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2nd December / 3rd December, 2017

STAYING AWAKE – KEEPING WATCH

First Sunday of Advent

Three times in this weekend's Gospel (Mk 13:33-37) Jesus encourages his followers to 'stay awake'. We know the call to 'stay awake' is meant for us too. It is a very appropriate call for the beginning of the liturgical year.

Habit plays a big part in our lives. All of us, except the very young, are to a great degree creatures of habit. Dostoevsky said that we live the second half of our lives according to the habits acquired during the first half. That is comforting for those who have formed good habits, but disturbing for those who have formed bad habits.

There is a positive side to habit. Repetition is necessary. It is a hard grind and a tough discipline, but it can bear fruit. Habits can be life giving and sustaining. Daily habits and routines can keep people going and help them get through their bad times, when even the smallest of our daily habits become meaningful.

Nelson Mandela gives us an example of this. Writing about his time in prison, he said, ' To survive in prison, one must develop ways to take satisfaction in one's daily life. One can feel fulfilled by washing one's clothes by sweeping a corridor....'

But there is a negative side to habit. Doing the same things day in and day out can be soul-destroying. We can get into a rut, and end up doing things merely out of habit. This results in things being done absent-mindedly and in a casual, unthinking manner. There is no real heart or feeling in them.

Habit can be a great deadener. It dulls our senses, especially our seeing and hearing-further, habits are nearly always selfish, very hard to break, especially bad habits. An actress once said: 'I like to keep the script fresh, bright, alive. If you are too familiar with the material you tend to give a rote performance. You need to get out of your comfort zone.'

We need to combat that stale and weary sense of the familiar. Maybe that is the purpose of Advent. It issues us with a wake-up call. It provides us with a chance to start again.

We can easily become Christians by habit only. We are just going through the motions. The result is a rote and often empty recitation of our prayers and dare I say it, worse still, we don't hear the Gospel any more.

Advent calls us to wake up. To shake off the fetters of habit and routine and to let Christ come alive in our lives once more.

Let us enter into this exciting Advent with a desire to break the shackles and to hear the Lord's word anew.

Kindest wishes to all Dean Peter

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve

6.00pm Ashleigh House Vigil
6.00pm Family Mass-St Mary's Cathedral
7.00pm Vigil Mass-St Rose of Lima Rosedale
9.00pm Christmas Night Mass Cathedral

Monday Dec. 25th—Christmas Day

9.30am St Mary's Cathedral
9.30am St Patrick's Stratford
10.30am Seaspray Community Hall

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism Jack Thomas Jones son of Brenton and Kylie. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

HEALING MASS: The Healing Mass will be held this 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: This 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.

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.

RECONCILIATION:

CATHEDRAL: The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday, 13th December at 6.00pm.

ROSEDALE: 1st Rite Prior to 7.00pm Mass on Saturday 9th December.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday 7th December at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome.

31 CLUB: reminder for the 4th—10th December

DONATIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this years Christmas flowers, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

ALL VOLUNTEER'S ARE INVITED TO
ST MARY'S
CATHEDRAL PARISH
ANNUAL
VOLUNTEERS EVENING
Our annual Volunteer's
"Thankyou" BBQ, Monday,
December 11th at 6.00pm in Chapter
House.

We invite all volunteers, that is, those involved in ministries, groups or individuals who contribute in anyway to the running of the Sale Parish.

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 during the week, Phone 5144 4100, as this will be a great help to us for catering. Thank you. All welcome!

CHRISTMAS LITURGY: We are inviting volunteers to place their names on sheet provided for Commentators, Readers, Offertory Procession, Collectors, Musicians

DAILY MASS BOOK 2018. These books are available to all who attend daily Mass. Easily seen as you enter front door, please pick up one as you enter, and return to table upon leaving- This encourages all to participate through the recitation of the entrance antiphon, The Responsorial Psalm, the Alleluia and verse and the communion antiphon. Please remember whenever there is singing throughout the mass the communion antiphon is not said

CATHEDRAL WORKING BEE: We are looking for volunteers for working bee to being organised for a general clean-up around the Cathedral before Christmas to be held on Saturday 16th December at 10.30am.

