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25th/26h March 2017

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF MY HEART

If I may ask, which of the five senses will you value most, though all are important? I believe most will value their sense of sight. This tells how a blind man can easily evoke ones sympathy; because when blind one is cut off from so much things and activities of life. We can imagine the circumstance of the man born blind and his joy in receiving his sight in the Gospel of today.

Blindness can be physical, spiritual or both ways. The man born blind was healed of his physical and spiritual blindness. In the case of the Pharisees they were not because something had blinded them seeing from their heart who Christ is and that was envy. In our time today, we still find such blindness in peoples hearts. People denying the truth for selfish reasons, refusing to acknowledge the good in others due to envy, jealousy and pride. We find other obstacles around us that can blind us both physically and spiritually. Like the blind man we need Jesus' healing power to set us free of our blindness; so we can see things as they are and fully participate in the eternal life he has won for us. Spiritual blindness can always constitute an obstacle to authentic discipleship. We must constantly ask him to open the eyes of the heart so we can see fully to dwell in light.

Finally, God's ways of seeing things are not our ways, God looks into the heart. So as children of light once we were in darkness but now enlighten by Christ. Let us live by the truth to see what is pleasing in God's sight.

Wishing you all a heart full of God's light and love to be shared with kindness to all you meet in this time of lent. May God bless you as you journey through the week. Amen.

Fr. Solomon

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2017

Palm Sunday

Saturday 8th April:

Mass Cathedral 5.30pm

Mass Rosedale 7.00pm

Sunday 9th April:

Mass Cathedral 9.30am

Mass Briagolong 9.30am

Mass Cathedral 5.00pm

Monday 10th April:

Mass Cathedral 9.30am

Tuesday 11th April:

Mass of the Holy Oils, Cathedral 11.00am

Wednesday 12th April:

Mass 10.30am, Ashleigh House

Reconciliation 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tenebrae 7.30pm St Paul's Cathedral

Holy Thursday 13th April:

Reconciliation Cathedral 9.30am – 10.30am

and 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Watching with the Lord till 10.30pm

Good Friday 14th April: (A day of fasting and abstinence from meat)

Stations of the Cross 9.30am Cathedral - Dean Peter.

Ecumenical Walk of the Cross to St Paul's Cathedral – Commencing at St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am.

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Rosedale – Fr Solomon Reconciliation to follow.

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Stratford – Stanly.

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Cathedral (followed by reconciliation)

Holy Saturday 15th April:

Reconciliation 10.30am-11.30am.

Easter Vigil 7.30pm

(please bring your own candle with drip proof holder)

Easter Sunday 16th April:

Mass Loch Sport Community Hall 9.00am

Mass Cathedral, 9.30am

Mass St Patrick's Stratford 9.30am

Mass Seaspray Community Hall 11.30am

Mass St. Rose of Lima Rosedale, 11.30am

SACRISTY:

Team 7:(2nd April) Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

Team 1: (9th April) Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi

SEEING THROUGH FAITH.

- The blind man's eyes of faith are opened, the Pharisees' eyes of faith remain shut.
- We see illness not just as a tragedy but also as an expression of the pain and limits of our world and a sharing in the Passion of Jesus Christ.
- We see the Church not just as a simple social institution but as the voice and presence of the Risen Christ in our world, our guide for life.
- We see the sacraments not just as ancient rituals but as the actions of the Lord Himself rescuing us in so many different ways from darkness.
- We see the Mass not as a ceremony but as the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated among us, drawing us into its saving power.
- We see life not simply as a career but as a journey either towards or away from the Father.
- We see our care for others not just as philanthropy but as the extension of the healing work of Christ.
- We see marriage not just as a contract but as the promise of two people to give themselves to each other with the same kind of loyal, self-sacrificing love that Jesus has for the Church.
- We see sexuality not just as an instinct but as a sacred power that enables us to share in the work of creation.
- We see death not as a biological end but as a passage to everlasting life.
- We see the smaller deaths in our life not as failures but as ways to a new and deeper life.
- We see the same things as others see but in a deeper way.

