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11th November / 12th November, 2017

THE LAMP OF WISDOM ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary time*** ***Matthew 25 1- 13***

Wisdom is one of the great themes of the Bible. And it is easy to see why. Without it we are like travellers in the dark. With it we have an unfailing lamp for our steps. Acquiring it can be slow and painful. To meet people who have grown in wisdom along the pathway of their lives is a great joy, it is a source of encouragement and inspiration.

Sometime ago I recall speaking with someone imprisoned for serious wrongdoing - he said 'you know Father, if it were not for my faith I would have wasted those years in prison. The Mass and prayers offered weekly helped me during those dark years and I felt my faith increase not decrease – without my faith I would have lost hope, and without hope, I would have given up.'

Over the years I have seen some prisoners squander their years in prison, coming out worse not better than when they went in. With no awareness nor reflection in their lives, they learnt nothing from their experiences. By the grace of God some acquire wisdom. Even a little wisdom can save us a lot of worrying and fretting.

Wisdom is the highest virtue. Through Wisdom God communicates to us the meaning of life, and the grandeur of destiny, which is to be with God, a greater good than life itself. Unlike knowledge, which is gained through hard work, wisdom is a gift of God and found by those who desire and seek it.

In the Gospel this weekend we are not talking about a momentary lapse of memory on the part of the foolish bridesmaids – forgetting to bring extra oil for their lamps. What we are really dealing with are two contrasting attitudes towards the wedding feast. For the wise maids it was a lifetime chance to meet the Bridegroom. For the foolish maids it was more of a bit of fun, a bit of a lark.

We can understand prisoners losing their spirit of hope and therefore misusing their time, but not bridesmaids waiting for the Bridegroom-and since they knew not the exact time of his arrival, they needed to be in readiness- Yet the five foolish ones couldn't do that so found themselves locked outside.

We are like the waiting bridesmaids. We are not dealing with a once-off wedding feast. We are dealing with something infinitely more precious – entrance into the Kingdom of heaven. As a beacon guides a ship to port, The Lamp of God's words and Sacraments guide our way on earth.

With every blessing and good wish- its great to be home with you. Dean Peter

PLEASE NOTE: There is no 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Monday 13th November.

BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral Payton Maya Morelli, daughter of Samuel and Teagan will be baptised. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

SERRA CLUB: Please pray for an increase in vocations in our parish. Pick up a prayer card from one of our members..

31 CLUB: reminder for the 13th-19th November

LADIES DINNER: The next dinner will be our Christmas Dinner and will be held on Thursday 23rd November at the Midtown commencing at 6.30pm. Cost is \$30 with drinks at bar prices. Replies to Anna Allen Phone 5144 3087 by Monday 20th November.

WELCOME BISHOP PAT – principal celebrant at the annual Mass for the Friends of Sion. 9.30am Mass this weekend. Welcome to all the friends of Sion who have travelled to Sale Cathedral and Sion Campus this weekend – may they enjoy their stay sharing happy memories celebrating the work of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

Blessing the memory of three Sale Cathedral Organists will follow the Mass Bishop Pat will lead prayers and bless the pictures of

Mary Georgina O'Farrell who played the Cathedral Organ 1875 – 1905. 30 years.

Jane Veronica (Jenny) Wilson who played the Cathedral Organ 1907-1967, 60 years.

Catherine (Katie) Long who played the Cathedral Organ 1967 – 1993. 26 years.

Relatives are present today and with them we delight in the ceremony that warmly recognises the dedication, generosity and giftedness of Mary, Jenny and Katie.

Their memory is enshrined at the steps leading to the choir loft, the stairs they so faithfully climbed over a period of 116 years.

NOVEMBER OFFERINGS: November Offering envelopes have been placed in the back of the churches for those who do not receive giving envelopes. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate at Masses throughout the month of November.

PARISH LUNCH **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017.**

Next weekend, we will be meeting at Legends Sporting Club for our **Parish Lunch**.

As Kath is retiring as our Parish Secretary on December 1st, this lunch will also be our farewell to Kath after her 13 plus years of loyal and devoted service to the parish.

As we anticipate many people will desire to attend this lunch, please ensure you contact the Parish Office and indicate your attendance.

IT IS IMPERATIVE that people attending contact the Parish office Phone **5144 4100 NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH. Please.**

We have been advised by Legends that other functions have been booked for that day.

PLEASE MARK This DATE
IN YOUR CALENDARS!

MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH This is the date for the annual Volunteers Barbeque. More information on this closer to the date.

