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30th September / 1st October, 2017

Giving one's word – Matthew 2:28-32

One of the great things we can give another person is our word. It's easy to give our word. It doesn't cost anything, the cost comes later, if and when we honour our word.

Some people are very generous with their word. They will promise you the sun, moon and stars. But you can't rely on them. They don't really mean it. Their word proves worthless, their promises dissolve like salt in water. There is not one of us who has not experienced the pain of being let down by someone who failed to keep his/her word.

But there are others who are slow to give their word. They don't make promises easily, but when they promise, you can rely on them to honour it. How great it is to deal with such people.

In this weekend's Gospel the father asks his two sons to go and work in the vineyard, one of the sons gives an immediate 'yes', he gave his solemn word, but sadly didn't keep his word. He did not go!

The other also gave his word, saying he wouldn't go but change his mind and went. There is a lesson in this for all of us. We call ourselves Christians but outsiders sometimes accuse us of being hypocrites because our lives do not bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips. Sin does not necessarily imply doing something wrong. The greatest sin is not to do good: the sin of inactivity, of doing nothing.

We can learn from the son who said 'No' but later changed his mind. To change one's mind is generally regarded as a fault and a weakness. But this is not always the case. It takes humility to admit to one's mistake, and courage to put it right.

We can see the second son because he finally obeyed his father, is a lot better than the first. This parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words can never be substitute for fine deeds. Faithfulness is one of the greatest and most necessary things in life. But faithfulness is costly. It is not an easy road. It demands unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice

Even here on earth it brings great rewards in terms of growth, serenity and joy.

There are no such rewards for the unfaithful, no happiness at the end of the day for the one who gives his word but fails to honour it. But there is great joy for the one who gives his word and honours it.

It is said that a person is as good as his / her word. If that is so, then the question you and I might ask ourselves is: How good is my word?

Kind regards to one and all – Dean Peter

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGAN THIS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER at 2:00 am: The Sunday evening Mass is at 6.00pm from this Sunday until the end of Daylight Savings Time

NO MASS AT ST PATRICK'S BRIAGOLONG next Sunday, 8th October due to the lack of a supply priest.

PLEASE NOTE: Dean Peter is away on annual leave during the month of October and a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held in the Cathedral this week on Monday October 1st, Tuesday October 2nd, Thursday October 5th at 9.30am and Friday October 6th at 11.00am. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word at Ashleigh House on Wednesday 4th October at 10.30am.

Mass will resume again in the Cathedral on Friday October 13th at 11.00am when Fr Solomon Okeh returns from his leave.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism, Hannah Jade Brady, daughter of William and Sarah. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Our First Sunday Cuppa will be hosted by Jack & Jenny Noone's Family Groups this Sunday October 1st. Please stay awhile after Mass to share a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Next meeting Tuesday 3rd October, at 1.30pm in Chapter House.

EAST GIPPSLAND REGION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL DAY RETREAT: Commencing with Mass at 9.30 in St Mary's Church, Maffra, the day retreat led by Sr. Lynette Young R.S.J. in St Mary's Hall, Maffra, will be held from 10am. to approx. 3pm. on Thursday, October 5th. The theme – "Aging and Awakening to God's Surprising Gifts". The day will offer a creative, fresh vision of what it is to be an older person as a starting point for a Spirituality that will sustain us during the second half of our lives. All parishioners are welcome! Please bring your own lunch, extras provided.

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.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club members will meet this Thursday 5th October in Chapter House for Rosary at 5.30pm followed by the dinner meeting.

31 CLUB REMINDER: The members of Serra 31 Club are reminder of their Mass commitments for Monday 25th September to Sunday 1st October.

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.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC: Australia: Choral Vespers and Spring Dinner led by members of St Francis' Choir directed by Mr Tony Way followed by dinner at Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale St. Melbourne. See Flyers in the back of the Churches.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION. Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist will be held in the Cathedral this Friday 6th October after the 11.00am Liturgy of the Word until 4.00pm. The groups normally on the roster each 1st Friday are reminder to please have a member attend during their rostered time so that there is always someone in attendance before the Blessed Eucharist at all times.

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.**

SACRISTY:

Team 6: (8th October) : Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey.

Team 7: (15th October): Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro.

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 7: Michael Hickey, Sue Harvey, Margaret Hickey.

Next week: Team 8: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo and Sandra Smolenaars.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2300.00

House: \$ 856.95

Priests' Welfare Foundation appeal \$1,362.10

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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.

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**Mass Timetable this week
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 1st October 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 30th September	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 1st October	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 2nd October	9.30am	Cathedral Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday 3rd October	9.30am	Cathedral Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wednesday 4th October	10.30am	Ashleigh Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Thursday 5th October	9.30am	Cathedral Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday 6th October	11.00am	Cathedral Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday 7th October	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 8th October	9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral 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.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

DIocese OF SALE ON FACEBOOK

You can now find the Diocese of Sale on Facebook.

Search for 'Catholic Diocese of Sale' on Facebook or go to www.facebook/dioceseofsale to 'Like'

You do not need to log in or join to see what is on the Facebook page.

The page will have news and information from around the Diocese and supplement the news coverage provided by our *Catholic Life* newspaper.

7 DAY WALKING RETREAT FROM SAN REMO TO WELSHPOOL:

With the Being with God in Nature Team - Fr Brendan Hogan

Sunday 8th October—Sunday 15th October - Cost \$1500 (plus cost of own meals).

An eight day walking retreat from San Remo to Welshpool along the George Bass Coastal Walk and the Great Southern Trail. Bus pick up and return to Narre Warren. The disciples on the road to Emmaus contemplated their own journey, having walked with Jesus in their lives. The Guided Retreat is an opportunity to spend some reflective time walking as a group. In a similar manner, you will be invited to explore your own journey, walking with Jesus. This guided retreat is an opportunity to spend some reflective time walking as a group.

A reasonable degree of fitness is essential with daily walks between 13 and 22 kms. Please contact us on 03 9854 8110 or secretary@campion.asn.au for the Application form.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

Most Holy Virgin, who appeared at Fatima, to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of grace hidden in the recitation of the Rosary,

Inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, and (*here name the other favours you are praying for*), which we ask of you in this Novena, for the greater glory of God, for your own honour, and for the good of souls. Amen.

*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima,
pray for us.*



We remember those who have died recently, **Dorothy Healey., and Elieen Moynihan (Ireland)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John, Joseph Dunlea OMI; Cecily Allman. We pray for those who are sick including** Betty Bourke, 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	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Ann Neville	Jan Slattery Maureen McLeod		Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars, Brenda Burditt.
Sunday 9.30pm	John & Therese Cooper	Ann O'Brien	Carmel Kuizenga Veronica Barnes	Clare and Lily O'Brien	Bill Smolenaars, Vhris Randall, John Vermaelen
Sunday 6.00pm		Brenda Bowden	Lyn Althaus Andrea Elgueta		Len Althaus, Lisa Durrant, Anna Allen

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7;
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9;
Gospel: Matthew: 21:33-43.

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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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