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*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
25 - 26 January 2020*

**SANTO NINO**

*Welcome Bishop Pat and members of the Philippine communities*

*In Malolos City, Bulacan, 40 Km north of Manila, enormous crowds gather at the end of January each year for a grand feast to celebrate the Santo Nino, the Holy Child, one of the most widely revered holy figures in the Philippines.*

*Malolos is home to a revered image, the Santo Nino of Malolos, but the feast here is notable because more than 200 other images of the Santo Nino, some traditional and some quite imaginative, are processed along with it. Like the participants, these images come from all over the country, occasionally even from abroad. The celebration, while much smaller than the annual one in Cebu (<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/philippines/santo-nino/santo-nino-and-sinulog cebu>), provides a way of seeing in a single place how many local manifestations of the Santo Nino have made their way into Filipino life and culture. The Malolos feast is the largest celebration of Santo Nino on Luzon Island.*

*The Santo Nino of Malolos is an antique ivory image, locally regarded as miraculous, that belongs to a prominent Filipino-Chinese family, the Tantacos. A foundation was established to encourage and propagate devotion.*

*The oldest and most popular Santo Nino image in the Santo Nino of Cebu – revered by Cebuanos, people from the region in and around the city of Cebu. The devotion has spread beyond that region, and its images are common sight in homes and shops around the country and in the Filipino diaspora.*

*In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this level of devotion to the image of a boy Jesus is unique to the Philippines. In Cebu it reaches fever pitch early in January with crowds flocking to the basilica that houses it and the city and harbour are taken over for days by processions, colourful parades and celebrations. The name of that feast, Sinulog, refers to a ritual dance inspired and performed before the Santo Nino.*

*Though many processions in the Philippines contain large numbers of saints, a procession with so many images gives evidence to the deeply ingrained piety in Filipino culture.*

*This weekend we welcome Bishop Pat O'Regan who leads this devotion recognising the faithful presence of our Brothers and Sisters from the Philippines who warmly share their devotion and celebration with us.*

*All are welcome among us here at St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sale.*

*Dean Peter A Bickley*

## PARISH CALENDAR

25/26 Jan - Bushfire Leaving Collection

1 Mar - Diocesan Rite of Election 3pm

**2020 FEAST OF THE STO NINO** The 10th Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place this weekend on **Sunday 26 January** at St Mary's Cathedral. We welcome Bishop Patrick O'Regan and members of the Filipino Choir and Community. All welcome.

**FAMILY GROUP:** Veronica & Keith will host a BBQ at their home at 33 Montgomery St SALE on **Tuesday 28th January at 12noon**. BYO meat & salad or sweet to share. **RSVP 26 January** to 0455 121 949. All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

**CATHEDRAL MASS ROSTER** for the February to May 2020 period has been emailed to those with email addresses or is available for collection in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Thank you to our many willing volunteers.

**Please offer to volunteer at Mass as we need more regular volunteers.**

**BUSHFIRE LEAVING COLLECTION** there will be a leaving collection this weekend (**25 - 26 January**) at all Masses. Funds are to be donated to Vinnies and the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) as these two organisations provide timely support where it is most needed.

**PLENARY COUNCIL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish Priest, or Jennifer Fitzgerald our facilitator ASAP, about the details. Expressions of Interest must be in by **25 January 2020**.

**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.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTING AND GIVING.

This Christmas season has again highlighted the essence of what Christmas is and should be all about. Our Parish and wider community has again responded generously to the needs in our community through the St Vincent de Paul Society who exist solely for the needs of others.

The season began with volunteers drawn from our parish community, students from Catholic College, Volunteers from The Salvation Army and St Vinnies in purchasing, assembling, sorting, packing and delivering 900 hampers to provide some Christmas cheer for inmates at our local prison. The work was done with enthusiasm led by energetic senior students from our Catholic Secondary School.

Our Parish "Giving Tree" and monetary appeal was generously supported with much food gifted, along with a total of \$2,300 in monetary donations as well as toys and books.

Along with the assistance in packing, Catholic College students gifted a large range of quality toys, books and vouchers to the Appeal. A very generous effort indeed.

The annual "Bikers Toy Run" along with Sale Lions Club and other generous individual benefactors gifted funds and donated large quantities of toys and vouchers for those in need in our midst.

It was and still is humbling and rewarding to witness such generosity from members in our community for those in need in our community. This is Parish and wider Community living the Gospel.

As the song goes, "and so this is Christmas and what have I done" can be echoed with us all having tried our best this Christmas. May God Bless the gifts which are given, those who have given and those who have received.

Bill Smolenaars,  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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.*

**FR ELIO CAPRA** will be speaking on a Lenten theme at St Paul's Lecture theatre in Traralgon on February 3, 10 & 17 at 7.30pm. For more information refer to the flyer in your local Church. Entry by gold coin donation. If you wish to attend notify St Michael's Parish, Traralgon on 5174 2060 or email: sec@smpt.org.au.

**COUNTERS: 26 Jan: Team 6:** Sue Harvey, Mike & Margaret Hickey.  
**2 Feb: Team 7:** Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving:** \$1,707.00  
**Presbytery:** \$877.80  
**Credit Cards:** \$30.00  
**Direct Debits:** \$659.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**FLOWERS: 30 Jan & 6 Feb: Team 3:**  
Pam Young, Liz Ronchi, Phyl Capraro

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sun 26 Jan 9.30am:** Zofia, Zygmunt, Wojcieh and Helena Predkiewicz  
**Sun 26 Jan 5.30pm:** Special intention Sarah Wang

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**Mass Timetable this week  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
25—26 January 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 25 January	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 26 January <i>Sto Nino Mass</i>	9.30am 9.30am 11.15am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Seaspray Cathedral
Mon 27 January	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tues 28 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 29 January	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thurs 30 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 31 January	9.30am 11.00am	Catholic College Cathedral
Sat 1 February <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport

**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.*



**An Australia Day Prayer**

*Bruce Prewer*

God of Australia.

We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people;  
for its weathered old mountains,  
fertile valleys and vast plains;  
for its riches of mine and agriculture,  
forest and grazing lands;  
for the first Australians,  
who know and love this continent  
with an intimate and profound sensitivity;  
for the courage, vision and sacrifice  
of the early settlers;  
for the diverse races who now  
call Australia home:  
For these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord,  
our joyful, thankful hearts.

**HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY TO ALL**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Tom Crozier, John Waugh, Fr John O'Kelly, Ted Tarrant** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Bill Shanahan, Fr Maurice Carroll, Jozef Wsol, Caz Wsol, Zofia, Zygmunt, Wojcieh and Helena Predkiewicz**. We pray for those who are sick **Lorna Ray, Elly Cox, Marie Adjemovic, 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: 1 – 2 Feb	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Sandra Smolenaars	Liz Tabuteau		Brenda Burditt, Rosemary Webster, Theo Smolenaars
Sunday 9.30am	Dalia Ellison	Jeff Hobbs	Clare O'Brien	Doug Waite	Peter Centra, Pam Edgely, John Cooper
Sunday 5.30pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Brenda Bowden		Sue Harvey, Kath Telling, Anna Allen

**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:  
EMAIL:

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

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Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.**



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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:**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
First Reading: **Isaiah 58:7-10**  
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**  
Gospel: **Matthew 5:13-16**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**  
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from 12 - 1.30pm  
Tea and Coffee provided.  
**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