HEALING MASS: The next Healing Mass will be held on **Sunday 3rd December in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at 12.30pm**. The Mass will be preceded by Praise Prayer at 12 noon. Refreshments will be available in Chapter House from 11.00am—4.00pm

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS: Mary's soup kitchen is holding its **annual Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th Dec from 12-1pm in the Chapter House.**

Past and present volunteers are welcome to join patrons celebrate 10 years of outreach and community inclusion which Mary's soup kitchen provides.

If interested in assisting with the celebrations in any way please contact Libby on 0412873923 or attend the planning meeting on the 30th November 1-2pm in the chapter house.

ROBIN MANN singer, worship leader, composer of well-known Christian hymns such as *Father Welcomes; May the Feet of God Walk With You; Comfort, Comfort*; is coming to Gippsland for a couple of community concerts/sing-a-long events.

7.30 pm Wednesday 22nd November at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale.

Tickets: \$10 adults / \$5 children. Phone Cathedral Office 5144 2020

7.30 pm Thursday 23rd November at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 249 kay St Traralgon

Tickets: \$10 adults / \$5 children. Phone Dieter Melzer 5122 1623 or email dmelzer@aussiebb.com.au

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Cathedral

Saturday 11th November - Rose Hole (A)

Tuesday 14th November—Sebastiano (Sammy) Tantaró

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 5: Margaret Goss, Jack and Jenny Noone.

Next week: Team 6: Kath & Jodie Bird

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2,606.20

House: \$801.55

Credit Cards \$ 3,088.33

Direct Debits \$5,130.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY:

Team 4: (19th November) Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper

Team 5: (26th November) Lenie Smolenaars, Therese Cooper

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral:

Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday: Following Mass: 9.30am to 10.30am.

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.

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**Mass Timetable this week
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 5th November 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 11th November	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 12th November	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 13th November	1.00pm	Cathedral Funeral Mass John Johnson
Tuesday 14th November	9.30am 10.30am	Cathedral Wilson Lodge
Wednesday 15th November	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 16th November	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 17th November	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas Cathedral
Saturday 18th November	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 19th November	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS.

MISSION STATEMENT.

We the parish of Sale believe in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As a Parish, we seek to live out this belief by enriching the quality of our Parish life and providing opportunities to grow together in God's love.

MOTTO.

Believe! Live! Give!

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.

May we be a welcoming and serving community,

always discerning and doing your will for one another.

*Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our
lives together.*

SITUATION VACANT –

DIOCESAN FACILITIES COORDINATOR (FIXED TERM)



The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Facilities Coordinator for a fixed term of 2 years on a part time basis of 3 days per fortnight (0.3 FTE) to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church facilities. The appointee

will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager. The Diocesan Facilities Coordinator has responsibility for working with Parishes to ensure Parish maintain Church buildings and other Parish facilities, ensure compliance with essential safety, have a process to identify hazards, and compliance with Occupation Health and Safety in the maintenance of Church properties. The position will be based in Warragul and will require travel to Parishes in the Diocese.

The role is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children. A high level of professionalism, capacity to work autonomously, initiative and superior communication skills is required in this key role.

Applications: • A Position Description, Application Form, Confidential Referee Assessment Form and other relevant information is available. Please mail hr@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack . Applications close on 24th November 2017.

SITUATION VACANT –

DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint an Archivist on a permanent part time basis of 3 days per week (0.6 FTE) for the management of all Diocesan records. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager. The Diocesan Archivist has responsibility for the collection, storage conservation and retrieval of these records and historic material for the Bishop of Sale. This position will be based in Warragul.

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2017

Diocese of Sale

130 Years

We remember those who have died recently including **John Johnson and Kevin Maxfield** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr James O'Donnell, Mgr John Raymond Cunningham, Sebastiano (Sammy) Tantaró, and Rose Hole.** We pray for those who are sick including Celie Smith, Harry Fuest, Cath Smyth, Luke Packham, Rosa Maria Santos, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd and Rosie Carroll. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 19 /11/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Liz Tabuteau	Brian Leak Ann Neville		Brenda Burdit, Wilbert Smits, Frank Fidge
Sunday 9.30pm	Pam Edgley	Dianne Ward	Joel Brayshaw, Carmel Kuizenga	Clare and Lilly O'Brien	Brian Donnelly, John Vermaelen, Mirella Segafredo
Sunday 6.00pm		Brenda Bowden	Andrea Elgueta Damien Hogan		Anna Allen, Len Althaus. Stephanie Broughton

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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 book of Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died,
to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people
who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and
that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will
bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teach-
ing, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not
have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God,
the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord him-
self will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be
the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up
in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we
shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you
should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
from 12.00 noon-1.30pm in Chapter House.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil

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

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am

Sunday: Briargolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th)

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

Sunday: Cathedral - 6.00pm (DST) 5.00pm (EST)

**NEW IN 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! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.

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