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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C *5 - 6 October 2019* *Luke 17: 5-9*

THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH

A priest visiting an alcoholic, living at this time in a basement with his dog, while his wife lived upstairs. They were legally divorced, waiting for the house to be sold in order to separate. He had a rough life with most of his troubles stemming from his heavy drinking.

He said to the priest, 'I still believe in God,' then with tears running down his face he said, 'but I wish I had the faith I had when I was young.'

'What was good about that?' asked the Priest. 'When I was young I believed everything - the whole lot. I was so certain about everything. But I no longer have that kind of faith. Now I'm not sure what to believe. I question everything.' He paused then added sorrowfully, 'Maybe the wife and I will get back together again. But I have lost the feeling I had for her.' 'You have suffered a lot.' The priest said. 'You can say that again,' he replied.

'Did you have any feeling that God was with you during all those years you were drinking?' asked the priest. 'I did except maybe when I was going to kill myself. I felt abandoned at that point.'

Here one can sense the loneliness and heartbreak that lie deep in every person whose faith has been lost. Yet, this man's faith was not altogether gone. He still had the core - the conviction that God existed and cared about him. Yet he pined for the faith of his youth. Everything was simple then. Clear, certain. He didn't realise that the greatest changes that had occurred were in himself.

We can feel a warm sympathy for him. Many pine for the faith they had as children. Rightly so – it was something beautiful.

The poet Emily Dickinson wrote

'We start to learn that we believed but once, entirely -

Belief, it does not fit so well when altered frequently.

We blush, that heaven if we achieve it – event ineffable -

We shall have shunned, until ashamed to own the miracle.'

We all long to recapture the religious sense of the world we had as children. But we all have to leave youth behind, and with it a world of certainties. Childhood faith passes or at least changes. However it is not God that changes, but us. To feel as this man felt doesn't mean that we have lost the faith. All it means is that we are struggling with it. Jesus said we should enter the Kingdom like a child, but he didn't say we had to have the faith of a child. Ours is to be an adult faith, a faith that takes account of the complexities and ambiguities of life. All of us can make our own the prayer of the apostles: 'Lord, increase our faith,' because it is not enough to keep the faith, we have to grow in it. Faith grows when exercised. Faith also grows through regular nourishment. How do we nourish our faith? By prayer and contact with the believing community.

Remember the Hymn?

'In Faith and hope and love with joyful trust we move towards our Father's home above.'

Love and prayers to us all in our struggles – Lead kindly light - His peace he leaves with us.
Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed October 9 - Liturgy Group Meeting
Wed 16 Oct - Parish Pastoral Council
7pm
Wed Oct 27— Parish Lunch

MEETINGS: On **Wednesday 9 October at 7pm** there will be a meeting for all Parish Eucharistic Ministers in the small room of the Chapter House.
Dean Peter invites all current and aspiring Eucharistic Ministers to attend this important meeting.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This Sunday **6 October**, Parish Family Groups will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

PARISH LUNCHEON: Everyone is invited to our next Parish Luncheon on Sunday 27th Oct at 12 noon at Legends Sporting Club. If you wish to attend please call Clare at the Parish office on **5144 4100 BH** to make a booking.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A LISTENING CHURCH is to be held on **Thursday 17 October at 7pm** in the Sacred Heart School hall, Cnr Wilson St and Commercial Rd, Morwell. Entry with gold coin donation. Speaker is Fr Noel Connelly, a Columban Missionary Priest. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. For more information please check the notice in each Church and for catering please RSVP to mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au by **Sat 12 Oct**

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
Please be early (before end of October) in submitting names of your loved ones who have died so they may be remembered in our November Masses for the Holy Souls.
(a small donation – stipend is encouraged)

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.

