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22nd / 23rd July 2017

WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT

(Matthew 13:24-43)

The farmer in Jesus' story planted good seed in his field and rightfully expected a bumper harvest. Soon a host of sturdy green shoots sprung up, it looked like his expectations would be fulfilled. But, one morning he discovered weeds growing among the young shoots of wheat – weeds everywhere - he got a terrible shock and was bitterly disappointed.

Sooner or later weeds appear in our field – a friend betrays us, a partner disappoints us---we are shocked and hurt at the appearance of evil. The badness of bad people we expect, and can forearm ourselves against. But the badness of good people takes us by surprise, and hurts all the more. For a while through our hurt we see everything as bad – we become negative.

Seeing the farmer's response, we find we must not despair. The world is a mixture of light and darkness, good and evil. Wheat and weeds grow side by side in the same person, indeed, in ourselves. But all is not lost – there is good there too. No one understood this better than Jesus. Even in the small garden (the twelve apostles) which he tended carefully for three years, the weeds persisted, yet he didn't write it off.

We have to work on the good. The evil has to be resisted. Evil can be overcome by good. So the farmer set to work, it wasn't easy, he tried to concentrate on the wheat. When he looked closely at it he noticed that it was by reaching and straining upwards that it grew. He took heart from this because it meant that by making the wheat struggle harder, the weeds were actually having a beneficial effect on the crop. Because of the presence of evil we have to struggle. But it is through struggle we grow. Struggle awakens all that is good and precious within us.

On harvest day the farmer separated the weeds from the wheat. He reaped a fine harvest. There is more joy when the victory is hard – won. In the end good triumphs. Truth and goodness are invincible.

Joy and love to all

Dean Peter

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

WEEKEND 1 –

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend and will run for four weeks.

Under the banner of **Parishes – the heartbeat of the Church**, the Program will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of Our Parish Community here at St Mary's Cathedral Parish. Please participate in the Program, making time to read the materials, listen to our speakers and discuss the issues raised with your families and fellow parishioners.

At all Masses this weekend we will hear from parishioners who have kindly accepted to be part of the Program Leadership Team. They will invite your support the Program.

As you are leaving the church today please collect your individually addressed envelope which contains the Program brochure, a Time & Talent sheet listing the groups and ministries available in the parish, as well as a covering letter from Fr Peter.

The letters for our active Parishioners are in **STREET ALPHABETICAL ORDER**. Members of the Program Leadership Team will be on hand at all Masses to assist with any queries. They will assist you in obtaining a replacement if you cannot find your letter.

LETTER DELIVERY

*If anyone can help deliver left over letters, we would love to see you in the Gathering Area of the Cathedral, at **11.00am on Monday the 24th of July**. The more volunteers, the less postage will be needed.*

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to the Parish Information Meeting on **Thursday the 10th of August at 7.00pm**. This is the key meeting of our Stewardship Program and we will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Please join us in praying for the success of our Stewardship Program.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,

to grow in faith and service

and to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism Oscar Donal Goudie, son of Jason and Grace. Congratulations to the family from us all.

WE WELCOME BACK to the Parish, Seminarian, Stanley Devasia who will join us at the **Parish Lunch** at the Sale Bowls Club at 12.00noon today.

1ST SUNDAY CUPPA will hosted by Catholic College Sale in the Cathedral on **Sunday August 1st**. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share

90th BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: Our very Best Wishes go the Mary Harkin who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this Friday, July 28th. Congratulations Mary on reaching this wonderful milestone from all of us.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM The First Communion Workshop for **'Parents only'** will be held in St Mary's Cathedral Assembly area this Thursday, 27th July at 7.00pm (There is only one session).

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE A Diocesan Choir is being formed to lead the singing at the Ordination Mass of our seminarians Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen on Saturday September 2nd at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral. We are also looking for instrumentalists. If you are interested in joining the choir/musicians for this wonderful occasion, please contact Mrs Sophy Morley, Diocesan Director of Music, as soon as possible. E-mail s.morley@sale.catholic.org.au Phone 03 5622 6677 Mobile 0413 590 007

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: A special collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend, 30th July. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to Pope Francis and his works of charity to those in need Your contributions to the Peter's Pence collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. Join the Holy Father and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please be generous.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC) The RCIC provides the opportunity for Catholic Families with school age children who have not been Baptised to enter into a journey of Faith and prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new season of RCIC will commence on Wednesday the 23rd of August 2017 at 4pm in Chapter House. For additional information please contact Veronica Barnes at the Parish Office. 51444100

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

23th July 9.30am Francisco Aquino Jnr (A)\

23rd July 5.00pm Tim Johnson (A)

28th July 11.00am Mary Harkin 90th Birthday

SACRISTY:

Team 3: (July 30th) Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko and Caramel Allman

Team 4: (August 6th) Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy.

COUNTERS:

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

Next week: Team 6: Pat and Betty Bourke, Brenda Bowden.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,797.00

House: \$ 1,145.50

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 to 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday.

Following 9.30am Mass 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
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23rd July 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 22nd July	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 23rd July	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 24th July	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 25th July Ian Grumley Funeral	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
Wednesday 26th July	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 27th July	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 28th July	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 29th July	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 30th July	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	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.*

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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, **Janette Weston, Maria "Mimi" Bogatay, Elma Caffrey, Ian Grumley, Ralph William Sierakowski, Leslie Richard (Tommy) Clarke and Sr Aileen Vear csb.** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Denis Francis O'Callaghan, Harry Lee, Tim Johnson and Francisco Aquino Jnr.** 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	30/07/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
5.30pm Saturday			Ann Neville	Margaret Shirreffs Sandra Smolenaars		Jan Slattery, Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars
9.30am Sunday		Richard and Patricia Bloink	Sue Mattson	John Vermaelen Veronica Barnes	John and Therese Cooper	Mirella Segafredo, Lenie Smolenaars John Vermaelen
5.00pm Sunday			Brenda Bowden	Lydia Camp Damien Hogan		Len Althaus, Anna Allen, Lisa Durrant

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13-16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul's to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the gospel of Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27;

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
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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 - 5.00pm (EST) 6.00pm (DST)

**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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