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26th/27th August, 2017

Finding our real selves

The real Peter

Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter's Profession of faith

This Gospel shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning, to the mind and will of Christ himself. His position as the leader of the Twelve is shown in many details in the Gospels. He is presented as the spokesman of the Twelve, and whenever the twelve apostles are listed his name is always first.

Yet the Gospels do not spare Peter, but clearly show the high and low points in his life. No doubt, the lowest when he denied Jesus. The incident related in today's Gospel (his great profession of faith in Jesus) his finest moment.

Always one to come forward- recognised by Jesus for his leadership qualities – we acknowledge the other side of his character, a weaker and darker-side of which he was not aware. But he would find out about it in time. It proved to be a very humbling and bitter experience for him. It is important that those in positions of leadership be aware of their weaknesses. People who act as if they are infallible make a lot of mistakes and hurt a lot of people.

It is important to remember that the Peter who said 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,' was the same Peter who later said, 'I do not know this man.' What this tells us is that there was a division within Peter, just as there is a division within each of us. Just as Peter was capable of being courageous at one moment he was cowardly at another moment, and so are we.

Each of us has high and low moments. We must not let our low moments get us down, and we must draw encouragement from our high moments. While we must not forget our weak side, we must try to act out of our strong side. The Lord smiles on us in our good moments and up-holds us in our low moments. The low moments of others should not cause us to put them down or write them off. Their good moments should help us see their potential, and to affirm them and encourage them. In general we are eager to voice our criticisms, but reluctant to give a single word of encouragement, and in this way we bar every road to improvement.

In considering what people are not, we overlook what they are. Better to appreciate what a person has than brood over what they haven't. We must try to seek the good in everyone, and to reveal it and bring it out, as Jesus did in the case of Peter.

Kind wishes to all.

Dean Peter

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
FOR THEIR OFFERS OF HELP
ON SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2017**

We were overwhelmed by the people who offered to cook and/or help on the day of the Ordination to Diaconate on Saturday September 2nd.

By now I have endeavoured to contact everyone who offered to help on the day but if I have inadvertently missed talking to you, may I please ask you to contact me for the time and area you are rostered on for the day.

If you have offered to cook slices or cakes, would you please have them dropped into the Chapter House no later than 10 a.m. so we can cut and plate them up.

Our grateful thanks to everyone for your help and we pray the day will be a wonderful one for our new Deacons, Avinash and Hiep.

Please keep them in your prayers.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism Mitchell Graham MacGregor Black son of Timothy and Sally, and Tom Ryan Bertrand son of Ryan and Zoe. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

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 Marueen McLeod on 5144 3550 or Mobile 0427 443 550.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next Sunday, September 3rd, Parish Family Groups will be our hosts for the First Sunday Cuppa. All are invited to stay awhile after Mass to share a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2017

SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2017

Thank you to parishioners who have already responded to the invitation to generously support our parish with a financial pledge to the Stewardship Program.

If you were not at Mass over the last two weekend and have brought your completed pledge slip from the Program brochure with you this weekend, please place in the basket when called to do so. If required, pledge cards will also be distributed at all Masses. By completing and returning your pledge today, you will assist in minimizing the follow-up work of our Parish Leadership Team. Your completed Time and Talent sheets will also be collected today. If required, additional sheets are available at the back of the church.

Your new pledges will take effect on September 16th & 17th and letters of confirmation and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes, will be available at all Masses on the weekend of September 9th & 10th.

Thank you once again for your generous response.

DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with follow-up are reminded of the **Distribution Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday the 29th of August in Chapter House.** If you have not yet volunteered and would like to help please feel free to join us. Your support will be very much appreciated.

PROGRAM SOCIAL NIGHT

The Program Leadership Team extends a warm invitation to our **Program Social Night**, to all parishioners who have been involved in the Stewardship Program over the past few weeks. The Program would not have been so successful without your support! The Social Night will be held **at 7.00pm on Thursday September 14th, in Chapter House.** Come along to hear the results of the Program and to enjoy some light refreshments with your fellow parishioners.

*50th Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations*

*Our very Best wishes go to
Margaret and Michael Hickey
who celebrate their
Golden Wedding Anniversary
with family and friends this week end.
Congratulations to you both from all of us.*

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

The annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Sunday 17th September at 1.30pm. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Pat O'Regan.

The Pilgrimage departs from the Cathedral Hall, Cnr MacAlister & Pearson Streets and continues to the Port of Sale, returning to the Cathedral and closing with Liturgy of the Word at St Mary's Cathedral. Afternoon tea to follow.

Please register your interest with your parish office. Further information contact Sophy Morley Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator, Phone 03 5622 6677 email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au.

**EUTHANASIA and PHYSICIAN
ASSISTED SUICIDE:**

WE HAVE NOW REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN i.e. to respond with our concerns to our Upper Members of Parliament (Legislative Council) who will be voting on a bill in the very near future.

A LETTER WRITING SESSION TO OUR MPS WILL BE HELD DIRECTLY AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND. Please consider staying for a few minutes to write, your voice on this matter will contribute to the final decision. Information and assistance in writing a letter will be available and of course a cuppa. All letter writing items will be provided.

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
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 27th August, 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26th August	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 27th August	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 28th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 29th August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 30th August	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 31st August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 1st September	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 2nd September	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral (Diaconate Ordination) Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 3rd September.	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

26th August 5.30pm: Margaret and Michael Hickey 50th Wedding Anniversary
27th August 9.30am: Rita Whelan (A)
27th August 5.00pm: Monica Best (A)
27th August 9.30am Briagolong
 Greg McCarthy (A)

SACRISTY:

Team 1: (3rd September) Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi.
Team 2: (10th September) Anne Fleming, Lana Nedelko, Carmel Allman

COUNTERS:

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

Next week: Mary Cooper, Pat Dowd, Pat Lord.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,461.50

House: \$1,739.70

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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

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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY-10th September

"See Me, Hear Me"

In 2016, following a proposal from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Holy Father established a 'Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse and to ask God for a greater awareness of the responsibility of the members of the Church towards the underaged people entrusted to them.' Here in Australia, this second-stated purpose is already the focus of Child Protection Sunday, which is observed each year on the second Sunday in September.

This year our theme is **"See Me, Hear Me"** The question is how do we, (parish, community, school etc.) play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe?

Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick, and marginalized, or among families"

As a sentry, each of us plays a part in making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

We remember those who have died recently, **Eileen Harkin and Carmel Cuppari** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Thomas Shearman, Fr Patrick Cremin, Rita Whelan, Monica Best, and Greg McCarthy**, **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	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
5.30pm Saturday		Margaret Shirreffs	Maureen McLeod Helen Peavey		Jan Slattery, Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge
9.30am Sunday	John Egan	Ann O'Brien	Chris Randall John Vermaelen	Carmel Kuizenga	Lenie Smolenaars, Elisabeth Staberhofer, Mirella Segafredo
5.00pm Sunday		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Brenda Bowden		Sue Harvey, Kathleen Telling, Anna Allen

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9;
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2;
Gospel: Matthew: 16:21-27

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
from 12.00 noon-1.30pm.
Tea and Coffee provided.



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 - 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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