACRAMENTAL

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Enrolment information and forms are available at: the Sacraments Enrolment and Registration Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 2 February at 4pm or 6pm** in St Mary's Cathedral or between 9am and 3pm on **Tuesday 2 Feb, Wednesday 3 Feb and Thursday 4 Feb**. To contact the Parish Office please phone 5144 4100. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish office or emailed to sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au Enrolments close on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**. *Cathedral CHOIR* The Cathedral choir, which served parish and Diocese over many

The Feast of Presentation of the Lord is the annual blessing of candles. Tuesday Feb 2, 9.30am Mass, Cathedral.

A day of Purification, Renewal and Hope On Tuesday Feb 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's adherence to the Mosiac Law as she entered the Temple of ritual purification, as explained in Leviticus 12: 2-8. Also, forty days was the time when a firstborn was brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord (Exodus 13:2-12). In Christian communities, this Mass continues to be a day of purification, renewal and hope. The procession into the Church commemorates Christ's entrance into the temple. **Please bring any candles you may have at home to be Blessed** - your candles will serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ "The light of the World'.

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> – Fr Jithin is making every effort to form a strong team. Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar – We encourage your generous response. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues 3 Feb 9.30am: Christine Sullivan (A)

Sat 30 Jan 5.30pm: Rod Brown (A)

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 servina community. always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

which served parish and Diocese over many years because so many of our parishioners committed to Choir singing. The Easter and Christmas Ceremonies were made more prayerful because of their commitment. We are grateful to Pam Whelan who stoically led the Choir and also to Julie Peavey and Allan Grav who has made themselves available on numerous occasions. To have them finish without any acknowledgement would be very remiss indeed. The intention is to encourage our parish council to arrange an event whereby organist (s) and choir members will be suitably recognised and warmly appreciated. Any ideas you may have would be welcomed - please speak to any member of the Parish Council bringing your suggestions. Who knows there may be a number of parishioners available to 'give it a go'. To create a new Choir - wouldn't that be great. I would be interested for a response here.

**LIVESTREAM MASS:** On our behalf we thank Jeff Hobbs and Chloe Nash for their excellent work providing livestreaming of our Weekend Masses. Their work pleased numerous viewers whose remarks of appreciation from far and wide was well appreciated. It would be great to form another team to continue this service. If you can help please contact Clare 5144 4100.

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:
 \$1,435.00

 Presbytery:
 \$566.90

 Credit Cards:
 \$0.00

 Direct Debits:
 \$815.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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#### Mass Timetable this week Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 30 - 31 January 2021

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Day/Date	Time	Place
<i>Weekend Masses</i> Saturday 30 January	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 31 January <i>Feast of Sto Nino</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
Weekday Masses Tues 2 February Wed 3 February (Residents only) Thurs 4 February Serra Club Mass - Parishioners	9.30am <b>10.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Cathedral Ashleigh House Cathedral
welcome to this Mass Fri 5 February Reconciliation & Exposition	11.00am 11.30am	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Weekend Masses</i> Saturday 6 February	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
Use QR Reader or the sign in sheets and to record your attendance please.	Use hand Sanitiser	Please social distance

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> There will be no 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 3 or Thursday 4 February.

# 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

# YEAR of ST JOSEPH Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

By Pope Francis



# 2021 FEAST OF THE STO NINO

The 11th Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place this **Sunday 31 January** at St Mary's Cathedral.

## 9.30am Mass

Anyone with a Sto Nino statue is encouraged to bring it along.

Wearing of traditional costumes is encouraged.Celebrant:Bishop Gregory BennetCo-celebrant:Dean Peter BickleyChoir:The Bayanihan Circle (Filipino Choir)



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died Riley Pearce (Fr Peter's Grand-Nephew), Claudia, Richard, Marie Slattery, Brian Goodison, Fr Bernie O'Brien OMI and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Christine Sullivan, Mary Durrant, Jack O'Brien, Anna John, Rod Brown, deceased members of our Filipino Community. We pray for those who are sick Bernard Clancy, 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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS? Please let us know we'd like to meet you! NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: EMAIL: Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program If you would like to join a Family Group Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28 name, and make it our glory to praise you.

# FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like vourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

# SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

# The word of the Lord.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. Here is a teaching that to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Every Friday from 11.30am-12.00pm **RECONCILIATION:** Cathedral Every Friday from 11.30am -12.00pm

# **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B First Reading: Second Reading: Gospel:

Job: 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39

# MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen reopens on February 4

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from Noon -

1.30pm Tea and Coffee provided. At Chapter House. All welcome.



# WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st & 3rd 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