If you are able to assist please call the Parish Office. Phone 5144 4100. It would be a great help if you are able to bring along long handled brooms, dusters, etc to assist with the cleaning.

Morning tea will be made available for volunteers in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Your help is most appreciated.

THE CHOIR has commenced practices for the Christmas – Night Mass – let us build its numbers even further and to do so we are asking for parishioners to volunteer and to come to the Cathedral each Tuesday at 5.00pm to join in the practices that are well under way.

THE JESSE TREE is the family tree of Jesus. It goes back to the very beginning, of creation, and traces his family through the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament), to the birth of Jesus in the Gospels (New Testament). The Jesse Tree tradition focuses on a bible story, a character, and devotion for each day of Advent. It is a countdown to Christmas, each day adding an ornament, symbolising a part of Jesus' story It begins with Adam and Eve at the bottom, moving upward to the topmost symbol, the Chi Rho representing Christ.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE: The annual St. Vincent De Paul's "Giving Tree" will be in the assembly area of the Cathedral from the 9th-17th December.

Tags on the tree have different items written on them. SVDP Sale, Conference invite parishioners wishing to give, to take one or more of the tags, purchase the item written on the tag and place their purchases back under the Giving Tree. These items will be distributed to needy families in our community.

A monetary appeal will be taken up after all Masses on the 17th-18th December. Receipts will be available. Many thanks for your support.

AN INVITATION FOR VOLUNTEERS AT OPAL

AGED CARE: An invitation is extended to the St Mary's parishioner who volunteer their services at Opal Aged Care to attend the International volunteers Afternoon tea at Opal Sale on Tuesday 5th December at 3.00pm. RSVP Friday 1st December. See flyer on the Cathedral notice board.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd December Cathedral 9.30am
Francisco Aquino (Birthday)

Wednesday 6th December AH 10.30am
Ray Chirgwin (1st A)

COUNTERS:

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

Next week: Team 9: Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, Nick and Maree Centra.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,643.00

House: \$753.50

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY:

Team 7: (10th December) Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

Team 2: (17th December) Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi.

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Mass Timetable this week
1st Sunday of Advent—Year B - 3rd December

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 2nd December	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 3rd December	9.30am 9.30am 12.30pm 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
Monday 4th December	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 5th December	9.30am 12.30pm 3.00pm	Cathedral Bishop Phelan Stadium Royal Freemasons
Wednesday 6th December	10.30am 5.00pm	Ashleigh House Stratford
Thursday 7th December	9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Friday 8th December	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 9th December	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 10th December	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.*

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. As we celebrate the season of Advent, we think again of the love of God for us, endless and ever new, symbolised in this circle of greenery. The candles of the wreath signify how this eternal and all-embracing love has been manifested in time, and will be manifest forever when the Lord appears in glory. Today we light the first of the candles, looking forward to the day of the Lord.

The Advent Candle is now lit.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world. Come that we may have life in its fullness.

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Come and be born in our hearts.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Come and be born in our hearts.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Come and be born in our hearts.**

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

Collect: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

We remember those who have died recently including **Julie Rogan, Barry Rowe, Robert Surkitt** (Des Surkitt's brother-Geelong) and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, **Fr Gerald Byrne, Fr James Joseph Hayes, Pat Weatherley, Bill Slater, Ray Chirgwin.** 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 10/12/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Burditt Ann Neville		Bryan Leak, Sue Harvey, Wilbert Smits
Sunday 9.30pm	Dalia Ellison	Diane Ward	Veronica Barnes Clare O'Brien	John & Therese Cooper	Peter Centra, Bill Smolenaars, Sue Mattson
Sunday 6.00pm		Brenda Bowden	Damien Hogan Lydia Camp		Lindsay Broughton, Lisa Durrant, Kathleen Telling

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received

through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Second Sunday of Advent
Year B**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Second Reading: Peter 3:8-14;
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

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: Briargolong 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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