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3 - 4 February 2018

A LONELY PLACE

Jesus was constantly surrounded by needy people. This weekend's Gospel is a good example. You will note that after preaching in the Synagogue where he also cured a sick person, he retired to Peter's house for refreshments. But, he didn't get much peace there either. Peter's mother-in-law was sick - he attended to her.

It was after sundown, when the Sabbath officially ended, the real trouble began. People crowded around the door, bringing with them all those who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another. He cured many of them. It must have been all hours by the time he got to bed.

*Jesus 'made himself all things to all men'. How did he cope, this weekend's gospel tells us how. **'He rose early and went off to a lonely place to pray'**. What did the lonely place do for him? It enabled him to get some much needed rest. It helped him to keep focused on his mission. But above all, it gave him time to pray. It was prayer that enabled him to maintain and foster the most important thing in his life - **his relationship with his heavenly father**. That relationship was the ground beneath his feet all life long, and the secret of his successful ministry. Jesus' entire ministry arose from his prayer, and was sustained by it.*

***We too need to withdraw from our activities from time to time in order to care for ourselves.** How many of us manage to do this on a regular basis? Even though we may be convinced of its benefits, we don't find it an easy thing to do. Why is this?*

One reason:- we don't know how to cope with stillness! To withdraw means to stop our activity. But as soon as we stop our activity, we begin to feel empty - hence the compulsion to keep busy.

Another reason is: we are afraid of self-examination an activity few of us find easy - to reflect - is a kind of purification.

A Third reason: we can't cope with loneliness - what makes loneliness painful is not the absence of people - but the emptiness we feel. Therefore, we fill the void with endless distractions.

If we knew how to withdraw, we would benefit, and so too would our work. Our work would benefit because the quiet time would enable us to draw ourselves together, so that we are able to work from our purest and deepest springs. Action that is planted in the shallow soil of a life without prayer can be dangerous.

***A quiet space is absolutely necessary** in order to maintain our connection with God. Each day we should try, if only for a short while, to withdraw to a quiet place in order to seek the face of God. Just to sit in such a place is a good thing. In it we not only find God but something special to like about ourselves.*

There is a wonderful Hymn with words of invitation - Be still and know that I am God (3) I am the Lord that heal-eth thee. (3) In thee O Lord do I put my trust - Be still and know that I am God.

May you find peace in the presence of the Lord, in your sacred space

Dean Peter

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.

NEW SUNDAY ROSTER is out this weekend. Please collect your copy if you have not already received this via email.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend, Sunday February 4, Brian and Lorel Donnelly's Family Group will be our 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.**

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE will be meeting at the Chapter House on Tuesday 6 February at 1.30pm.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH IN ST MARY'S PARISH, YARRAM On Sunday, 18th February we will be celebrating 100 years of the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph on our parish. Bishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating Mass at 10.00am and this will be followed by lunch in the Mary MacKillop Hall with an opportunity to look at our newly refurbished school. If you are a past student or parishioner, wishing to join us in our celebrations, could you please contact the Parish Office on 5182 5028 on **T u e s d a y s** o r **e m a i l** stmarysyarram@bigpond.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM commences with a Parent only workshop on **Thursday 8 February at 7pm.** Enquiries to the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

STRATFORD EUCMENICAL OCCASIONS Social start to 2018 with a BBQ at St. Andrews Uniting Church at 6pm Sunday 4 Feb. BYO meat and either a salad or dessert. Date for your diary - World Day of Prayer Friday 2 March St Patrick's at 7.30pm.

31 CLUB REMINDER 5-11 February 2018.

RITE OF ELECTION for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates. An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Sunday 18th February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

2.00 pm Bishop Pat warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct)

3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral

4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

ATTENTION: Parish Singers and Musicians wanted for the Rite of Election!

As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18th February 2018.

