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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 25 - 26 August 2018

Pastoral Message from the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's an all too familiar tale. Much of Australia, and most of our Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, is again in the grip of drought. The current dry is so severe and there is no significant rain forecast. Aussies everywhere are watching news bulletins and reading articles about the drought affected rural countryside. Many from the city are responding to calls to help farmers struggling to cope with the devastating conditions. The record dry conditions have prompted further Federal funding and State Governments are kicking into gear. Many generous Australians are supporting fundraising campaigns to help farmers pay for the massive cost of keeping animals alive and people all round the country are asking how they can help.

So what can we do to help ourselves? Perhaps the first thing we need to do is to dig deep and remember our faith. As we continue to do all the practical things we can, as we outline pragmatic ways others can help, as we 'cut back' and 'streamline' and 'do without', let us remember the strength that our faith offers us at times like this. As we make tough decisions, as we cull stock and cart water, let us remember what our faith reveals for us about the reality of suffering and the challenge of hard times.

Our faith does not shy away from suffering. We don't go looking for it, but we don't buckle when it hits either. We know that suffering is part of the experience of human existence. We know this better than most city folk and we know it well if we are farmers and live on the land. We've been here in conditions like this before, we'll be here again and we'll live to talk about it. Many of us know that we have a deeper sense of things that matter largely because we have live through drought before and have had to face the desolation and pain that comes with it. So, how can we help ourselves again now?

By remembering that Christ leads us through no darker place than he has gone before.

We are not alone. Jesus knows about 'taking a flogging'. His faith and courage in the face of unimaginable suffering gives us strength. He who suffered more than we can begin to know walks with us. He holds us firm and reminds us that this will end, that life matters above all else and that hope always triumphs. Catholics know how to live in, with and through suffering. We know it does not have the final word. We know we will not be abandoned.

Let us pray for rain and let us pray for courage while we wait for rain. In our parishes, perhaps we can arrange to spend some time together praying to our Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Perhaps we might contact our fellow Christians and reach out to church congregations and sit down together to what it is we can do for each other and our people in dire need. If we have resources enough, we can go to our own Diocese website and find the 'Assist Us' tab and make a donation that will support our priests and pastoral workers to buy vouchers to be used in local shops for those in greatest need.

Let's all pull together and help each other to remember that we've been here before and bounced back. Nothing is meaningless and suffering least of all. Here in these tough times, is another experience of Holy Ground.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE DD

Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes

PARISH CALENDAR

1 - 2 September - Priests Welfare Foundation Leaving Collection
6 September - Serra Club Mass
16 September - Footy Colours Day
12noon- Parish Lunch at Lakeside Bowls
1.30pm - Diocesan Pilgrimage
22 September 11am - Ordination of Stanley Devasia
23 September 12pm - Healing Mass

RITE OF WELCOME This Sunday at 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral we welcome Janarlee Nelson daughter of Jia and Kaylissa who will be baptised next weekend.

PLENARY COUNCIL DISCUSSION - Parish Support Team. All parishioners are invited to this important meeting - **Wednesday evening, September 12 Chapter House 7.00pm - 8.30pm**, to have an input which will be taken to the Plenary Council. Our discussions are important as you contribute your thoughts on the Catholic Church with faith, love and charity. At this meeting we will invite 5 to 8 persons from our parish committee to help steer us through to Plenary Council 2020

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) Thank you for the three nominations and acceptances of Yvonne Hope, Bill Smolenaars and Ederlinda D. Vidanes who very kindly will continue the rich and valued contribution of Jan Slattery, Diane Ward and Lindsay Broughton. We thank Jan, Diane and Lindsay for their generous service these past two years.

Annual General Meeting: - There will be a formal ceremony of commission for the current members of the Parish Council following the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, Chapter House, **Wednesday Sept 19 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday **6 September** at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome.

FOOTY COLOURS: On Sunday Sept 16 we invite those who may wish to wear their footy colours of their various footy codes - AFL, Rugby etc to our masses. Also remember we will be having our Parish Lunch at the Bowls Club following so wearing your colours will add to the atmosphere.