(Taken from SJ Krempa: "Captured-Fire")

EASTER VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

AT 7.30PM Parishioners, please bring your own candle with a drip proof protector for the vigil Mass. Also please bring a plate of food to share for supper after mass. Thank you.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISMS: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral Zahra Pauline Kurera daughter of Ramin and Kristy and Ashton Leigh Sanders son of Paul and Rickie will be welcomed for Baptism. Also at St Mary's Cathedral this weekend Annabella Rose Cutrupi and Mia Layla Cutrupi daughters of Andrew and Cara will be Baptised. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our next **PARISH LUNCH** will be held at **Legends at Noon on April 9th** following the Palm Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office of your intention to attend this Lunch so we can make appropriate bookings. We will also be considering other places/activities we could enjoy as a Parish Activity. Please bring your thoughts on April 9th

THE FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA will be held next Sunday, 2nd April, at St Mary's Cathedral, our host will be the Indian community. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank You.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY:

You are all invited to join Bishop Pat and Bishop Kay along with the Latrobe Valley community in prayer.

"During the week in which the Hazelwood Power Station will be closing, Bishops Kay Goldsworthy, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Patrick O'Regan, Catholic Bishop of Sale, will gather with members of the Latrobe Valley community for prayer at the Gippsland Immigration Park, Princes Way, Morwell on Tuesday 28th March, commencing at 12 pm. All are welcome.

This short prayer service, which will go no longer than a half-an-hour, is a opportunity to stand in solidarity with the communities which make up the Latrobe Valley and to ask for God's strength and assistance at this difficult and uncertain time. It is also a moment, as we approach Easter, to renew our hope and deepen our commitment to serve our sisters and brothers."

COUNTERS:

This Week: Team 4: Reg and Pat Carmody

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret Goss, Jack and Jenny Noone

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 2,170.00

House: \$ 1339.20

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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
4th Sunday of Lent - Year A
26th March 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 25th	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 26th	9.30am.	Cathedral
	9.30am.	Briagolong
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Monday 27th	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 28th	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 29th	9.30am	Stratford
	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 31st Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	9.30am	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Cathedral
	6.00pm	Rosedale
	6.00pm	Stratford
Saturday 1st April	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 2nd April	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	6.00pm	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.

**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.

Welcome to Fr Herman Hengel, and we thank him for giving Fr Peter a rest.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR CALENDAR

Palm Sunday: April 9th- 9.30am Come in your national dress, invite your families and afterwards at 12noon. Let's gather as Parish family over lunch at Legends.

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 11th -11.00am Chrism Mass : All are invited to gather with priests and Deacons of the Diocese in St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week : April 12th - 7.30pm Service of Shadows – at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral - let us make this a truly Ecumenical gathering

Thursday of Holy Week: April 13th - 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday:- April 14th - 9.30am Stations of the Cross – Then hopefully many will join with us in the Ecumenical Walk of the Cross - leaving from the Cathedral at 10.30am and stopping at the Uniting, Salvation Army finishing at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral.

We remember those who have died recently **Fr John Reilly, SJ, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Joyce Claffey, Joe Chila and Patrick Michael O'Neill and Shane Geraghty** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John Black, Fr Michael Callery, Fr John Carley, Mary Georgina Lee**. We pray for those who are sick including, Eric Tabuteau, Luke Packham, George Gatica, Rosa Maria Santos, Sam Rizza, Liz Gross, Sr Teresa Lyne, Bill Harkin, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 2/4/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
5.30pm Saturday		Jan Slattery	Damian Hogan Maureen McLeod		Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge Amy Goldsmith
9.30am Sunday	Dalia Ellison	Betty Bourke	Liz Tabuteau Bill Smolenaars	Kuizenga family	Peter Centra, John Cooper Maureen Cunningham
6.00pm Sunday		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Brenda Bowden		Lyn Althaus, Anna Allen Sue Harvey

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born

blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the works of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered, 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind?' If so how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, "give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner." The man answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see." They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciple too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses; we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said: 'It is for judgment that I have come into the world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, "We are not blind surely?" Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

First reading : Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second reading: Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45