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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C *8 - 9 December 2018*

God has not forgotten his people

None of us likes to be forgotten, yet there are times we would agree we have some experience of being forgotten. eg, by not being invited to a special event, or a contribution we have made to a parish project-seemingly taken for granted and not recognised. These experiences can be painful, but in the course of time we do get over it.

*But when we experience being forgotten by people special and close to us we experience a far deeper and more painful hurt. Our feelings, no matter how hard we fight them, are that **no one cares for us**. All sorts of feelings come our way, especially the feeling of being abandoned. Hopefully very few of us have had this kind of feeling.*

***Homelessness is a sad condition.** The worse fact that accompanies homelessness is knowing that if you disappeared off the face of the earth, no one would notice. In other words, the dreadful feeling - your life does not matter.*

*In our 'dark nights of the soul' many feel God has forgotten them, that he doesn't love them. This leads to the feeling that God doesn't care about us, that God doesn't love us any-more. In the first reading (second century BC) seemingly that how's God's people felt in the time of the prophet Baruch. Their Kingdom had fallen, the Holy City Jerusalem destroyed - their Temple reduced to rubble - their sons and daughters taken into exile- so they ask – **Where is God?** They concluded God had forgotten them!*

*When the prophet reassured them that God had not forgotten them, that their sorrows would soon end, that God would bring their sons and daughters back from exile - that there would be a great restoration, **the people took heart**. We too can take heart, even when we may forget God, God does not forget us. **Advent reminds us of the wonderful promises God made to us, and shows how they are fulfilled in Christ. The great sign that God loves us is the fact that he sent his Son to us.** John the Baptist was the one who announced the good news of his coming.*

*No! God has not forgotten us. God remembers us, even if everyone else were to forget us. God will not forget us. **'Though Father and Mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me' (Ps 27:10).** Its lovely to be remembered even in little ways – it's a sign we are not forgotten - **Someone cares about us – God cares about us.** We matter to God, because we are God's sons and daughters.*

This advent and Christmas let us renew our duty to remember others - especially our Mothers and Fathers whom we haven't given great time and appreciation to. Recall again those who have been good to us, who have sacrificed in big or small ways for us. Christmas is a great time for remembering.

What about, taking up the phone, give a loved one your special call of love and care – speak from the heart once again – when two hearts speak together as one - there is great wisdom in the words – 'it is in giving we receive'. Rejoice in your love for each other.

God love and bless you all – my dream is, that all our parishioners will walk together as one, in the joy of knowing loving and serving each other as our God knows loves and serves each one of us.

Love and prayers
Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

9 December at 9.30am - Children's Mass

9 December at 3.00pm - Combined Church's of Sale - Prayer for Rain - St Paul's Cathedral

15 December at 11am - Ordination of Deacon Hiep

15 & 16 December - St Vincent de Paul Collection.

19 December 7pm - Parish Reconciliation



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

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS All parishioners are reminded that before you can act in any ministry for your Church (Mass, singing, Mary's Kitchen or Parish outreach activities) you must bring a copy of your Working with Children check into the office for recording. If you have not already registered the Parish as a place you volunteer can you please go into the website and do this. If you have not yet obtained a card you can apply by going on line to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and completing registration. You can contact the parish office on 5144 4100 if you need assistance.

Please note: A Working with Children check is a legal requirement to volunteer for our Parish.

31 CLUB REMINDER 12 - 18 December. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Briagolong, we welcome for Baptism William Mosley son of Edward and Caitlyn. Congratulations to the family from us all.

PRAYER FOR RAIN on **Sunday 9 December at 3.00pm** there will be a Combined Church's service at St Paul's Cathedral. All welcome.

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard at the back of the Cathedral for Plenary News and updates.

YALLOURN MADRIGAL SINGERS As we approach the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Yallourn Madrigal Singers, together with Anthony Hahn (organist) are pleased to present a Festival of Lessons and Carols:

5pm Sunday 16 December at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale.

POSITION OF SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR / PASTORAL WORKER

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren - We are looking to employ a person for four days a week (24 hours per week). The successful applicant will be primarily responsible for the preparation and management of the parish sacramental program. This position forms part of the parish pastoral team and will include involvement in other pastoral work as required. Suitable applicants can forward their resume via email olhc@olhc.org.au, addressed to The Parish Priest by 3.00pm on Friday 14th December 2018. Please contact the Parish Office on 9704 7935 for the position description.

SALE COMMUNITY CAROLS will be in the Botanical Gardens on **Wednesday 12 December from 7.00 to 9.00pm**. If you can help with setting up or clearing up please turn up at 6.30pm.

PARISH RECONCILIATION NIGHT: Wed Dec 19 - 7.00pm All Parishioners from each church centre are invited to St Mary's Cathedral for the Sacrament of reconciliation. Bp Pat, Dean Peter and Fr Solomon will be available. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your children, your families and your selves to this intimate and warm sacrament. We all like to be forgiven, and we know our Lord loves to share his love unconditionally with us all. Please come.

JESSE TREE the Advent Jesse tree is a valued Christmas Tradition first started in medieval times. The biblical figures tell the story of the Bible from creation to Christmas. Each week different biblical figures are added to the tree.

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.

COUNTERS: 9 December: Team 3:

Reg and Pat Carmody

16 December: Team 4: Jack & Jenny Noone

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,421.70

House: \$796.00

Credit Cards: \$2,478.33

Direct Debits: \$540.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 13 December: Team 6:

Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

20 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 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

Sat 8 Dec 5.30pm: Noel Bateson (A)

Sun 9 Dec 6pm: Vincent Carubia (A)

Tuesday 11 Dec : Len Watson (A)

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Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Advent, Year C
8 - 9 December 2018

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Sunday 9 December | 9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm | Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral |
| Monday 10 December | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 11 December <i>End of year Mass Year 6 St Pat's</i> | 9.30am 10.30am 5.00pm | Chapter House Opal Aged Care Stratford |
| Wednesday 12 December | 9.15am 10.30am | Stratford Ashleigh House |
| Thursday 13 December | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Friday 14 December | 9.15am 11.00am | St Thomas' School Cathedral |
| Saturday 15 December <i>Ordination Reverend Hiep</i> | 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm | Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale |



Christmas Mass Timetable ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

Monday December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

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

Tuesday December 25 Christmas Day Masses

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



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.

We remember those who have died recently **Pat Dowd** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Archbishop Joseph Eric D'Arcy, Fr Gerald Byrne, Fr Joseph Martin, Fr Patrick O'Hanlon, Noel Bateson, Vincent Carubia, Len Watson**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Colin Bowman, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Rosie Carroll, and Maureen O'Kane**. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

| Date: 16/12/2018 | Welcomer | Commentator | Reader | Offertory Procession | Extraordinary Minister of Communion |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Saturday 5.30pm | | Damian Hogan | Liz Tabuteau Ann Neville | | Brenda Burditt, Frank Fidge, Bryan Leak |
| Sunday 9.30am | Pam Edgely | Diane Ward | Clare O'Brien Jeff Hobbs | Doug Waite | Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, John Cooper |
| Sunday 6.00pm | | Brenda Bowden | Louie Minoza Lyn Althaus | | Jennifer Fitzgerald, Stephanie & Lindsay Broughton |

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am - 12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK
Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

First Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18**

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

**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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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program
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