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14th / 15th October, 2017
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wedding Feast - Ways of responding

You are giving a party! You have fixed the date, you have drawn up your list of people you would invite, you send out your invitations with RSVP and now wait for responses.

There are three kind of responses.

- 1) Some accept your invitation every acceptance makes you feel happy. Some may accept half- heartedly; they are coming only because they feel they are obliged. Others accept with enthusiasm; they feel honoured and grateful for having been invited.*
- 2) Others refuse your invitation. Every refusal disappoints, perhaps even offends you, but at least you know where you stand with those people. There are of course degrees of refusal. Some would like to come, but have a prior engagement on that date. Others are simply not interested it's just that they won't come.*
- 3) others simply just don't respond to your invitation - yes that too is a response - you wait and wait but no reply comes. This is the worst kind of response of all. Worse than a refusal when a refusal comes at least you know where you stand with them. But these you don't. You are left wondering what's going on. A have you inadvertently offended the invited ones? Worse you don't know and you probably never will know.*

God doesn't compel us. He invites us. A command can't be so easily ignored, but an invitation can. Advertisers can't compel us to buy a certain product, but they resort ways to trying to persuade us. God doesn't act like that. God has too much respect for our freedom.

Often we know what we really want, more even what is good for us. What we are seeking, and what we know deep down we really value and desire, are not always the same thing. Perhaps we are so busy, our lives are so full, that even God has difficulty in breaking through to us.

Only God knows what is truly best for us. And just as parents want the best for their children, so a God wants the best for us, who are his children.

What is God calling us to? God is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life here on earth. He is calling us into intimacy with himself. He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us into eternal life.

To ignore God's invitation altogether is the worst form of refusal. It implies indifference. Indifferent people are the hardest to convert.

May we all invite a metanoia - a change of heart, and warmly accept the Lords invitation to grow deeper in his love.

Best wishes and God bless
Dean Peter.

HI FROM DEAN PETER: Fr Peter asked that I say cheerio to you all, he is enjoying his break and that he is looking forward to his return.

WELCOME BACK Fr Solomon: This weekend we are happy to welcome Fr Solomon back to the Parish after his overseas leave. We hope you had a very enjoyable break Father.

PLEASE NOTE: CATHEDRAL ROOF REPAIRS

Commenced on Thursday 5th October and will be ongoing for the next two-three weeks. These are to replace the malthoid tiles on the lower section of the roof with works being funded by an insurance claim for storm damage to the roof. The works will require materials and equipment to be positioned on and around the north side of the Cathedral during this time.

VATICAN YOUTH SURVEY FOR 2018: An international survey of youth is being undertaken in preparation for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

This survey is an opportunity for young people to communicate, express and recount who they are and what they want to say about themselves. Post-school youth are invited to follow the link below to complete the survey.

The Vatican survey can be found at: <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

A PASTORAL LETTER TO CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA:

The Bishops of Victoria have written a letter to the Catholic of Victoria re: The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017. The letter also points out Failures in the proposed law. Copies of the letter are available in the back of the churches. Please take a copy home.

SION GATHERING:

Sunday 12th November, 2017. An invitation is extended to all past pupils and friends of Sion to the annual gathering. The day will begin with 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and continue afterwards at Sion College with morning tea, a meeting, lunch and then conclude with a short liturgy in the Sion chapel. All Welcome. For further information please contact Ce Ce Kingwill, email: wicck@inet.net.au or phone Maureen McLeod on 51443550 or Mobile 0427 443 550. **Registration forms available in the back of the churches.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Work will start the first Monday of the holidays. During the September holiday's the administration building including the staff room, sickbay, and all the offices are to be demolished. The new administration will operate from the library as will sick bay and the staff room will be at the back of the open area.

Entrance to the school will be via the library back door and the doors near the art room. Foundation will be able to enter via the outside door. We ask that you bear with us with these inconveniences.

Father Peter has offered us the use of the cathedral driveways to create a stop and drop zone during the building process but it is not a parking zone.

This zone will operate for morning (8.30-8.50) and afternoon (3.15- 3.40) drop off and pick up, strictly no parking, until further notice.

If you are walking your child into school, please use the usual parking around the school and not this zone.

We ask that you become familiar with how this will work. It will be a one-way zone with traffic entering from Reeves Street entrance and exiting via the highway exit. A reminder that there is no parking in the cathedral grounds and cathedral carpark.

It is extremely important that we all take extra care to keep all our children safe and all the community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017-18: There is a limited number of copies of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2017-18 available in the back of the Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th October

Cathedral 5.30pm: Kevin Bird (A)
Cathedral: 9.30am: Bruce Ellison (A)

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.

2017 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS

Stewardship is a wonderful way of living and many parishioners have been infused with that Stewardship spirit, thank you to all the parishioners who have responded so generously to our Stewardship Program.

I wish to also acknowledge the Stewardship sub-committee for their efforts in making the program such a success. The increase in giving will go a long way towards the parish meeting it's ongoing financial commitments.

Final Report

Previous

Weekly Average \$ 2,895 p/w
Number of Contributors 257
Weekly Average per pledge \$ 11.26

Results After Program

Amount promised \$ 4,138p/w
Number of Pledges 248
From: Current Contributors 208
New Pledges 40
Weekly Average per pledge \$16.68

Time & Talent Returned 86

Total Increase

Weekly \$ 1,243
% Increase 42.9 %

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 9: Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, Nick and Maree Centra.

Next week: Team 2: Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2,288.20

House: \$ 767.70

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY:

Team 1: (22nd October) Lyn Althaus and Jenny Rebbechi

Team 2: (29th October) Shirley Slater and Rosie Collins

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
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 15th October 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 14th October	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 15th October	9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Monday 16th October	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 17th October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 18th October	10.30am	Ashleigh
Thursday 19th October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 20th October	11.00am	Cathedral Mass
Saturday 21st October	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 22nd October	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong 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.*

October 2017

Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together.

Join the month of prayer and fasting to be held across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God's Grace.

We pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage: that we will act to protect God's plan for marriage and family life. We also pray for the well-being of marriages and families, and in a particular way for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning.

**Month of
Prayer & Fasting
for
Marriage & Families**

Sundays in October 2017

#PrayForMarriage

Sun 1 Oct
For the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia

Sun 8 Oct
For the strengthening of marriages and families in distress

Sun 15 Oct
For the wellbeing of those experiencing same sex attraction or gender uncertainty

Sun 22 Oct
For our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage: That we will act to protect God's plan for marriage and family life

Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council www.acmfc.org.au
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Prayer

#PrayForMarriage



Sunday 15 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

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We remember those who have died **Roma Jansen and Joan Feeney** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr John Gavin, Fr Alfred John Davis, Fr Thomas Egan, Jim Ford, John Eric Lee, Kevin Bird and Bruce Ellison.** We pray for those who are sick including **Harry Fuest, Cath Smyth, Luke Packham, Rosa Maria Santos, Liz Gross, 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 22/10/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Brenda Burditt	Brian Leak Sandra Smolenaars		Ann Neville, Theo Smolenaars Wilbert Smits
Sunday 9.30pm	Richard and Patricia Bloink	Sue Mattson	Jeff Hobbs Ann O'Brien	Dalia Ellison	Peter Centra, John Cooper Pam Edgley
Sunday 6.00pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Yvonne Hope Lydia Camp		Kathleen Telling, Rosemary Webster Damien Hogan

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God
of Israel.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians -1: 1-5;

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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