

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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**18th November / 19th November, 2017**

***Tell me what have you made of yourselves  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.***

*Once at a re-union of past pupils of a well known school run by a religious order. A senior priest attending, found himself surrounded by a host of pupils, most he had not seen since they left the school many years previously. They valued highly this priests influence on their lives.*

*Gracious as always without any prompting of them they poured out their stories. One was an architect, another a university professor, another now head of a major business company extending to dozens of countries. Another a highly successful farmer. Another a Monsignor in his diocese and another a highly esteemed principal in a prestigious school.*

*Listening to them the senior priest was impressed at the litany of successes and achievements. There didn't seem to be a single failure or loser among them. Contenting himself he nodded politely and smiled. Then looking at them with affection he said, 'and now, tell me what have you made of yourself?'*

*You will understand they were startled at this question as a long silence followed, reluctant to talk about themselves. It seems they were so focused on efficiency and success they didn't have the time to grow emotionally, with the result that in terms of relationships they were impoverished.*

*We know of many people who have done great things in their public lives but failed in their private lives. Successful careers became more important sadly often achieved at the expense of their personal lives. In the Gospel this weekend Jesus talks about three people given different talents. First two commended because they used their talents – the third is censured because he buried his talent.*

*When Christ talks about talents, we must not think only of our academic, musical or sporting talents - whilst these are important and all credit to those who possess them, develop them and use them. Christ brings us back on track in this parable, indicating the only thing that matters **is what we make of ourselves.***

*Talent is important but character even more so, talent is a responsibility, and in some cases it can be as much a burden as a gift. Talented people can easily become inflated by their talent. They may forget that all talents are gifts from God. We are merely custodians of those gifts. Life is God's gift to us. **What we do with life is our gift to God.***

*Thank you for your warm words of welcome back – its great to be back.*

*Best wishes, Take care  
Dean Peter*

**PLEASE NOTE:** No Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st November. Priests will be gathering in Warragul for their Reflection day.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism, Sherwin Shane Sulit, son of Sherwin and Sheryl, also Austin Kaksh Nikolic and Torie Kate Nikolic son and daughter of Robert and Jennifer. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

**2108 SACRAMENT ENROLMENT MEETING:**

Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion A parent only meeting for information and enrolment in Sacraments for 2018 will be held on Thursday 30th November at 5pm in the large room in the Chapter House. We invite parents and guardians to come at 4.30 for 5pm start.

**Please note change of time and venue from previous years.**

Parent/guardians must attend this meeting in order to enrol for 2018 Sacraments. There will be an opportunity to fill out the enrolment form on the night.

**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

**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 20th-26th 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.

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE:** The year 12 Valedictory Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Friday 24th November at 6.00pm

**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.

**PLEASE MARK THIS DATE  
IN YOUR CALENDARS!**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** This is the date for the annual Volunteers Barbeque. More Information on this closer to the date.

**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale.

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

**7.30 pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dmelzer@aussiebb.com.au)

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 26 November 2017** This week on the Journey, Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy talks about Finding Our Awe, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent encourages us to Know Our Neighbours and we have an take on King Lear that only Sr Hilda from the Abbey could come up with. We have some fabulous music, put it all together and you have a show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sunday 10am or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**COUNTERS:**

**This week: Team 6:** Kath & Jodie Bird

**Next week: Team 7:** Mike Hickey, Sue Harvey, Margaret Hickey.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**

**Planned Giving: \$ 2,264.00**

**House: \$1,027.90**

**With thanks from a grateful parish.**

**SACRISTY:**

**Team 6: (26th November)** Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

**Team 7: (3rd December)** Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

**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  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 19th November 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 18th November</b>	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 19th November</b>	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>Monday 20th November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Tuesday 21st November</b>	No Mass	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 22nd November</b>	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	St Thomas Cathedral Cathedral CCS Valedictory
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 26th November</b>	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.*



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**

**Any change to marriage law must include, protections for religious freedom**

**Media Release  
15 November 2017**

Parliament must work to unify Australians by respecting different views on marriage, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Denis Hart said today in the wake of the result of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey.

"The Catholic Church, and many others who sought to retain the definition of marriage as it has been understood for centuries, continues to view marriage as a special union between a woman and a man, which allows for the creation and nurture of children," Archbishop Hart said.

"A change in civil law does not change the Catholic understanding of the nature of marriage.

"The Catholic Church continues to respect the dignity-of ~ GBTIQ Australians 'and our ministries will continue to care deeply about the dignity and value of all people we encounter.

"Parliamentarians must recognise and respect the concerns of the more than 4.8 million Australians who opposed a change to the definition of marriage by putting in place strong conscience and religious freedom protections.

"These protections must ensure. that Australians can continue to express their views on marriage, that faith-based schools can continue to teach the traditional understanding of marriage and that organisations can continue to operate in a manner that is consistent with those values."

We remember those who have died recently including **Maureen Shkodrani, Julie Carstairs, John Johnson** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Daniel O'Reilly, Fr Edward O'Malley and Bishop Jeremiah J Coffey**. 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 26 /11/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shirreffs Liz Tabuteau		Theo Smolenaars, Sue Harvey, Ann Neville
<b>Sunday 9.30pm</b>	Dalia Ellison	Pam Edgley	Jeff Hobbs Clare O'Brien	Ann * Pat O'Brien	Bill Smolenaars, Peter Centra ANOTHER NEEDED - PLEASE OFFER
<b>Sunday 6.00pm</b>		Nelly Coomber	Brenda Bowden Colin Coomber		Damien Hogan, Lyn Althaus, Lisa Durrant

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received

the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Year A**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17;**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28;**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.**

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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?**

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