

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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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.



First Sunday of Advent, Year C 27 - 28 November 2021

FATHER PETER'S FAREWELL.

Covid-19 has for the past two years changed the best laid plans often to make life challenging for many. The latest changes are for the better with restrictions lifted and giving more freedom for everyone to attend. So last week's plans for a Parish Farewell for Fr. Peter can now be expanded considerably.

Current Plan:

Celebration after **5.30 Mass on Saturday December 18**. BBQ in the area outside the Presbytery - Car park - orchard. In the event of inclement weather, the Chapter House can also be utilized as required. Refreshments and meat will be provided. Contributions of salads and sweets will be much appreciated.

For catering purposes, we ask people to indicate their intentions to attend by booking in. This can be done at every Mass where a simple list will be displayed/available to indicate your intention to attend and indicate a willingness to bring a plate in the form of salads and/or sweets which will be appreciated. For those not able to be at Mass, please indicate your intention to attend at the Parish Office in person or phone 51444100. Please note: It is important attendees' book for catering purposes as well to comply with Covid requirements

All attendees need to check/sign in using the QR codes as per Covid requirements and be prepared to show their double vaccination status when asked, as these are still necessary as decreed by current Covid requirements. **Those who are unable to provide their vaccination status may attend the 5:30pm Sunday Mass** and enjoy some refreshments with Father Peter after that Mass.

A collection for Father Peter will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of **11 & 12 December**. If preferred a token of appreciation for Fr. Peter's many years of service to our Diocese can be made at the Parish Office.

We ask, if possible, please bring a chair for yourself on the day as there will not be chairs for everyone to be seated. Another big need is for willing volunteers to lend a hand on the day. Tasks are: setting up BBQ, tables & chairs, setting tables, cooking, serving food and refreshments and cleaning up afterwards. This will ensure a celebration that is an enjoyable and a memorable occasion for Father Peter after a life of over 47 YEARS of service, catering to the spiritual and pastoral needs as well as the general wellbeing of several generations in the Diocese of Sale.

Please attend this evening and make this an occasion of great joy and thanks for Father Peter.

Bill Smolenaars, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council

PARISH CALENDAR

2 Dec: Liturgy Group meeting 11.00am
4-5 Dec: St Vincent de Paul collection
9 Dec: Mary's Kitchen breakup 12pm
11-12 Dec: Collection for Fr Peter
16 Dec: Parish Advent Reconciliation 6.00pm
18-19 Dec: Farewell Masses for Dean Peter

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently for the fully vaccinated we can revert to pre Covid numbers at Mass. There is no longer a requirement to wear masks. **A gentle reminder that bookings & masks are required for those with unknown vaccination status to attend 5.30pm Sunday Mass.** If you can help with wiping down seats and areas needed after each Mass this service to our parish community is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all those who currently perform this service. 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 28 November at 9.30am.** The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCid2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYtZQ>. The channel name is **St Mary's Cathedral Sale.**

11.00AM SUNDAY MASS in the Cathedral comes to an end after this Sunday 28 Nov. Because there is a sizable attendance increase in our 5.30pm Sat, 9.30am Sunday and 5.30pm Sunday masses, there is no need now to continue the 11.00am timetable that has been on offer. Hopefully this will not inconvenience any parishioners. Thank you for your cooperation during the Covid - heavily restricted times.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at **11.00am on Thursday 2 December** in the Presbytery

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION will be held at **6.00pm Thursday 16 December** in the Cathedral.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Anushka Hollingsworth daughter of Monique. We also welcome Owen, Patrick and Phebe Centra children of Ben & Clare. Congratulations to the families from us all.