WORLDWIDE PUBLIC ROSARY: SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2019

Following the 9.30am Mass at the Statue of Our Lady, front lawn of the Cathedral. Mary's promise "You will obtain all you ask of me through the recitation of the Rosary." We should pray our Rosary every day confident we will receive all the graces we need just as this man did. He worked in the World Trade Centre and was trapped behind locked doors in the burning South Tower after the terrorists flew planes into the building. He was tempted to despair as death approached. The he remembered the rosary in his pocket. He took it out and began to pray the rosary and, a great peace came over him. Suddenly the doors burst open, and a firefighter guided him to safety. Our lady of the Rosary, restore peace love and prayer in all families

Our Lady of the Rosary protect our children
Our Lady of the Rosary protect our Church.
Our Lady of the Rosary – Hear our prayers.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 9 - 15 October. Please pray for vocations.

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

DIocese OF SALE ON FACEBOOK You can now find the Diocese of Sale on Facebook. Search for 'Catholic Diocese of Sale' on Facebook or go to www.facebook/dioceseforsale to 'Like' You do not need to log in or join to see what is on the Facebook page. The page will have news and information from around the Diocese.

PLENARY 2020 :

Listening & Discernment Training

A Plenary 2020 Listening & Discernment Local Training Session will be held from 7 – 9.30pm Tuesday 15th October – Marian Room, St Joseph's Warragul. All animators are expected to attend a session and Parish Plenary Teams, pastoral council members, and school leadership teams are encouraged to participate if possible. Everyone who wishes to attend is encouraged to do so. Sessions include information about the National Themes for Discernment, the discernment process and information on the Plenary Council. A Listening and Discernment session will be modelled. Participants receive Plenary 2020 Resource packs. More information contact Sophy Morley 56 22 6677 or smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

COUNTERS: 6 October: Team 6: Sue Harvey, Mike & Margaret Hickey
13 October: Team 7: Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,205.00
Presbytery: \$1230.90

With thanks from a grateful parish.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun 6 Oct 9.30am: John McCrohan (A)
Sun 6 Oct 5.30pm:
Roma and Eddie Jansen (A)
Mon 7th Oct: 9.30am Leo Harkin (A)
Tues 8 Oct 9.30am:
Sr Margaret Fahey (A)
Thurs 10 Oct 9.30am:
Eliza Watkins (Sick - Operation)

SACRISTY: 10 October: Team 3: Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Clancy, Huong Clancy
17 October: Team 4: Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper

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**Mass Timetable this week
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
5 - 6 October 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 5 October	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 6 October	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Mon 7 October Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Cathedral
Tues 8 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 9 October (Liturgy of The Word) Funeral Prayers - Brian Soper	10.30am 11.30am	Ashleigh House St Rose of Lima
Thurs 10 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11 October	11.00am	Cathedral
Sat 12 October <i>Rosary after Mass</i> <i>Cathedral Front Lawn</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport

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.*

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.*

St Mary's Primary School Sale is seeking to appoint a part time ongoing **FINANCE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**
Commencement date 28 January 2020
This position is part time (FTE 0). Further information, a Position Description and application documentation can be downloaded from <https://www.stmarysale.catholic.edu.au/our-school/employment-opportunities/> Enquiries may be directed to the Principal, Cathy Mesaric, via email to principal@stmarysale.catholic.edu.au.
Applications close 5pm on 18 October 2019
This school promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Brian Soper, Ignac Hozjan, Dylan Keith Wilson, Maureen Kerr, Glenda Margaret Curran, and Jimmy Roth** and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr John Gavin, Fr Alfred Davis**. We pray for those who are sick **Eliza Watkins, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann (Bernie) Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley** and **Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 13 Oct 19	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Brenda Burditt	Sandra Smolenaars Margaret Shirreffs		Wilbert Smits, Theo Smolenaars, Br Ron Campbell
Sunday 9.30am	Vince Beer	Diane Ward	Clare O'Brien Joel Brayshaw	Doug Waite	Pam Edgely, Lenie Smolenaars, John Vermaelen
Sunday 5.30pm		Yvonne Hope	Colin Coomber Nelly Coomber		Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton, Kath Telling

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!

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only:

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,

but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us

for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



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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:
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
First Reading: **2 Kings 5:14-17**
Second Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-13**
Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN
CHAPTER HOUSE
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from 12 - 1.30pm
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All welcome.



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