1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal

3.00 -4.00 pm Rite of Election

To register your interest and receive the music pack, please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au as soon as possible or phone 5622 6677, N.B. It is a diocesan requirement that all Diocesan Choir members are a holder of a current Working with Children Check.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 14. The Sale Cathedral parish will use the Brisbane Archdiocese 2018 Lenten Program of Gospel reflections titled 'Blessed and Broken'. Parishioners are invited to join the Lenten groups offered. It's not too late to contact the parish office on 5144 4100 for the various contact persons. Booklets are available for \$10 each and can be collected from the Parish Office.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION

will resume their gatherings this week. The Gospel for discussion is Mark 1: 40-45.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP was established in 1972 in Sydney. The aim of the Family Group Movement is to build Christian community through the development of extended families.

With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

"Love one another as I have loved you"

Our Aims:

To get to know other members of the Parish

To support each other sharing each others joys and sorrows and so building the Christian community as in the early Church

To involve our children in our Christian sharing directly, if possible.

If not, then indirectly by our example

Parishioners are invited to come and join our Parish Family Groups who meet socially e.g. pizza night, coffee after mass, BBQ, breakfast.

Enquiries: Veronica & Keith 0455121949.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 3 February 5.30pm: Alf Luscombe

COUNTERS: February 4: Team 8:

Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

February 11: Team 9: Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,615.00

House: \$ 1,235.75

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: Team 2: (8 February)

Shirley Slater, Rosie Collins

Team 3: (15 February) Lana Nadelko,

Emmy Van Berkel, Carmel Allman

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
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
3 - 4 February 2018**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday February 3	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday February 4	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday February 5	11.00am	Cathedral (<i>Giulio Ravagnolo's Funeral Mass</i>)
Tuesday February 6	9.00am 3.00pm	Cathedral Royal Freemasons
Wednesday February 7	9.00am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday February 8	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday February 9	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday February 10	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday February 11	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

Bishop Pat O'Regan has announced the following Clergy Moves to become effective on 1 March 2018

1. Fr Malcolm Hewitt, PP retirement from the role of Parish Priest Cowes.
2. Fr Manny Lomagno, PP from Parish Priest of Wonthaggi to Parish Priest, Cowes.
3. Fr Darren Howie, ADM from Administrator of the Parishes of Maffra and Heyfield-Cowwarr to Parish Priest of Wonthaggi.
4. Fr Janeesh Jose Puthenpurackal, CMI from Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Foster, Leongatha and Korumburra to Parish Priest of the Parishes of Yarram and Foster, resident in Yarram.

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.

Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together.

May we be a welcoming and serving community, always discerning and doing your will for one another.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

5. Fr James Fernandez CP from Assistant Priest in the Parish of Narre Warren to Parish Priest of the Parishes of Morwell and Churchill.

6. Fr Siju Xavier, PP from Parish Priest of the Parishes of Morwell and Churchill to Parish Priest of the Parishes of Maffra and Heyfield-Cowwarr.

7. Fr Saji John from Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Traralgon and Yarram to Assistant Priest of Narre Warren (part time, shared with duties in the Syro-Malabar 'Eparchy).

This will mean that:

1. There will only be now only one priest, Fr Francis Otobo, in the Parish of Traralgon.

2. That Fr Aju Varghese CMI will remain Parish Priest of the Parishes of Leongatha and Korumburra

There are no changes for St Mary's Cathedral Parish.

We remember those who have died recently **Giulio Ravagnolo, Ernest Powell, Baby Anna John, Pat Kamsma, David Anderson, Romeo Terante, Maria Chrzanowski and Brendan Hall** and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Maurice Carroll, Alessandro Cappozzo and Christine Sullivan**. We pray for those who are sick **Raquel Waite, Glenys Dolan, Luke Packham, Rosa Maria Santos, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd, Rosie Carroll, Coty Tobar and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 11/02/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Ann Neville	Brenda Burditt Margaret Shirreffs		Frank Fidge, Theo Smolenaars, Bryan Leak
Sunday 9.30pm	John Egan	Ann O'Brien	Joel Brayshaw Jeff Hobbs	Pam Edgely	Peter Centra, John Cooper, Sue Mattson
Sunday 6.00pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Kath Telling Lydia Camp		Anna Allen, Lisa Durrant, Stephanie Broughton

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 9:16 - 19, 22 - 23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Saturdays

Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am

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READINGS NEXT WEEK Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1Corinthians
10:31 - 11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40 - 45

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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