SYNOD 2021 — 2023. Let's walk together! Companions on the Journey. Jesus wants us to walk together side by side. Of those in our Church, who do we walk with and who is forgotten? What about those outside the Church, who is not included or welcomed? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

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 the collection plate or drop it in to the Parish Office.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS BOOKLETS The parish office has copies available of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections. Parishioners can purchase this book from the Parish Office for **\$5.00.**

PURE HARMONY MUSIC & EVENTS is proud to join with *St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale* to present the most enduring choral work in history, **Handel's Messiah.** Composed in 1741, the work is still as potent as it was 280 years ago, inspiring joy and wonder from both first-time listeners and the audience members who have enjoyed this work for many years. **Sunday 19 December, 2:30pm.** Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=830387

MARY'S KITCHEN break up for 2021 will be held on **Thursday 9 December from 12.00 to 1.30pm.** **Mary's Kitchen is seeking Volunteers** to help set up, serve clients and clean up. COVID 19 and Parish Safeguarding requirements will apply. **Please contact Rose on 0427 464 459 for further information if you are interested.**

SURVEY ON SION As you are aware there is currently a project being run by the Diocese of Sale on future use of the Sion Convent in Sale. Below is the link for the community survey which Dean Peter would like parishioners to use to provide their feedback on this project. <https://forms.office.com/r/4R2fHpQTef>

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.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will again be in the Assembly area of the church. St Vincent de Paul support people in need from Briagolong, Stratford, Rosedale, Sale and district including Loch Sport, Golden and Paradise Beach, and it is only with your support we can achieve this. St Vinnies volunteers do provide moral and emotional support, empathy and compassion to those in need in your communities. We are asking for your help for these people, often the forgotten and overlooked, those on the margins, those in need in our communities. Any help will be appreciated by taking a tag from the giving tree, purchase the item listed on the tag a return the item and place under the tree as a gift for others. A monetary collection will be taken up at all Masses on **Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 December.** **Can you, will you help, please.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Australia: ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 28 Nov to 5 Dec 2021. Please pray for vocations.

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:	\$942.00
Presbytery:	\$1148.75
Credit Cards:	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,530.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$60.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday of Advent, Year C
27 - 28 November 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 27 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 28 November	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 29 November	NO	MASS
Tuesday 30 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 1 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 2 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 3 December	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 4 December	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
Sunday 5 December	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Bookings & masks required for 5.30pm Mass		
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
TO ST JOSEPH**

O dearest St. Joseph,
I consecrate myself to thy honour
and give myself to thee,
that thou mayest always be my father,
my protector,
and my guide in the way of salvation.
Obtain for me a great purity of heart
and a fervent love of the interior life.
After thine example, may I do all my actions
for the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph,
pray for me that I may share in the peace
and joy of thy holy death.
Amen.



ADVENT SEASON

Blessing of the Advent Wreath (from the Book of Blessings)

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
First Candle is lit by a parishioner



THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree was created to help people link the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading up to Jesus birth. The tradition of decorating Christmas trees actually predates the arrival of Christianity in western Europe and was adopted by the early Church. In order to associate the custom more clearly with Christianity, people made Jesse trees — Christmas trees with decorations related to the events of Jesus' birth and the prophecies about him in the Old Testament. Many parishes and families make Jesse trees during Advent to remind them of these events as they prepare for Christmas. The story of Jesse, the father of David, is told in [Isaiah 11:1-10](#). David's story is found in [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#).

Sunday: The Jesse Tree

Monday: Adam and Eve	Ornament: Tree with Fruit or Apple
Tuesday: Noah	Ornament: Rainbow or Ark
Wednesday: Abraham	Ornament: Field of Stars
Thursday: Isaac	Ornament: Ram
Friday: Jacob	Ornament: Ladder
Saturday: Joseph	Ornament: Coat of Many Colors

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Kevin Jones, Leigh Morris, Peter Harris** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr James Hayes, Fr Dave Cagney**. Please pray for those who are sick Terry Chiller, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, 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.**

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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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

If you would like to join a Family Group

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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:

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**

MARY’S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary’s Soup Kitchen Thursdays

‘Soup and Sandwiches’ from Noon -1.00pm

Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



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.