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Safeguarding - Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people
with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via psale@cdsale.org.au.



Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 6 - 7 November 2021

Mark 12: 41-44

One night years ago a cloudburst stranded a newlywed couple on a remote country road. Setting out on foot they reached a farmhouse, greeted by an elderly couple who met them at the door. Explaining their predicament the young man asked - "Is it possible you could put us up for the night?" "A place on the floor or a few easy chairs would be just fine." The elderly replied "We just happen to have a spare room, get your things from the car we will freshen your room up a bit."

The next morning the newlyweds got up early and prepared to leave without disturbing the elderly couple. Dressing quietly they put an amount of dollars on the dresser, tiptoed down the stairs - upon opening the door to the living room they found the old couple asleep in chairs. They had given the newlyweds their only bedroom. Returning quickly upstairs they put an extra amount of dollars on the dresser.

This story is a modern illustration of the beautiful story of the widow in the Gospel.

Like the widow in the gospel the elderly couple gave not from their surplus but from their own meagre resources. They gave not only generously but also joyfully and from their heart.

The two stories invite us to ask ourselves how we give. Grudgingly? Dutifully? Or do we give because we want to?

There is another point about the giving of ourselves that we might think about: think on these:- "The best gift to an enemy is forgiveness - to a friend is loyalty - to a child is good example - to a father is honour - to a mother is our heart - to our neighbour is our hand." (inspired by Francis Balfour)

If our giving is less than it should be - if it is less than that of the widow in the gospel, or if it is less than that elderly couple in the story - then Jesus is speaking to us in a special way, directly and personally, in today's gospel. For he has reminded us elsewhere in the Gospel. "Give to others and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you. (Luke 6: 38). A closing meditation on how God gives so generously to us:

We ask for a flower : He gives us a bouquet. We ask for a drop of water; he gives us an ocean. We ask for a grain of sand; he gives us a beach. We ask for a blade of grass; he gives us a lawn. We ask for something to eat ; he gives us his own body and blood.

Delightful news: Cleo Smith has been found safe and unharmed - an answer to our prayers - we thank God dearly from our hearts. Local families have gathered around in support of the Zammit family of Pearsondale suffering trauma from the recent heavy and uncompromising winds. Covid 19 pandemic - so many in our community asking R U O K from the heart.

Beautiful support, through compassion and love - GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.

*Love and care through so many generous parishioners O what giving
Prayers always for one and all - Dean Peter*

PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions

13 - 14 Nov Leaving collection Military Ordinariate

21 - 22 Nov: First Communion Masses

26 Nov: Ecumenical Advent Conversation

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently for the fully vaccinated we can have up to 120 at Mass. A gentle reminder that bookings are required for those with unknown vaccination status to attend 5.30pm Sunday Mass. Livestream of 9.30am Sunday Mass will continue till further notice. We are grateful to Jeff and Chloe for making this possible. **LIVESTREAM MASS** from the Cathedral this **Sunday 7 November at 9.30am**. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAJVG3nEYTZQ>

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION The First Communion Program continues in the Parish. Children will attend a **Commitment Mass** with their families over the **next few weekends**. The next meeting will be a **parent/child workshop on Tuesday 9 November at 4.00pm** for 20 people and at **6.00pm in the assembly area of the Cathedral**.

RITE OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS - MARK HUGHES We are pleased to announce the date for this ceremony has been set for **Saturday 20 November at 10.30am in St Mary's Cathedral**. Mark's studies and preparation to date recognise him as worthy for the rite of admission to candidacy for holy orders. This means Mark is on the way to being ordained Deacon first and the ordination as Priest in 2022. All welcome to this ceremony lead by Bishop Greg. Please continue to support and pray for Mark and let us happily walk with him along the road to Priesthood in 2022

MARY'S KITCHEN break up for 2021 will be held on Thursday 9 December from **12.00 to 1.30pm**.

WE WELCOME FR AJIN who will be celebrating Mass this weekend while Fr Jithin is on leave.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 8 - 14 November 2021. Please pray for vocations.

YEAR 12 EXAMS we pray for all students and their success in what has been a particularly hard year for them in a year of Covid restrictions.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS if you would like more information about the Synod on Synodality 2023 you can find it at the Australian website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

PLENARY COUNCIL READING Garrett Publications have a number of publications available on the Plenary Council and Church reform. They can be found at www.garrattpublishing.com.au

MILITARY ORDINARIATE There will be a leaving collection for this worthy cause that we support each year next weekend on **13 & 14 November**.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH Saint Joseph in Art. The Spirit of Joseph builds community. Liturgy 'Joseph the Worker: providing for all'. A time to think, reflect, & share our insights. Hatch plans to build up our parish communities **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL 2 Rowell St, Morwell (Park in the school yard) Wednesday November 17th 7.30 pm - 9pm** Book by ringing Mike Hansen: 0417 243 703 Light Supper

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN PRISON MINISTRY *A message from Bishop Donald Sproxtton, Bishop Delegate, Prisoners' Pastoral Care.*

You have given much this year under difficult circumstances. As a sign of the Bishops' appreciation, please refer to a Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry. I also take this opportunity to particularly acknowledge your role in the lives of so many First Nations people who are imprisoned or who visit relatives and friends.

