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KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

Once there was a very sincere man who wished to live a holy life. So he went to the Rabbi for advice. The rabbi congratulated him on his desire, then asked, 'How have you been faring so far?' 'Quiet well, I think,' the man answered.

When you say well what do you mean?" the rabbi asked. 'I haven't broken any of the commandments,' the man replied. 'I haven't taken the Lord's name in vain. I haven't profaned the Sabbath day. I haven't dishonoured my father and mother. I haven't killed anyone. I haven't been unfaithful to my wife. I haven't stolen from anybody. I haven't borne false witness against anyone. I haven't coveted my neighbour's wife or goods.' I see said the rabbi. " So you haven't broken any of the commandments.' 'That's right,' the man replied with pride.

*But have you **kept** the commandments?' the rabbi asked 'What do you mean?' said the man. 'I mean have you honoured God's holy name? Have you kept holy the Sabbath day? Have you loved and honoured your parents? Have you sought to preserve and defend life? When last did you tell your wife that you loved her? Have you shared your goods with the poor? Have you defended the good name of anyone? When last did you put yourself out to help a neighbour?*

The man was completely taken aback. But to his credit he went away and reflected on what the Rabbi had said. He realised that up to this he had been merely intent on avoiding wrongdoing. It is surprising how many people think this is the highest criterion of virtue. But the rabbi offered him a new vision of goodness. This consisted not merely of avoiding evil, but in doing good. Up to now he had a negative concept of goodness. He had given him a new and better compass to guide him, a new and more challenging path to follow.

*We must be careful not to make the same mistake this man had. We must not approach the commandments in a negative way because this will lead to **minimalism** – doing the bare minimum. We must approach the commandments in a positive way.*

*For Jesus keeping the commandments was good and he brought to them a new and exacting law – **the law of love**. And there is only one sin – **not to love**.*

*Our obedience must be motivated not by fear but by love. We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us; we keep the commandments **because** God loves us.*

Love and peace to one and all in our Lenten Journey

Come along to the Stations of the Cross – in the Cathedral each Friday 6.00pm.

Dean Peter

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism Alorah Venezia, daughter of Marco and Chloe. Congratulations to the family from all of us.

RCIA PRAYER REQUEST The RCIA team encourages all Parishioners to pray for our Catechumen, Ross Shaw, and our Candidate, Louise Cheshire. They were accepted at the Rite of Election to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Thank you all.

REMINDER Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent – time to reflect and pray with gratitude in our hearts for the goodness of the Lord.

LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION will be held **Wednesday March 14 at 7.00pm** please keep this date in your calendar

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This Sunday, 4 March, St Mary's school will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no reconciliation at **10.00am on Sat 10 March.**

READERS: Please note because of Scrutinies for our Catechumen, Ross, **Year A readings will be read at each Mass.** Also the response to the Prayers of the Faithful this week will be:
Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

PARISH LUNCH: As the Cathedral Parish we have the opportunity to lunch with Bishop Pat, Dean Peter, Fr Solomon, the Seminarians and fellow parishioners on Palm Sunday **25 March from 12.00 noon at Lakeside Bowls Club.** Would parishioners able to come please contact Parish Secretary, Clare O'Brien on 5144 4100.

EASTER CEREMONIES The liturgy team is now inviting parishioners to volunteer for the ministries of reading, Eucharist ministers, readers, commentators, for the Easter Ceremonies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday We are urging parishioners to please be kind in offering your services – intense preparation has commenced, and your presence will be most welcome. Signup sheets will be available at all Churches for those who wish to volunteer.

A LITURGY MEETING will be held on Thursday 8 March at 11am in the Bishop's House to discuss and plan the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

EASTER CHOIR Practice for Easter Ceremonies have commenced and are each Tuesday 5-6.00pm Please come along and be part of the Choir for Easter you added voices will be much appreciated.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR THE SICK through the laying on of hands and anointing with the Oil of the Sick for any concerns people may have- If you have loved ones unable to be present, prayers for them will be said through you standing in for them. Come along on Sunday March 18 to the 2.00pm Mass in St Mary's Cathedral.

