

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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**Safeguarding** - Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people  
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## *Second Sunday of Advent, Year C* *4 - 5 December 2021*

**Readings: Bar 5:1-9. Ps 126:1-6. Phil 1:4-6,8-11. Luke 3:1-6**

### **Some insights for our reflection:**

Against a backdrop of geography, politics, and history, Luke ushers the adult John the Baptist onto the Jordan stage. John announces the advent of salvation and consolation to the people and proclaims that their hope for the dawn of the messianic time is near.

Advent is the season of Christian “road works,” with John the Baptist as our overseer. With John's voice, the Church asks us, both personally and communally, to level and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger to our journey to God. We are encouraged to ask ourselves these questions: What are the “potholes” in our discipleship, those sins of omission? From what do we need to be converted if we are to make the way smoother for others who find it difficult to travel to God because of our intolerant or erratic behaviour? Do we indulge in outbursts of destructive “road rage” toward our sisters and brothers as we all try to follow the way of the Gospel? Have we a kingdom vision that can enable us to see around the twists and turns of personal tragedy or ecclesial failure and recognize there - an advent of Christ - his presence with us in the suffering, dying and rising from these painful realities?

In the first reading, Jerusalem is imaged by the prophet Baruch as a grieving mother whose children have been carried off and scattered by her enemies, leaving her without a future and a hope. Jerusalem will also be given a new name that suggests her response to God's mercy: “Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.” Advent is a time when Christians are called to consider ways in which they can commit themselves to “peace through integrity” in different ways, in different places.

Psalm 126 is a beautiful response, a hymn of praise to God for hopes fulfilled and dreams realized. From seeds of tears has sprung a harvest of joy, from mouths silenced in sorrow come shouts of jubilation. That the Lord has done great things for his people is witnessed to the nations, and the psalmist continues to pray for God's grace to flow in unexpected ways and places, using the imagery of streams that would transform the Negev Desert. Together the assembly prays for the transformation of our own tears, and our own inner deserts, and our own thanks for the great things already and so often done for us by God.

From the desert of his prison, Paul writes to the Church at Philippi in words addressed to us today. It is a hopeful letter, full of Paul's confidence in the Fidelity of this church to continue in the way of the gospel so that Jesus Christ may bring his work in them to completion by the time he comes again. Out of tender compassion, Paul prays a threefold prayer: That the Philippians may continue to grow in mutual love; that its members may be discerning of the demands of their Christian life; and that they may be vigilant for Christ's Second Coming, “having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God” (Phil 1: 11 ). First love, then understanding, then ethics – these are Paul's priorities, for where would the last be without the other two.

Peace Love and Care to all – R.U.O.K? - Dean Peter

## PARISH CALENDAR

**4-5 Dec:** St Vincent de Paul Collection  
**9 Dec:** Mary's Kitchen breakup 12pm  
**16 Dec:** Parish Advent Reconciliation 6pm  
**11-12 Dec:** Collection for Dean Peter  
**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 will not be available this weekend 4 - 5 December but will return next weekend.

### SYNOD 2023 Let's Walk Together!

Our Listening. Listening with an open heart and mind is the first step. How good are we Catholics at listening with the ear of our hearts? Who don't we listen to? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>. Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

FAREWELL TO DEAN PETER celebrations will be held after 5.30pm Mass on the **Saturday 18 December with Bishop Greg**. BBQ dinner will be held near the Chapter House from 6.30 - 8.30pm. BYO chair. A sign up sheet for attendance and contributions of salad or sweets is in the Cathedral or ring the office on 5144 4100. This Mass and event is for the fully vaccinated. There will also be a small celebration for those whose vaccination status is unknown after the 5.30pm Mass on **Sunday 19 December in the Cathedral**. A collection for Dean Peter will be taken up next weekend on 11 - 12 December.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 6 - 12 Dec 2021. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Pearl & Jhett De Bono children of Grace & James. Congratulations to the family from us all.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

BOOKLETS: BLESSED 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 each**.

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](http://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 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 ADVENT RECONCILIATION will take place at **6.00pm on Thursday 16 December in the Cathedral**. Let's all make this a good opportunity to prepare for Christmas. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

WORKING BEE IN THE CATHEDRAL there will be a working bee on **Saturday 11 December after 9.30am Mass**. Any Parishioners who can attend please come and bring your tools and cleaning equipment. Please see Claire Everard who will be coordinating this working bee.

## 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.*

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS we are seeking singers and musicians for Christmas choirs. Please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 if you are able to help. Practise for Christmas will be from 5.00 - 6.30pm on **Tuesday 21 December**.

ST VINCENT'S PARISH MORWELL EAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. They will be having a Holy Mass at St Vincent's on **Saturday 18 December at 2pm** - celebrated by Fr. Jude Pirotta (local born priest). This will be followed by a social event at Kernot Hall Morwell from 6pm to 12pm. Tickets are \$50 for a 3 course meal with a live band, DJ photo booth, many more surprises. Holy Mass will be held on **19 December at 11am** at Sacred Heart church celebrated with our Bishop Greg Bennet, Josephite sisters are coming and past clergy - this will be followed by fellowship BBQ at the back of the Church. Please call 5134 2849 to book your tickets. *(These events are for the fully vaccinated.)*

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS for Christmas will be in the Cathedral for those who would like to help. We need Covid Marshalls, commentators, readers, covid cleaners for all Masses and Eucharistic Ministers for some Masses.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tue 7 Dec 9.30am:** Ray Chirgwin (A)

**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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$1,635.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$758.15
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$1,000.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$30.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Second Sunday of Advent, Year C  
4 - 5 December 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 4 December</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 5 December</b>	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 6 December</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 8 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 9 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 10 December</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	11.30am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 11 December</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 12 December</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Bookings &amp; masks required for 5.30pm Mass on Sunday</b>		
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please at all Masses.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT  
THE JESSE TREE**

The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Sunday: Moses                      *Ornament: Burning Bush*  
Monday: The Israelites        *Ornament: Lamb*  
Tuesday: Moses and Aaron    *Ornament: Tablets of the Torah*  
Wednesday: Joshua            *Ornament: Ram's Horn Trumpet*  
Thursday: Gideon                *Ornament: Clay Water Pitcher*  
Friday: Ruth                        *Ornament: Grain*  
Saturday: Samuel                *Ornament: Crown*




**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE**

Will again be in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. 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 this weekend 4 - 5 December. Can you, will you help, please.**



**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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Val Popov (Maffra), Sr Elizabeth Costigan RSC, Sr Margaret Barry RSJ, Kevin Jones, Leigh Morris, Peter Harris** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ray Chirgwin, Julia Crosbie, Kerry Lee, Fr Frank Young, Fr Patrick O'Donohue**. Please pray for those who are sick **Nikora Shaw, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**The Word of the Lord.**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

#### 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:

##### **Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

1st Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18**

#### 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 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.**