PARISH LUNCH will be held on from **12noon on Sunday 16 September** at Lakeside Bowls Club. Please bring along a friend or friends to help celebrate. If you could please ring the Parish Office on 5144 4100 by **Thursday 13 September** to give names and numbers we can make sure we have booked enough places for everyone.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St Mary's Cathedral will take place on **Sunday 16 September at 1.30 pm**. Those who are unable to walk the short pilgrimage route around the Port of Sale to the Cathedral are invited to gather at the Cathedral for prayer. The Pilgrimage will conclude with a final liturgy at the Cathedral. Refer to the flyer in the foyer for more details.

FAMILY GROUP LUNCH is being held on **Sunday 9 September at 12noon** at La Porchetta Restaurant, 69 Macarthur St, Sale. After lunch a visit to the Sale Historical Museum at 130 Foster St Sale will take place. Contact Marie or Nick on 5144 3165 or 0437503165 by Monday 3 September if you would like to attend.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF STANLY DEVASIA The Diocese of Sale is looking forward to celebrating the ordination at St Mary's Cathedral at **11am on Saturday 22 September**. Sophy Morley will be conducting a Diocesan Choir and welcomes expressions of interest from anyone who would like to sing with the choir on that day. Singers must have a current Working with Children Check in accordance with the Diocese's Child Safety Policy. Music packs will be emailed to singers. Please contact Sophie Morley without delay. Email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au. Ph:5122 6677 or 0413 590 007

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$180,000.

Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up next weekend to assist the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address **clearly** on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course.

31 CLUB REMINDER 29 August - 4 September 2018. Please pray for vocations.

ORDINATION HELP NEEDED Please contact Brenda Burditt on 0407 441 995 who will coordinate the various supplies needed for such an important occasion. Sign up sheets are available in the Cathedral this weekend.

COUNTERS: 26 August: Team 4: Jack & Jenny Noone
2 September: Team 5: Lyn & Len Althaus

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:
Planned Giving: \$1,766.00
House: \$816.75
Direct Debit: \$30.00
Credit Cards: \$1,427.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 30 August: Team 6: Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro
6 September: Team 1: Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebecchi

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am—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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 26 August 9.30am: Monica Best (A)
Sunday 26 August 9.30am Briagolong: Greg McCarthy (A)
Wednesday 29 August 10.30am Ashleigh House: Jack Henebery (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
25 - 26 August 2018**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 26 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.00pm	Cathedral
Monday 27 August		NO MASS
Tuesday 28 August	9.30am	Chapter House
Wednesday 29 August	9.15am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 30 August <i>St Mary's Year 1 & 2</i>	9.30am	Chapter House - <i>Large Room</i>
Friday 31 August	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' Cathedral
Saturday 1 September <i>Reconciliation 10 - 10.30am</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale

Plenary Council Prayer

***Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the
Plenary Council.***

***Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the
road.***

***Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.***

***Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.***

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.***

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***

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***

Prayer for Rain

***God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.
We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land.
Our starving animals and failing produce.
Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought.
In your loving providence send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.
We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things.
Amen***

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us
St Mary of the Cross McKillop - Pray for us***

We remember those who have died **Ann O'Brien, Denise Todd, Tom Whiley, Dulcie Holmes** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick Cremin, Monica Best, Jack Henebery, Greg McCarthy**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Brian O'Connor, Ellen Delany, Ivy Acquino, Rosie Carroll, Maureen O'Kane and Suzanne Wheeler**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 2/09/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Please offer	Liz Tabuteau Damian Hogan		Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge, Bryan Leak
Sunday 9.30am	Pam Edgely	Ann Neville	Clare O'Brien Jeff Hobbs	Bill Smolenaars	Lenie Smolenaars, John Cooper, Please Offer.
Sunday 5.00pm		Please offer	Louie Minoza Andrea Elgueta		Jennifer Fitzgerald, Stephanie and Lindsay Broughton



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel of John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.
'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete, with the fruits of your works, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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: 10am to10.30am.



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MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from Noon-1.30pm Tea and Coffee provided. At Chapter House. All welcome.	READINGS NEXT WEEK 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
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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 - 5.00pm (Winter)

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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