LADIES DINNER: The next dinner will be held on Thursday 15 March at the Midtown. Dinner will commence at 6.30pm. Cost is \$25 with drinks at bar prices. RSVP to Anna Allen on 0400 729 526 by Monday 12 March.

31 CLUB REMINDER 6 - 13 March 2018.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be meeting at the Chapter House on Tuesday 6 March at 1.30pm.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK As we have had limited feedback on names we will remove names from this list unless notified.

THANK YOU FROM FR SOLOMON. Fr Solomon would like to thank all parishioners who attended the Mass for his Mother and offered prayers and support. He also wanted to thank you all for the very generous donations which will help him to support his family at this time.

MARTHVALE /HAUNTED STREAM 4X4

TRIP: When: Friday 23 to Sunday 25 March 2018 **Where:** Leaving St. Ita's Church Newry 5.30pm to Marthavale Ghost town via Lindenow. **Cost:** Nil. **Self catered.** Donation for fuel if not travelling in own vehicle. \$50 Donation per vehicle requested to help fund repairs at St. Ita's. **Who:** All welcome!!!!

NOTE: This trip is light four wheel driving but not recommended for all wheel drives. Enquiries/ Further Details: Refer to the Brochure on the notice board in the Cathedral or call Don Dwyer 0428556636 christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 March 9.30am: Romeo Terante and David Lancaster (Recently deceased)

COUNTERS: March 4: Team 3: Reg & Pat Carmody
March 11: Team 4: Jack & Jenny Noone

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,200.80
House: \$873.55

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: Team 5: (9 March) Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

Team 6: (16 March) Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

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
Second Sunday of Lent, Year B
3 - 4 March 2018**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday March 3	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday March 4	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday March 5 <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	10.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday March 6	9.30am 3.00pm	Cathedral Royal Freemason's
Wednesday March 7	9.00am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday March 8	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday March 9 <i>Funeral Mass - David Lancaster</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm	St Thomas' Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word</i> Saturday March 10	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday March 11	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

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*

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat March 24	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun March 25 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Mon March 26	9.30am	Cathedral
Tues March 27	11.00am	Cathedral - <i>Mass of Holy Oils</i>
Wed March 28	10.30am 5.00 - 6.00pm 7.30pm	Ashleigh House Cathedral - Reconciliation <u>Uniting Church - Tenebrae</u> <i>/Service of Shadows</i>
Thurs March 29 <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>	9.30 - 10.30am 5.00 - 6.00pm 7.30pm	Cathedral - Reconciliation Cathedral - Reconciliation Cathedral - <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper. Prayers till 10.30pm</i>
Fri March 30 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> <i>Ecumenical Walk of the Cross</i>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Cathedral - Stations of the Cross Rosedale - Stations of the Cross Stratford - Stations of the Cross <u>St Mary's to St Paul's Cathedral</u> Cathedral - <i>Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i>
Sat March 31 <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>	10 - 11.00am 7.30pm	Cathedral - <i>Reconciliation</i> Cathedral - <i>Service of the Light</i>
Sunday April 1 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.30am	Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Community Hall - Seaspray Rosedale

We remember those who have died **David Lancaster, Christina Okeh, Pauline Bransgrove, Glenys Dolan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson, Bernard Peavey, Jim Gray, Neville McLeod.** We pray for those who are sick **Raquel Waite, John Cunningham, Aussie Boyd, Rosie Carroll, Noreen Lyttle and Maureen O'Kane.** We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date 11/03/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Margaret Shirreffs	Bryan Leak Damian Hogan		Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars, Ann Neville
Sunday 9.30pm	Vince Beer	Ann O'Brien	Joel Brayshaw Jeff Hobbs	John & Therese Cooper	Pam Edgely, John Vermaelen, Elisabeth Staberhofer
Sunday 6.00pm		Yvonne Hope	Louie Minoza Brenda Bowden		Lisa Durrant, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Rosemary Webster

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'
'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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**READINGS NEXT WEEK
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

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?**

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