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## *Living with uncertainty*

*(Wisdom 18:6-9)., (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19)., (Luke 12:32-48).*

*Many a time we find ourselves living with uncertainty. Some of those times will have been anxious times – involving an illness of a family member, or regarding our work we found the need to weigh up as to whether our job will be the same as it always had been. The anxious question will be - What of my future? Knowing it impacts on the family and their needs. Yes, throughout our lives we weigh up serious decisions needing to be made – very anxious times for many. Will our Australian competitors be successful in the Olympics? There are lots of uncertainty within our lives. This constantly stays in our thoughts – creating fear.*

*In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus gives us some instructions regarding the flight of life – a flight in which all of us is involved. We are to be prepared for the unexpected. Like faithful servants we are advised to keep ourselves in a state of readiness.*

*Only last week, I attended a dying person and said warmly, 'don't be afraid' and quickly she answered, 'I'm not afraid'. Her reply gave so much comfort to her family and friends assembled around her bedside – 'I'm not afraid'. She was ready!!*

*Through my many years in attending to my parishioners, I have witnessed often our human fragility. Life can be taken away from us in the twinkling of an eye. Jesus speaks his awareness of the uncertainty of life and through his parable stresses that death can come at any moment.*

*Uncertainty in life should not prevent us from enjoying life - all we need to know is we are to be faithful at all times to our responsibilities and commitments - then we can go forward into the unknown like Abraham did, trusting in God's gracious and loving care.*

*'Any time is a bad time for the unfaithful servant. Any time is a good time for the faithful servant. 'We are not called to be successful, only to be faithful' (Mother Teresa).*

*Walk life with care and lots of loving*

*With love and prayers to all*

*Dean Peter*

**Next weekend**  
**AUGUST 14th, 9.30AM SUNDAY MASS**

**Monsignor John P Allman**

I have invited Monsignor John to lead the 9.30am Mass on Sunday August 14th and, to mingle again with so many of you who hold him in the highest esteem. Monsignor served with distinction in the Parish of Sale for some 38 years of his priestly life – now well into retirement I thought it would be wonderful to have him among us to show him he is not forgotten and is always welcome here – since my return here many parishioners have shared fond memories and have appreciated all that Monsignor has done for the cathedral parish of Sale.

Following the 9.30am mass on August 14th there will be an opportunity to mingle with Monsignor over a cuppa – hopefully many of you will be able to gather in great numbers around Monsignor John.

**Please bring a plate of food to share**

Dean Peter

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no Mass in the Cathedral Parish this Wednesday, 10th August. The priest will be attending a Diocesan meeting in Warragul.

**FIRST COMMUNION** First Communion Masses will be celebrated in Stratford and Sale on the weekend of the 20th/21st August. Please join the families after Masses with a cuppa and cake. Keep the children and their families in your prayers as their preparation continues.

**FIRST SUNDAY "CUPPA":** This Sunday is our *First Sunday Cuppa* weekend. Parishioners are invited to stay awhile after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH** An opportunity for young people of secondary school age to prepare for Sacraments of Initiation. This program is designed for young people who have missed the opportunity for Baptism or who have been Baptised and now seek Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Program will commence in fourth term. For Enquiries contact Veronica Barnes or Jennifer Fitzgerald at the Parish Office. 51444100

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM :** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism, Jonti Jacob Schuback son of Jacob and Casey and Taj Ashton Schuback, son of Jacob and Hayley. Congratulations to the families from all of us.

**PASSIONISTS FAMILY GROUPS:**

Family Group activities for August are:  
Dinner at the Presbytery  
Lunch at la Porchetta.  
Poets & entertainment night.  
Come and join us!  
Enquiries: Veronica & Keith 0429911139

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!**

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.  
**2016 Melbourne weekend dates :** 19th -21st August and , 11th -13th November.  
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.  
Accommodation and all meals provided.  
Information/Bookings: Phone: Marianne & Marcel 0397 330 997  
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**WHERE IS POPE FRANCIS TAKING THE CHURCH?:**

This is the overall theme of four presentations being offered by Fr Elio Capra SDB to help celebrate the centenary of St Michael's Parish. All parishioners of our region are invited to attend the third session of Fr Elio's presentations. The venue will be the St Mary MacKillop Hall at St Michael's school, Traralgon.  
SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY, 10th of August, 7.00-8.30PM  
TOPIC: **YEAR OF MERCY: FROM SINFUL WANDERERS TO MERCIFUL TRAVELLERS ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.**

**ST BENEDICTS MISSION CENTRE** Invites you to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr David Callaghan MGL Enquiries Rajesh George Thalappillil 0422 215 855 or australia@magiholiday.com. Interested persons see flyer in the Cathedral Assembly area.

