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First Sunday of Advent, Year C 1 - 2 December 2018

EVERGREEN FOLLOWERS

There is a story told by John Shea, (the legend of the Bells) that when God was making trees, he gave a gift to each species. He set up a contest to determine which gift would be most useful to whom. He told them 'I want you to stay awake and keep watch over the earth for seven nights.' The young trees were so excited to be trusted with such an important task that the first night they would have found it difficult not to stay awake. However, the second night was not so easy, and just before dawn a few fell asleep. On the third night the trees whispered among themselves in an effort to keep from dropping off. Even so, it proved too much for some of them. Still more fell asleep on the fourth night. By the time the seventh night arrived the only trees still awake were the cedar, the pine, the spruce, the fir, the holly and the laurel.

'What wonderful endurance you have!' God exclaimed. 'You shall be given the gift of remaining green forever. You will be guardians of the forest. Even in the seeming dead of winter, your brother and sister trees will find life protected in your branches.'

This story illustrates the two major themes of Advent: Wakefulness in the midst of sleepiness, and greenness in the midst of barrenness.

*In the evergreen trees we find a note of gentle but resolute defiance. The surrounding world may be asleep or barren, but these continue to bear witness. They are sustained not so much by their own determination but by the power of God. **They show us what our role as Christians is. To be awake among the sleeping, to be green in the midst of the barren. To bear witness to love in the midst of hate, to bear witness to peace in the midst of conflict, to bear witness to light in the midst of darkness.***

*The Lord asks us his followers to stay awake. To be watchful, faithful disciples. **To be ever-green followers of him.** We are his witnesses to the world. It is not too much to claim that we are to watch over the world. We are to witness to life and hope in the midst of disruption, upheaval, and death.*

***When we witness to truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus.** The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all one's dealings with others. The way to witness to love is to act lovingly towards others. And the way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others.*

*In other words, the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. **We need his strength to remain steadfast and faithful. His help becomes available to us especially through prayer.***

Rejoice and be glad

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

3 December 6pm - Volunteers BBQ dinner Presbytery Lawn

9 December at 9.30am - Children's Mass

15 December at 11am - Ordination of Deacon Hiep

15 & 16 December - St Vincent de Paul Collection.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

24 December - Christmas Eve:

6.00pm - Vigil Mass - Ashleigh House

6.00pm - Family Mass - Cathedral

7.00pm - Vigil Mass - Rosedale

9.00pm - Night Mass - Cathedral

25 December - Christmas Day

9.30am - Cathedral

9.30am - Stratford

10.30am - Seaspray Community Hall

PARISH LUNCH will be held at the Sale RSL at **12noon today Sunday 2**. All welcome - it's not too late to attend.

VOLUNTEERS BBQ will be tomorrow, **Monday 3 December at 6pm**. Please attend if you have volunteered in any way for your Parish this year to allow us to express our gratitude to the many Parish volunteers.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS As a number of our choir members will be away this Christmas we are seeking volunteers to sing in the choir at the **9pm Mass on Christmas Eve (24/12)**. Rehearsals are from **5 - 6pm each Tuesday**. It would be wonderful to have more involved in our choir.

JESSE TREE the Advent Jesse tree is now in the Cathedral. Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition and first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of King David.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Rose Waterman daughter of Damien and Gabrielle. Congratulations to the family from us all.

A JOINT INVITATION has come from Bishop O'Regan and Bishop Treloar (Anglican Bishop of Gippsland) to attend an Advent Ecumenical Conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island this coming **Thursday 6 December**. For catering purposes booking is essential. Please book through the email address: info@theabbey.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on **Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am** - St Mary's Cathedral Sale. All welcome.

DIOCESAN CHOIR REHEARSAL the final rehearsal is at 9.30 am on 15 December.

HEALING MASS: The Healing Mass will be held today **Sunday 2 December** in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at **12noon**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will be in the assembly area of the cathedral from **1 to 16 December**. Parishioners are invited to take tags from the tree and purchase these goods then return them to the box under the tree to be distributed to families. There will be a leaving collection at all masses on **15 & 16 December**. Please take your items and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS if you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers for the Cathedral please see Dean Peter or Parish Secretary, Clare, in the Parish Office or call 5144 4100.

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard in the Cathedral.

31 CLUB REMINDER 28 November to 4 December. Please pray for vocations.

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.*

COUNTERS: 2 December: Team 2: Mary Cooper, Pat Lord

9 December: Team 3: Reg and Pat Carmody

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,993.00

House: \$1,106.35

Credit Cards: \$30.00

Direct Debits: \$834.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 6 December: Team 5: Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

13 December: Team 6: 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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Mon 3 Dec: Francisco Aquino Snr (Birthday A)

Friday 7 Dec 11am: Ray Chrigwin (A)

Sat 8 Dec 9.30am: Claudiya & Richard Fernando (A's)

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Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday of Advent, Year C
1 - 2 December 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 2 Dec	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 3 Dec	NO	MASS
Tuesday 4 Dec	9.30am 3.00pm	Cathedral Royal Freemasons
Wednesday 5 Dec	9.15am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 6 Dec	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 7 Dec	9.15am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 8 Dec <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale

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.*

ADVENT SEASON
Advent wreath

The custom of displaying and lighting the candles of an Advent wreath has become widespread. The practice may stem from pagan rites for the winter solstice which found their way into 17th century domestic devotions in Germany and then into the liturgy during the 20th century. Though there is no mention of it in the Roman Missal, the Book of Blessings (1989) contains an Order for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath, within either Mass (#1517-20) or a Celebration of the Word (#1521-33).

Traditionally the wreath is shaped into a circle of evergreen branches that house four candles, one for each week of the season, three being violet and one rose. The use of Australian native flora is to be commended. It should be of sufficient size to be visible to the whole assembly and may be either hung from the ceiling or placed on a stand, but without obscuring the altar, lectern or chair (#1512).

The blessing takes place only on the 1st Sunday of Advent; on the remaining Sundays the candles are lit either before Mass begins or before the opening collect, without additional rites or prayers (#1513).

CHILDREN'S MASS/BLESSING

On Sunday 9th of December at 9.30am Mass we are inviting children of our Parish to attend this special Children's Mass.

Children will be involved in the different parts of the Mass.

We ask parents or relatives to have the children bring a small gift for St Vincent de Paul to share with the poor.

We remember those who have died recently **Pat Dowd, Geraldine Gebbie** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr James Hayes, Fr David (Dave) Cagney, Fr Patrick O'Donohue, Rev Pro Bar, Fr Michael Curran, Luba Wsol, John Cullen, Francisco Aquino Snr, Ray Chirgwin, William Slater, Pat Weatherley, Richard and Claudiya Fernando.** We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Colin Bowman, Maurice Briones, Rosie Carroll, and Maureen O'Kane.** We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

Date: 9/12/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Brenda Burditt	Liz Tabuteau Bryan Leak		Theo Smolenaars, Frank Fidge, Sue Harvey
Sunday 9.30am	Children of Children's Mass	Sue Mattson	Children of Children's Mass	Children of Children's Mass	Bill & Lenie Smolenaars, John Vermaelen
Sunday 6.00pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Louie Minoza Yvonne Hope		Rosemary Webster, Len & Lyn Althaus

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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 holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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
Second Sunday of Advent, Year C**

First Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**

Second Reading: **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6.**

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

**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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