

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via [psale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:psale@cdsale.org.au).



## *Third Sunday of Advent, Year C 11 - 12 December 2021*

*A LIFE FAITHFULLY LIVED  
A LIFE GENEROUSLY SHARED  
A FAITHFUL DISCIPLE WELCOMED INTO THE HEART OF GOD  
VALE : MONSIGNOR JOHN P ALLMAN  
70 YEARS A PRIEST*

*One wonders if Mons John ever imagined the depth of service he would be called to. This legendary priest of the Diocese of Sale served 70 years as priest. Worked with no less than 8 Bishops. Entrusted with many responsibilities and saw every opportunity as an honour. This legend of a priest met every personal challenge with distinction – his life as priest in the diocese of Sale is a story that has the hallmarks of holiness, courage, generosity compassion and caring service.*

*Mons the builder, returned to Cathedral Parish Sale in Bp Eric D'Arcy's time and on into Bishop Jeremiah J Coffey's time. It was in Bp Coffey's time Mons John suffered his stroke – all this did was to change his direction from administration of parishes to living with those who were suffering through their crosses.*

*Even in his struggles, Mons John worked on what would be his highest achievement the beautiful welcoming foyer into the Cathedral. Peter Synan in his book the Three Springtime's – dedicated to Monsignor John P Allman, wrote: 'as a schoolboy, ordained priest, administrator and 'clerk of works' for major extensions and refurbishment of the 1990's. St Mary's Cathedral forever remains his beloved spiritual home.*

*Some will recall in 2016 Mons Allman's 65th anniversary, when invited back to Sale to celebrate that occasion, he filled the Cathedral with parishioners forever grateful for his 38 years of priestly service and leadership here. He amazed the locals at his recall of names and his ability to share their stories out of the love of his ever giving and generous heart.*

*We are saddened at the news of his passing, but together we remain proud that he journeyed with us. Whether we are a Bishop, Priest, Deacon, lay person, student in our primary and secondary schools – Mons John challenged us to do the very best we can in our love and service of God.*

*He challenges us to love our priesthood with all our heart, to serve our people with all our heart, to give unconditionally of ourselves to all our people, and to be prepared to accept our crosses in life as he courageously showed us through his struggles – we are to never give up, never give up.*

*Vale Mons John you remain in our hearts, supported in our prayers loved always.*

*Dean Peter, Fr Jithin Mark Hughes*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**11-12 Dec:** Leaving Collection for Dean Peter  
**Tue 14 Dec:** Liturgy Group Meeting **2pm**  
**Thurs 16 Dec:** Parish Advent reconciliation **6pm**  
**18-19 Dec:** Farewell Masses and celebrations 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 held this weekend..

### SYNOD 2023 Walking Together

Our Speaking Out: Everyone is invited to speak boldly and courageously in truth and love. Are we as Catholics good at saying publicly what is important to us? If not, why not? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code. Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops> Find out more <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

**FAREWELL TO DEAN PETER** Mass will be held at **5.30pm on Saturday 18 December with Bishop Greg**. BBQ dinner will be held near the Chapter House after Mass 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. **If you are attending you need to RSVP by 3.00pm Monday 13 December for catering purposes. You will not be able to attend if you have not registered. This Mass and event are 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.**

**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). There is now a discount of 10% on all tickets if you use the barcode on the flyer in the churches.

**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.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 13 - 19 Dec 2021. Please pray for vocations.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE** is in the Assembly area of the church. Any help will be appreciated by taking a tag from the giving tree, purchase the item listed on the tag, return the item and place under the tree as a gift for others.

**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>

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS** for Christmas will be in the Cathedral for those who would like to help until **Sunday 19 December**. We need Covid Marshalls, readers, commentators, covid cleaners for all Masses and Eucharistic Ministers for some Masses.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** will be held in the Presbytery at 2pm on **Tuesday 14 December**.

**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**.

## 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.*

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT

**WREATH** Today as we gather on the Third Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle, filled with joy and expectation at the coming of Christ, but who is already with us now. We also remember the ministry and witness of John the Baptist who summons us to heed the coming of the Holy One. May we also have the courage to voice God's message of hope and truth. *Third Candle is lit by a parishioner*  
Sing Come, Lord Jesus.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sun 12 Dec 9.30am:** Renato & Stephen Segafredo (A's)  
**Sun 12 Dec 5.30pm:** John & Rosa Centra (A's)

**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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$1,765.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$866.40
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	\$1,885.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$1,630.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$40.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Third Sunday of Advent, Year C  
11 - 12 December 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 11 December</b> <i>Dean Peter's Farewell Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 12 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 13 December</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 15 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 16 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	11.30am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 18 December</b> <i>Dean Peter's Farewell Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 19 December</b> <i>Dean Peter's Farewell Mass</i> <u>5.30pm Sunday. Bookings, masks and social distancing required</u>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please at all Masses.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>

**THIRD 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.

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| Sunday: David      | Ornament: Shepherd's Crook/Harp    |
| Monday: Elijah     | Ornament: Stone Altar              |
| Tuesday: Hezekiah  | Ornament: An Empty Tent            |
| Wednesday: Isaiah  | Ornament: Fire Tongs with Hot Coal |
| Thursday: Jeremiah | Ornament: Tears                    |
| Friday: Habakkuk   | Ornament: Stone Watchtower         |
| Saturday: Nehemiah | Ornament: City Wall                |



**2021 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE**

**FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE**

5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass – Ashleigh House  
*(residents only)*

6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Family Mass – Cathedral

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass - St Rose of Lima - Rosedale

**CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS**

9.00pm St Mary's Cathedral - Sale

**SATURDAY: 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30am St Mary's Cathedral - Sale

9.30am St Patrick's - Stratford

11.00am Seaspray Community Hall – Seaspray

11.30am St Mary's Cathedral Sale – Mass for those with unknown vaccination status. **Bookings, masks and social distancing are required.**

*St Mary's Cathedral Parish invites all families to attend the Christmas Mass. Children are welcome to dress up as a character from the Nativity for Mass.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Monsignor John Allman, Val Popov (Maffra), Sr Elizabeth Costigan RSC, Sr Margaret Barry RSJ**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Renato Segafredo, Stephen Segafredo, Vincent Carubia, John Centra, Rosa Centra, Len Watson, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr Patrick Kavanagh**. 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!

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7  
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat,  
what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident  
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry;  
but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it  
with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is  
so much greater than we can understand, will guard your  
hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**



### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

#### **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:**

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

1st Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 10:5-10**

Gospel: **Luke 1:39-44**

#### **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.**