**DIocese of Sale - THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM: - AIRS 14 AUGUST 2016** This week *The Journey* Catholic Radio program Fr Richard Healey will bring you this week's Gospel reflection and you will hear great music and challenging inputs from the likes of Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore and Sam Clear. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sun 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 3:**  
Mary Cooper, Pat Dowd, Pat Lord.  
**Next Week: Team 4:**  
Reg and Pat Carmody, Lyn an Len Althus (Substitute team)  
**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**  
**Planned Giving: \$ 3,273.50**  
**House: \$ 809.80**  
**With thanks from a grateful parish.**

**SACRISTY: ,**

**Team 2: (14th August)** Anne Fleming, Shirley Slater, Rosie Collins  
**Team 3: (21st August)** Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko, Carmel Allman.

**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.

*Worried by a present or past pregnancy?  
We may be able to help with referrals.  
Please contact Elaine on 5144 2762*

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.  
**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.30pm 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  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7th August 2016**

Day/Date	Time	Place	Liturgy / Colour	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	5.30pm.	Cathedral	19th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	Jack Slattery (A)
	7.00pm.	Rosedale	19th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	“Free” see Father
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	9.30am.	Cathedral	19th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	For the people of the parish
	9.30am.	Stratford	19th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	“Free” see Father
	5.00pm.	Cathedral	19th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	“Free” see Father
<b>Monday 8th</b>	9.30am.	Cathedral	St. Mary of the Cross Solemnity - White	
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	9.30am.	Cathedral	Weekday - Green	
	10.30am.	Opal Aged Care	Weekday - Green	
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	9.30am.	Cathedral	St. Clare – Memorial White	
<b>Friday 12th</b>	9.15am.	St. Thomas	Weekday - Green	
	11.00am.	Cathedral	Weekday - Green	
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	9.30am.	Cathedral	Weekday - Green	
	11.00am.	Loch Sport	20th Sunday Ordinary Time - Green	

**Claim of Date**

**Parish Expo – Parish Forum**

**I am asking for all Parishioners to claim the date of October 16th for our Parish Expo and Parish Forum.**

Over the next few weeks through the Parish Pastoral Council all our parish groups will be invited to have on display their story, pictorial or otherwise – just think on it. There are some 30 or more groups actively doing wonderful things within our Parish. Each group you will appreciate has their remarkable story and more importantly are inspirational in their commitment to a great cause.

Their displays will be placed in the Cathedral gathering area with a representative attending their groups presentation, ready to answer any questions raised.

Organisation for the expo-forum will go something like this: Following the 9.30am Mass – there will be a cuppa – then a move around the room from 11.00am to 11.15am for all present to view each display. At the end of this time all will be invited to stay to take part in discussions in a parish forum, hopefully our time together will conclude at 12.00midday.

Looking forward to this special time with you.

Kind wishes, Dean Peter

We remember those who have died recently including **Alana Saleta, Emanuel Gomez**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Fr John McGirr, Jack Slattery, Neville Lee**. We pray for those who are sick including, Joyce Leeds Jaxon Kent, Professor Mary Coloe, Annabelle Gallagher, Kevin Kelly, Frances Boyd, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 14/08/2016	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
5.30pm Saturday		Ann Neville	Sandra Smolenaars		Damien Hogan
9.30am Sunday	John Egan	Pam Edgley	An O'Brien	Clare & Lilly O'Brien	Bill Smolenaars, John Vermaelen
6.00pm Sunday		Jenny Fitzgerald	Kathleen Telling		Len Althaus

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C  
First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10;  
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4;

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN**

Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from 12.00 noon-1.30pm. Tea and Coffee provided. At Chapter House. All welcome.



**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 a & 4th)  
Sunday Stratford -9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)  
Sunday: Cathedral - 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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