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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C 14 - 15 September 2019

*'The Lord hears the cry of the poor, Blessed is the Lord'
THE LOST ARE MORE PRECIOUS*

Once there was a young man who aspired to become a photographer. Every year he brought a bundle of his best prints to an old and famous photographer, seeking his advice and judgement. Every year the famous photographer discovered the young man submitted the same photo – a landscape - and it always ended up among the rejects. Finally he said to the young man, 'You obviously have a high regard for this photo. Why do you like it so much?' To which the young man replied, 'Because I had to climb a mountain to get it.'

A thing becomes precious because of what we get out of it. But it also can become precious to us because of what we put into it. The sacrifices we have made to get it or keep it enhance its value in our eyes.

There is a delightful story that one day Jesus came upon a shepherd who was overcome with sorrow. 'Why are you so sad?' he asked 'Because I have lost one of my sheep,' the man replied, 'and although I have looked all over for it. I have not found it. It may be that the wolves have already devoured it.' On hearing this Jesus said, 'Wait here. I will look for the sheep myself.'

With that he appeared in the hills. Some hours later he returned with the sheep. Putting it down at the shepherd's feet he said, 'From this day on you must love this sheep more than any other in your flock, for it was lost and now has been found.'

The point that Jesus was making in the stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin is this: Every person is important and precious to God. All the more so if that person is lost. God will love that person more – not less. The Pharisees, who regarded themselves as the paragons of virtue, had nothing to do with sinners. They assumed that God has no dealing with sinners either. The central dogma of their religion was: 'God loves the virtuous, and hates the sinner.' But Jesus showed them a very different kind of God.

Jesus was gentle and loving in his approach to sinners. He knew that rejection and judgement never help to change a person. So he provided the kind of presence in which people felt accepted and loved, and in that atmosphere they were able to respond and change.

Even from a human point of view, his approach makes sense. If a child is wet and starving, he doesn't need a lecture; he needs warmth and food. As Jean Vanier said so beautifully: 'The person in misery does not need a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence that brings peace and hope and life.'

'When a father laments that his son has taken to evil ways, what should he do? He should love him all the more.'

'The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed is the Lord.'

Love and prayers to all

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues 17 Sep - Liturgy Group Meeting 2pm

Wed 18 Sep - Parish Pastoral Council 7pm

21-22 Sept Leaving Collection for Deacon Stanly

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Shanaaya Fernando daughter of Shasini & Andrew and Darcy Potts son of Tasharna & Hayden. Congratulations to the families from us all.

VOCATIONS DAY - WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU? Come and See, where God may be calling you to serve! You may be drawn to ministries available in your parish or a vocation of service as a catechist, missionary, priest or religious. Be inspired by this day of guest speakers, including Fr Michael Willemsen, Fr Robin Koning SJ & Sr Rachel McLoughlin ibvm to be held at **St Agatha's Primary School Hall on Saturday 21 September**, beginning with Mass in the Church at 9.30am. Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available by donation and the day will conclude at 4pm. To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR> or contact 5996 1985

LITURGY GROUP MEETING will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 17 September in the Bishops House. Apologies to Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 by Monday 16 September.

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

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS Ann Broberg is requesting used stamps for Missions. Stamps can be left at the Piety Stall in the Cathedral. Ann can be contacted on 5144 6631.

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.

LEAVING COLLECTION to assist Deacon Stanly with his Ordination expenses will be held next weekend, **21-22 September**, at all parish Masses.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet at 7pm on **Wednesday 18 September** in the Bishop's House. Please raise any issues you may have with the Parish Pastoral Council members, Dean Peter or with Clare in the Parish Office.

FAMILY GROUP LUNCH is being held on **Thursday 26 September at 12noon** at Sale Greyhounds Club, Sale Maffra Rd Sale. Contact Marie or Nick on 5144 3165 or 0437 503 165. **RSVP by 20 September.**

31 CLUB REMINDER for 18 - 24 September. Please pray for vocations.

REMINDER – Connect with the Diocese via social media The Diocese of Sale has Facebook page. You can 'like' the page by visiting Facebook and searching for Catholic Diocese of Sale or by going to www.facebook.com/dioceseforsale.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED On **18 October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit www.millionkidspraying.org.

ENCOUNTER MYANMAR: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. **Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333.**

PARISH OFFICE: Clare, Parish Secretary, will be on leave from **Monday 23 September and returns on Monday 7 October.** We hope she has a lovely holiday. Yvonne Hope will be here on Mondays and Fridays, Mark on Wednesdays. At other times contact the Priests on 5144 4100.

RESEARCH PROJECT: Researcher Position. The Association of Pastoral Associates in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (APAM) in conjunction with Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, seeks to engage a researcher to review the organisational climate and structure of the Association. It is envisaged the review will be undertaken as a mixed-methods research project leading to postgraduate Minor Thesis (16,000 words). The candidate will be eligible to undertake post-graduate study with the support of supervisors and has an interest in exploring lay ministry. Previous studies in theology, lay ministry, and pastoral practice are desirable. Applicants are asked to provide a letter addressing the experience and skills criteria listed in the Terms of Reference. You will need to include the names of two referees, one academic and one professional. An honorarium will be provided to cover the tuition and research costs. For further information about the role or to submit your application, email Tricia Norman, APAM Leadership team at Tricia.Norman@cam.org.au. Applications close on Thursday, 26 September 2019.

COUNTERS: 15 September: Team 3: Kath & Jodie Bird
22 September: Team 4: Jack & Jenny Noone

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,714.00
Presbytery: \$718.80
Credit Cards: \$0.00
Direct Debits: \$1,180.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 19 & 26 Sept: Team 2: Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko, Carmel Allman

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun 15 Sep 9.30am: Mary Whyte (A)
Tues 17 Sep 9.30am: Mary Sheehy (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
14 - 15 September 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 14 September	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 15 September	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Mon 16 September	NO	MASS
Tues 17 September	9.30am 10.30am	Cathedral Wilson Lodge
Wed 18 September	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thurs 19 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 20 September	11.00am	Cathedral
Sat 21 September <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am	Cathedral

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.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice on Sunday 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice statement is titled 'Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world; but active citizens shaping it.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website - www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @JusticeCatholic.

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 offer prayers for those who have died **John Langmaid, Allison Farley, Jack Marsden, Audrey Murray** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard, Fr Tim Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne VG, Mary Whyte, Mary Sheehy**. We pray for those who are sick **Ann (Bernie) Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley, Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 22 Sep 19	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Jo Jones	Br Ron Campbell Margaret Shirreffs		Brenda Burditt, Damian Hogan, Sue Harvey
Sunday 9.30am	Lorel Donnelly	Sue Mattson	Brenda Bowden John Vermaelen	Pam Edgely	Ann Neville, Bill Smolenaars, Frank Fidge
Sunday 5.30pm		Nelly Coomber	Yvonne Hope Colin Coomber		Anna Allen, Len & Lyn Althaus

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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophet be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
First Reading: **Amos 8:4-7**
Second Reading: **1 Timothy 2:1-8**
Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13**

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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 Stratford - 9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)
Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm