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25th November / 26th November, 2017

MESSENGERS OF THE KING

*Oscar Wilde wrote a beautiful story called **The Happy Prince**. During his life on earth the prince had lived a sheltered life. When he died the people erected a statue of him in the main square of the capital city. The statue was covered all over with leaves of gold. It had two sapphires for eyes and a large ruby on the handle of his sword. One cold evening a little swallow, on its way south, landed at the base of the statue. As he was resting there, a few drops of water fell on him. Looking up he saw that the Happy Prince was crying. 'Why are you crying' the swallow asked.*

'When I was alive I saw no suffering' said the Prince.' But from my perch up here I see there is a lot of unhappiness in the world. I'd like to help but I can't because my feet are fastened to the pedestal. I need a messenger. Would you be my messenger?' 'But I have to go to Egypt,' the Swallow answered. 'Please stay this night with me,' 'Very well then. What can I do for you?' 'In a room there is a mother tending her sick child. She has no money to pay for a doctor. Take the ruby from my sword and give it to her.' The swallow removed the ruby with his beak, and bore it away to the woman and she rejoiced. The doctor came and her child recovered. The swallow came back and slept soundly. Next day the prince asked him to stay another night. As he was running errands of mercy, the swallow's eyes were opened. He saw how much poverty and suffering there was in the city. He was glad to stay with the prince and be his messenger. One by one, at the prince's urging, he stripped off the leaves of gold and gave them away to the poor and the needy. Finally, he arrived back one evening. By now the statue was bare, having been stripped of all its ornaments. The night was very cold. Next morning the little swallow was found dead at the base of the statue. The prince had given away all his riches, but he could not have done so without his faithful messenger, the little swallow.

Christ Our King, gave himself totally while he lived on earth. Even as he died he was still giving to those who were receptive. And from his lofty perch in heaven he surveys the plight of God's children on earth. But his feet are fastened, his hands are tied, his tongue is silent. He needs messengers. He needs us. He has no hands but ours, no feet but ours, no tongue but ours. And it is his riches, not our own, that we are called on to dispense – his love, his forgiveness, his mercy, his good news.....What is involved is helping in simple things, things which are available to everyone – giving a hungry person something to eat, or a thirsty person something to drink, welcoming a stranger, or visiting someone who is sick or in prison..... To do things such as these one doesn't have to be either wealthy or talented. All one needs is a warm and willing heart. Everyone can do something – yes even a swallow.' Let us serve the Lord with gladness - Remember Jesus' words 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Kindest wishes - Dean Peter

WELCOME DEACON AVINASH GEORGE:

We welcome to the Cathedral Parish Deacon Avinash George, who will be assisting our priests in the parish until Christmas. We hope your time here will be both rewarding and enjoyable Deacon Avinash.

WRITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:

This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Will Davis Kelly, Jett Clayton Kelly, and Sam Lewis Kelly, sons of Clayton and Adelle. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

2108 SACRAMENT ENROLMENT

MEETING: Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion. A parent only meeting for information and enrolment in Sacraments for 2018 will be held on **Thursday 30th November at 5pm in the large room in the Chapter House.** We invite parents and guardians to come at 4.30 for 5pm start.

Please note change of time and venue from previous years.

Parent/guardians must attend this meeting in order to enrol for 2018 Sacraments. There will be an opportunity to fill out the enrolment form on the night.

HEALING MASS: The next Healing Mass will be held next **Sunday 3rd December in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at 12.30pm.** The Mass will be preceded by Praise Prayer at 12 noon. Refreshments will be available in Chapter House from 11.00am—4.00pm

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, Sunday 3rd December, Action for Life and Men Alive will be our co-hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay awhile after Mass to enjoy 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.

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 November 1-2pm in the chapter house.

SERRA CLUB: Please pray for an increase in vocations in our parish. Pick up a prayer card from one of our members..

31 CLUB: reminder for the 27th-2nd December

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 December 2017:

This week on the Journey, the first Sunday of Advent, Fr Richard Healy reflects on the Gospel of Matthew and encourages us to be alert and on guard! Walking the Walk, with Sam Clear talks about Facing the Darkness, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey, and reminds us to Call Him God (repeat), and Fr Dave Callaghan in his God spot, The Call encourages with his words of My Sheep, Listen To My Voice (repeat). Our music this week is at the top of our game, put it all together and you have an inspiring show about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sunday 10am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS

End of year Concert: St Thomas' School end of year concert will be held at the Botanical Gardens Friday night December 1st why not gather with families to celebrate a great year 2017 in the lead up to Christmas

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 25th November, Cathedral
Wally Bateson (Dec) Remembrance Mass
Sunday, 26th November Briagolong 9.30am
Frances Boyd (Anniversary)

COUNTERS:

This week: Team 7: Mike Hickey, Sue Harvey, Margaret Hickey.

Next week: Team 8: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo and Sandra Smolenaars.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 3,661.00

House: \$1,170.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY:

Team 7: (3rd December) Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

Team 1: (10th December) Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi.

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
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 26th November

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 25th November	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 26th November	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	6.00pm	Cathedral
Monday 27th November	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 28th November	9.30am 1.30pm	Cathedral Home Mass Connie Tantaro
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 30th November	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 1st December	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas Cathedral
Saturday 2nd December	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 3rd December	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.

VOLUNTEERS BARBEQUE:

MONDAY DECEMBER 11th - IN CHAPTER HOUSE

Volunteers BBQ, Monday December 11th at 6.00pm in Chapter House.

We invite all volunteers, that is, those involved in any of the ministries of our Parish, - Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharistic, Commentators, Readers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Collectors, Offertory procession and indeed all Parish groups keeping alive our special spirit by generously serving so well by reaching out to so many lives giving a sense of belonging through understanding and love - Choir members whom we really appreciate for their dedication and generosity and commitment to our Sunday Masses, under the great leadership of Pam Whelan and organist Julie Peavey.

We would love to see with us, members of Vinnies, the Serra Club, the Bible study, The legion of Mary, CWL and all other groups RCIA, Liturgy Group, Roster organisers, Family Groups - Parish Council, Finance Team, Maintenance and Gardeners, the school Principals and the School Boards - what a terrific gathering we would have as our presence on this night would further stamp our appreciation that together we do our special part in walking together in joyful hope.

All of us in our own way are building God's kingdom because it is his word, his love, his wisdom and knowledge that generates our belonging together.

If you are intending to come along would you please contact the Parish Office, Phone 5144 4100, as this will be a great help to us for catering. Thank you. All welcome!



We remember those who have died recently including **Maureen Shkodrani, Julie Carstairs, Julie Rogan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Raymond A (Tim) McInnes, Mgr William John Caffrey, Frances Boyd, and Luba Wsol.** We pray for those who are sick including Nelly Brown, 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 03/12/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Jo Jones	Brian Leak Brenda Burditt		Rosemary Webster, Wilbert Smits Frank Fidge
Sunday 9.30pm	Carmel Kuizenga	Jeff Hobbs	Ann O'Brien Bill Smolenaars	Carmel Kuizenga	John Cooper, Elisabeth Staberhofer, Pam Edgley
Sunday 6.00pm		Lydia Camp	Yvonne Hope Andrea Elgueta		Stephanie Broughton, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Kathleen Telling.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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. (R.)

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (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 first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:
First Sunday of Advent—Year B
First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8;
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN
CHAPTER HOUSE
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays,
from 12.00 noon-1.30pm in Chapter House.
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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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