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4th November / 5th November, 2017

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

True happiness

The Beatitudes is a familiar scripture. We have most likely rattled off its verses in Church and the classroom since a young age. Perhaps we think of them simply as a set of moral platitudes but they are so much more than that.

Saint Augustine wrote the weighty proclamation that “anyone who piously and earnestly ponders the Sermon on the Mount, will find therein... the perfect standard of the Christian Life.”

In the Beatitudes (‘Blessings’), Jesus tells us what every one of us, deep down, wants to know: how to be happy. He speaks here not of obligations, not about demand, not about law but He talks first about joy.

To live the Beatitudes is to be centered on God and God’s desires for our life.

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.

At the heart of this Gospel is the beatitude: blessed are the merciful. This is because mercy is a participation in the Divine life itself. Show mercy and you’ll find joy. And when you make peace you are also participating in the divine life. If you’re a peacemaker you will be called a son or daughter of God because you have participated in the Divine life itself – if you want to be happy, seek mercy and peace – become a conduit of these two things.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness.

What do you hunger and thirst for? When you wake up in the morning – what is it you seek – is it success, money, power, fame? Jesus says you’ll be happy if you hunger and thirst for righteousness. Do you experience deep dissatisfaction in your life? Maybe its because you’re hungering and thirsting for the wrong things!

Jesus also says how happy you are if you are not attached to the approval of others. Oh, how we love for others to think highly of us but if you are able to kick the love for honour out of the central place in your heart then into that place can come the tender mercy of God and now you’re a conduit of Grace, now you’re a peacemaker.

Today let’s hold up the Beatitudes as a mirror in which we examine our own lives and consciences?

“Am I poor in spirit? Am I humble and merciful? Am I pure of heart? Do I bring peace?

Do you want to be happy?

Then incorporate these eight beatitudes as the structuring elements of your life.

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome to the Cathedral, Fr Denis Stanley EV. We thank Fr Denis for kindly offering to celebrate Masses at the Cathedral while Fr Peter's is still away on holiday.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism Georgiana Elizabeth Charlton, daughter of Shaun and Jessica, and Payton Maya Morelli, daughter of Samuel and Teagan. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

CATHEDRAL 1ST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend Sunday 5th November the Parish Cells of Evangelisation (Rosemary Webster) will host our 1st Sunday cuppa in the assembly area of the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to stay awhile after Mass and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

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 Nov 1-2 pm in the chapter house.

31 CLUB reminder for 6th Nov.-12th Nov.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK is from the 5th-11th November. Please pray for an increase in vocations in our Diocese. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on November 5th from 12noon-4.00pm. List available in the foyer. Vocation Masses are held every Saturday at 9.30am.

A DAY WITH BISHOP PATRICK, 'Death where is Your Sting', a Christian Reflection on Life and Death. St Joseph's church and Marian, meeting room. Warragul, Saturday 11th November 2017. 9.30am-4.00pm. Day will conclude with mass at 2.30pm. BYO your lunch or some to share. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome. Enquiries, Cathy McLure 03 51743001 or Michael Power 03 56782271.

FUNERAL MASS for the Repose of the Soul of the Late Mr Kevin Maxfield will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 9th November at 11.00am. **Rosary** will be recited in the Cathedral on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER:

Mon 6th Nov- Margaret Browning/Glenda Fry

Tues 7th Nov- Cup Day - **No meals**

Wed 8th Nov- Bernadette Van Lier /Elves

Thur 9th Nov- Lyn and Len Althaus

Fri 10th Nov- Brenda Burditt/Locky Wilson

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 22nd November at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale.

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

7.30 pm Thursday 23rd 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

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>

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDARS!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017.

On this day, we will be meeting at Legends Sporting Club for our Parish Lunch.

As Kath is retiring as our Parish Secretary on December 1st, this lunch will also be our farewell to Kath after her 13 plus years of loyal and devoted service to the parish.

As we anticipate many people will desire to attend this lunch, please ensure you contact the Parish Office and indicate your attendance.

IT IS IMPERATIVE that people attending contact the Parish office Phone 5144 4100 **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.** Please.

We have been advised by Legends that other functions have been booked for that day.

MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH

This is the date for the annual Volunteers Barbeque. More Information on this closer to the date.

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 4: Reg and Pat Carmody, Len and Lyn Althaus.

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

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2,277.00

House: \$1,072.30

Catholic Missions. \$434.55

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY:

Team 4:(12th November) Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy.

Team 5: (19th November) Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper

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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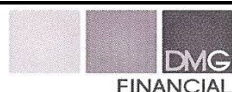
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**Mass Timetable this week
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 5th November 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 4th November	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 5th November	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 6th November	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 7th November	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 8th November	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 9th November	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral Funeral Mass
Friday 10th November	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 11th November	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 12th November	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.



SITUATION VACANT –

DIOCESAN FACILITIES COORDINATOR (FIXED TERM)

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Facilities Coordinator for a fixed term of 2 years on a part time basis of 3 days per fortnight (0.3 FTE) to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church facilities. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager. The Diocesan Facilities Coordinator has responsibility for working with Parishes to ensure Parish maintain Church buildings and other Parish facilities, ensure compliance with essential safety, have a process to identify hazards, and compliance with Occupation Health and Safety in the maintenance of Church properties. The position will be based in Warragul and will require travel to Parishes in the Diocese.

The role is expected to demonstrate a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sale and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children. A high level of professionalism, capacity to work autonomously, initiative and superior communication skills is required in this key role.

Applications: • A Position Description, Application Form, Confidential Referee Assessment Form and other relevant information is available. Please mail hr@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this pack. Applications close on 24th November 2017.

SITUATION VACANT –

DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint an Archivist on a permanent part time basis of 3 days per week (0.6 FTE) for the management of all Diocesan records. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business Manager. The Diocesan Archivist has responsibility for the collection, storage conservation and retrieval of these records and historic material for the Bishop of Sale. This position will be based in Warragul.

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2017
Diocese of Sale
130 Years

We remember those who have died recently including **Kevin Maxfield and Kathleen McKenzie** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick Francis Sterling, Fr William Tierney, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Cornelius Donovan Len Smith, and Ern Durrant.** 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 12 /11/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Ann Neville	Margaret Shirreffa Brenda Burditt		Brian Leak, Rosemary Webster, Theo Smolenaars
Sunday 9.30pm	John Egan	Ann O'Brien	John Vermaelen Veronica Barnes	Dalia Ellison	Peter Centra, John Cooper, Sue Mattson
Sunday 6.00pm		Damian Hogan	Yvonne Hope Lydia Camp		Lindsay Broughton, Jenny Fitzgerald Kathleen Telling

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response. *In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
from 12.00 noon-1.30pm in Chapter House.

Tea and Coffee provided.

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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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