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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C 22 - 23 December 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When, several years ago, one of my aunties was dying, she said to me, "Don't forget in whom you have placed your trust."

In 2018 it has been hard to trust. We seem at times to have been let down by some many of the institutions that support us, including our church.

One of the great tasks in life is learning how to trust. A child jumps trustfully into a parents waiting arms. Trust. Our families, our schools, our friends all teach us different aspects to what it means to trust. At times we can be let down, in such times we also learn another essential quality of a life well lived, forgiveness.

Christmas reminds us that all of us are part of God's great plan. A plan that not sent his only Son into to our world, but to each one of us, we are not alone each of us is a cherished son or daughter of God.

Life can have difficult moments, have unexpected turns which at times causes us to question and ask, in whom can we trust.

Christmas is a time where we see in whom we can place our trust. At Christmas we see in the child born in Bethlehem a God who comes in search of us; a God in whom we can trust, a God who teaches us that trust can be rebuilt.

May Christmas 2018 be a time of great peace, trust and forgiveness, for you and your families and friends. May we rediscover in whom we have placed our trust. God is good, good indeed.

Bishop Pat O'Regan. DD

Bishop of Sale

Christmas 2018

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 13 January - Fr Solomon's farewell

CHRISTMAS 2018 IS WITH US. Incredible how fast our year together has been. We had a terrible scare when one we value for her untiring work among us, Jenny Fitzgerald our Sacraments co-ordinator, suddenly became ill. Thankfully Jenny is well on the way to a complete recovery – we and many of you in our messages of love and support to Jenny affirmed how much she means to us. Jenny experienced she is appreciated for all her work with the families and children for the Sacraments – What a gift love is.

Let us this Christmas take an opportunity through our messages of love and support affirm every member of our family, our parish and our community. If we all did this what a wonderful spirit of love and rebirth we would bring to our loved ones, our parish and our community.

We the Parish Team - Dean Peter, Fr Solomon, Deacon Stanly, Clare O'Brien (Parish Secretary), Mark Durrant (Parish Manager), Jenny Fitzgerald, Veronica Barnes and Myriam Elgueta wish every parishioner the gift of affirmation and love assuring you of God's love for you and we pray the gift of peace, love and joy is shared between one and all.

Stay safe on the roads. Enjoy a well-earned rest. A happy and Holy Christmas to everyone.

Take care, Dean Peter

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from 3pm on Friday 21 December 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.

31 CLUB REMINDER 26 December - 1 January. Please pray for vocations

THE JESSE TREE is the family tree of Jesus. It goes back to the very beginning of creation and traces his family through the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament), to the birth of Jesus in the Gospels (New Testament). The Jesse Tree tradition focuses on a bible story, a character, and devotion for each day of Advent. This week we add Mary the Mother of Jesus - the White Lily, Elizabeth - Mother and Child, Zechariah - the tablet of stone, Joseph - the carpenter's hammer, the three Magi - the white candle, the Shepherds - the Manger and Christ - the Chi Ro.

SAVE THE DATE Fr Solomon's farewell will be on Sunday 13 January. Further details to follow. You will remember from last week's message that Fr Edwin Ogbuka will arrive as Assistant Priest on Friday 18 January. **Fr Hiep, ordained last week, is saying the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass. We wish him well today and in the years ahead.**

VOLUNTEERS during the Christmas period we will need Readers, Commentators, Welcomers, Offertory and Eucharistic Ministers to assist during this time. Please respond positively when approached.

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.

DEACON STANLY Please note Deacon Stanly will be away from the Parish from Christmas afternoon till the end of February.

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.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK: He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

COUNTERS: 23 December: Team 5: Len & Lyn Althaus

30 December: Team 6: Sue Harvey, Mike & Margaret Hickey

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,596.50
Presbytery: \$815.60
Credit Cards: \$0.00
Direct Debits: \$1,035.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 26 December: Team 1: Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi

3 January: Team 1: Lyn Althaus, Jenny Rebbechi

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

Saturday 22 Dec: Paul A Tsing Lay

Sunday 23 Dec: Claudiya Fernando

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Mass Timetable this week
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C
22 - 23 December 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 23 December	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Refer to	Christmas Timetable
Tuesday 25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Refer to	Christmas Timetable
Wednesday 26 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 27 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 28 December	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 29 December <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am</i> <i>Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale



Merry Christmas from St Mary's Cathedral Parish



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 **Anncolleta Mascosva (Mother of Confidence - Seminarian), Sr Stella O'Donnell NDS (Mother Ambrose), Peter Hayward (Ensay), Kath McGrath (Cheltenham), Antonio Torres (Spain), Marian Hall**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Daniel Lorden, Mgr James Fitzpatrick, Fr Daniel Dee, Fr George Todd, Claudiya Fernando, Paul A Tsing Lay, Kerry Lee, Dick Bloink, Dan McGrath, Maria Vasilisina**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Colin Bowman, Rosie Carroll, Maurice Briones and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 30/12/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm					
Sunday 9.30am	Please	offer	for all	roles at	all Masses
Sunday 6.00pm					

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading: **1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**
Second Reading: **1 John 3:1-2,21-24**
Gospel: **Luke 2:41-52**

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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