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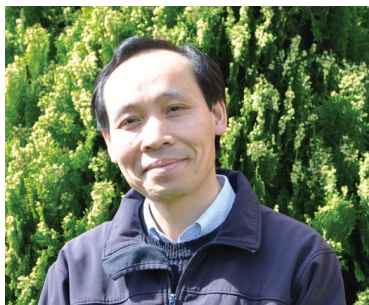
Third Sunday of Advent, Year C 15 - 16 December 2018

Two more Priests for the Diocese of Sale

TWO more priests will be ordained for Sale Diocese over the next month. They are Deacons Hiep Nguyen and Avinash George. The first will be Deacon Nguyen who will be ordained a priest by Bishop of Sale, Bishop Pat O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, this Saturday, December 15.

The service begins at 11am and will be followed by a light lunch and refreshments

The newly ordained Fr Nguyen will celebrate his first Mass at St Joseph's Church, Warragul, at 9am Sunday. He has been serving in the parish since being ordained a deacon last year. That evening he will celebrate Mass in Vietnamese at the St Vincent Liem Centre, 95 Mt Alexander Rd, Flemington.



Deacon Avinash George is already back in India and will be ordained in the Syro-Malabar Rite in Kerala by the Archbishop of Tellicherry, Archbishop George Njaralakatt.

Bishop O'Regan and several priests, deacons and seminarians from our diocese are travelling to India for the ordination on January 5.

Fr George will return to our diocese in February. For details of their appointments check the next page of this bulletin.



With thanks to Colin Coomber of Catholic Life for this article.

*Prayers and best wishes
Dean Peter*

PARISH CALENDAR

15/16 December - Leaving collection for St Vincent de Paul

19 December 7pm - Parish Reconciliation

APPOINTMENTS Bishop Pat O'Regan has announced the following appointments:

Fr Edwin Ogbuka is appointed as Assistant Priest in **Sale** from **18 Jan 2019**.

Fr Solomon Okeh is appointed as Assistant Priest in **Morwell/Churchill** from **18 Jan 2019**.

Fr Hiep Van Nguyen is appointed as Assistant Priest in **Berwick** from **9 Feb 2019**.

Rev Mr Avinash George, once ordained to the Priesthood, is appointed as Assistant Priest in **Berwick** from **15 Feb 2019**.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Lola Zhang daughter of Will and Sarah. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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. **There is no cost involved with obtaining a working with children check card if you are a volunteer**

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

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from **3pm on Friday 21 December 2018** and will reopen at **9am on Monday 21 January 2019**. The Parish staff would like to wish you all a Holy, happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

*Where do cows go on a Saturday night?
To the moo-vies*

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.

THE JESSE TREE is the family tree of Jesus. The Jesse Tree tradition focuses on a bible story, a character, and devotion for each day of Advent. It is a countdown to Christmas, each day adding an ornament, symbolising a part of Jesus' story. Please have a look at the ornaments and read the story.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN, their families, teachers and Parishioners who attended the Children's Mass last weekend and made it such a joyous celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you to Cijo Kuriakose, Brenda Burditt, Clare O'Brien and most of all Fr Solomon who did so much to make this Mass work. Thanks to Dean Peter for supporting and giving the go ahead for this very special Mass.

FAMILY MASS On Christmas Eve there will be a family Mass in the Cathedral at **6.00pm on 24 December**. Bring your children or grandchildren dressed as characters from the Nativity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will be in the assembly area of the cathedral **until today**. There will be a **leaving collection at all masses this weekend**. Receipts will be available.

DONATIONS for the Cathedral Christmas Flowers: If you would like to make a donation, please place in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER 17 - 21 Dec.

Mon 17/12 Lyn & Len Althaus
Tues 18/12 Bernadette Van Lier & Elves
Wed 19/12 Lorraine Callahan & Liz Tabuteau
Thurs 20/12 Mike & Marg Hickey
Fri 21/12 Therese & John Cooper

31 CLUB REMINDER 19 - 25 December. Please pray for vocations.

CHOIR FOR 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR HIEP who was ordained at the Cathedral yesterday. Thank you to the many Parishioners who helped to make the day so successful.

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

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: 16 December: Team 4: Jack & Jenny Noone
23 December: Team 5: Len & Lyn Althaus

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,286.00
House: \$988.50
Credit Cards: \$30.00
Direct Debits: \$1,024.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 20 December: Team 6: Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro
26 December: Team 1: Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 15 Dec 5.30pm: Renato & Stephen Segafredo (A's)
Sun 16 Dec 9.30am: Eileen & William Joseph Lyons
Sun 16 Dec 6.00pm: Socorro Oliquino-Atutubo, Tomas Aliquino and Eddie Atutubo

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
Third Sunday of Advent, Year C
15 - 16 December 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 16 December	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Monday 17 December <i>St Patrick's End of Year Mass</i> <i>St Thomas' End of Year Mass</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Stratford Cathedral
Tuesday 18 December <i>St Mary's End of Year & Gr 6 Graduation Mass</i> <i>St Thomas' Gr 6 Graduation Mass</i>	9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Wilson Lodge Cathedral
Wednesday 19 December <i>Parish Reconciliation</i>	10.30am 7.00pm	Ashleigh House Cathedral
Thursday 20 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 21 December	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 22 December <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.



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



We remember those who have died recently **Anacollela Mascosva (Mother of Confidence - Seminarian)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Cornelius Sheehan, Fr John Gowen, Mgr Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Giovanni and Rose Centra, Eileen and William Joseph Lyons, Renato and Stephen Segafredo, Socorro Oliquino-Atutubo, Tomas Aliquino and Eddie Atutubo.** We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Colin Bowman, Rosie Carroll, and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 23/12/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Margaret Shirreffs	Ann Neville Brenda Burditt		Sue Harvey, Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars
Sunday 9.30am	Clare & Lilli O'Brien	Diane Ward	Joel Brayshaw Carmel Kuizenga	John & Therese Cooper	Peter Centra, Pam Edgely, John Vermaelen
Sunday 6.00pm		Brenda Bowden	Yvonne Hope Jennifer Fitzgerald		Lyn & Len Althaus, Rosemary Webster

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,

Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,

daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;

he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;

you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,

a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,

he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation. (R.)

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 10:5-10**

Gospel: **Luke 1:39-44**

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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