The Parish thanks all our Priests and parishioners who are involved in Prison Ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 7 Nov 9.30am: Helena Predkiewicz (A)

Sun 7 Nov 11.00am: Justin McLay (RD)

Tues 9 Nov 9.30am: Harvey & Cullen Families

Wed 10 Nov 9.30am: Rose Hole (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
serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for
one another.*

*We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN PRISON MINISTRY

God of all life,
Your son called us to be compassionate,
just as You are compassionate.
And so we pray:
For our generous Earth,
Who, even when mistreated,
continues to nourish and sustain us.
May we grow in mutual care.
For our suffering peoples,
Who, even when facing injustices,
teach us resilience and hope.
May we grow in mutual care.
For each one of us,
Who, in times of vulnerability,
draws on divine love and strength.
May we grow in mutual care.
For our prison ministries,
Which, in times of change,
find new ways of reaching out and in.
May we grow in mutual care.
And may we be blessed and inspired
As we hear these words anew:
"For you had compassion for those who were
in prison."¹
In the name of Jesus,
gentle and humble of heart,
Amen.

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:	\$969.05
Presbytery:	\$599.25
Credit Cards:	\$1,855.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$930.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$40.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
6 - 7 November 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 6 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 7 November <i>Livestream Mass</i>	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 8 November	NO	MASS
Tuesday 9 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 10 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 11 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 12 November <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 13 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 14 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation – a seasonal study of Luke, titled 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Ecumenical Reflections on the Advent readings in Year C.' The Conversation will be led by Biblical Scholars from the University of Divinity, Melbourne: The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacher, Frank Woods Associate Professor in New Testament, Trinity College Theological School, and The Rev'd Fr Francis O'tobo, Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Yarra Theological College and parish Priest of St Michael's Traralgon. There will be time for those present to participate.

Friday 26 November 2021 10.30am – 3.30pm. A light lunch will be served. Catering charge \$20 per person. 1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880. RSVP 19 November 2021. Booking essential for catering purposes. Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 Email: info@theabbey.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Justin McLay, Kevin Robinson, Vincenzina Minchella** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ellen Delany, Helena Predkiewicz, Harvey and Cullen Families, Rose Hole, Fr James O'Donnell, Mgr John Cunningham, Fr Denis O'Callaghan**. Please pray for those who are sick **Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Connie Tantaró, Dawn Carroll, Helen Cantwell, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Victorian Covid-19 Restrictions for Places of Worship

From 6:00pm on Friday 29 October 2021:

- Face Covering must be worn indoors
Hygiene precautions must be maintained at all levels
Parishes should update and have their COVID-safe plans available

If everyone is fully vaccinated:

Up to 500 people can attend Masses, Weddings, Funerals and Religious liturgies indoors (DQ 4), OR outdoors (DQ 2).

If vaccination status is unknown:

Up to 30 people can attend a religious service per facility (DQ4).

Up to 30 people can attend a funeral per facility (DQ4), and those necessary to conduct the Funeral.

Up to 30 people can attend a wedding per facility (DQ4), and marrying couple plus those needed to conduct the wedding.

Regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will unite and share the same restrictions, enabling people to travel between Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Music ministry – Singing is permitted. It is advisable to limit your music ministry to a small group. Choir must keep physical distancing of at least 2 metres between each person while singing. Keyboards, music stands and instruments should be cleaned between Masses. Congregation should be encouraged to either refrain from singing, or to do so softly without removing their masks. **Please note: Victorian places of worship must use the Victorian Government QR Code Service to check-in everyone including workers, customers and visitors.** A COVID Check-in Marshal must be present at all public entrances whenever the facility is operational. You must display signage at each public entry to indoor and outdoor spaces. This must show the venue capacity and that face mask restrictions apply. You must also display Service Victoria QR codes at each public entrance to indoor and outdoor spaces. Reusable and communal resources such as prayer/service sheets, religious texts may be used but ensure they are cleaned between uses. Devotional items may be left in place but should be venerated in ways that do not involve touching or kissing them (such as by bowing or other faith appropriate action).

Bishop's Note: If possible 'Unknown Vaccination Status' Masses should be offered in each Parish to enable the faithful to attend. This must be judged on your pastoral context: e.g. weekday, Sunday etc

Understanding fines and enforcement: Ensure you comply with current restrictions and advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer. You may need to provide evidence of your compliance, including your updated COVIDSafe Plan, work premises rosters, time and attendance data, and other site attendance records. Victoria Police and Victorian Department of Health Authorised Officers regularly check to ensure compliance with current restrictions

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first Book of Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**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.**

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

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1st Reading: **Daniel 12:1-13**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Gospel: **Mark 13:24-32**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays

'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm

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WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.