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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 16 August 2020

*Attentiveness will keep you alive
Fr Brian McCoy SJ*

I was very taken with these thoughts of Fr Brian's and share them with you. He writes

' I first went into this desert country 40 years ago and to be honest, when I first went there it was incredibly new, incredibly hot, incredibly dry. It was new, it was uncertain. At times frightening. At times over the years I realised that it could cause death, and I know people that have died and perished in this Sandy desert. At the same time the people over the years have taught me to be attentive. Attentive to the signs of life, food, water, and in this very particular image, the meanings behind some of those outcrops, and land tracks, that lie behind me today. This desert is full of mystery. But it is also full of life.

*Throughout the history of the church men and women have deliberately gone out from their cities into the desert to live. The Desert Mothers and Fathers, as we now call them, moved from their cities and urban centres and chose to live life on the edge, giving up so much of their world. Becoming attentive to the demands, difficulties and sparseness of desert life. They became other people who others came to, to learn what it was to be stripped away, to surrender, to allow new life to come when all things material particularly had been taken away. These Desert Mothers and Fathers were strengthened by two important values, one called in Greek, *agrupnia*, the other, *apatheia*.*

Agrupnia is to be attentive to what's most important. You have to learn as you travel the desert to be attentive, to watch out for signs, for tracks, so you don't get lost. And to be attentive to the wind, to the rain, to the signs of food and life around you. Agrupnia, attentiveness will keep you alive.

*The other side of the coin of Agrupnia of course is *apatheia*. Close to Ignatian indifference, where you need to let go what's not important. We all carry baggage from the past. Sometimes for many of us its material baggage, but other baggage we carry as well. You cannot carry that baggage into the desert. You must let go. So there's *agrupnia* and *apatheia* that can sustain one in vast, uncertain, dry and difficult conditions. Our present lockdown, especially in Melbourne, is somewhat like a desert experience. It's new, it's uncertain. And, we know that people are dying every day. It's dangerous. So it is helpful I think for us all to consider the gifts of *agrupnia* and *apatheia*.*

*To focus upon what is really important. To allow our attention to be on what gives us life, to keep searching for the divine in the human, the difficulties we face, because the divine is present. As the divine is in the desert as the mothers and fathers found. But in a new way, in unexpected ways, surprising ways. But also not just *agrupnia*, but *apatheia*. To let go of the things we used to consider were important to carry with us. To let them go. Sometimes it hurts, and memories. Sometimes it's simply material things. Agrupnia and Apatheia. Lockdown in the desert. Lockdown as life. Seeking a deeper life of the human and the divine. Travel safely, travel gently, travel well. Thank you' - Fr Brian McCoy SJ Provincial.*

Dear brothers and sisters, I offer Fr Brian's reflection for you as subject for your prayer. Take care – remember to look out for each other. Fr Edwin, Deacon Jithin and myself have been praying our Novena rosaries in care for all throughout this Coronavirus time. May Our Lady of the Assumption bring you healing, love and peace. Dean Peter. August 15, 2020

**PRAYER FOR
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide
We bless and thank you for the appointment
of your servant, Greg Bennet,
as the tenth Bishop of Sale.
May your Holy Spirit grace him
with the gifts of wisdom and strength,
gentleness and compassion,
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor
and teacher.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways and, with loving care,
watch over your people.
May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of
your truth.
As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his
home among us,
may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan
community,
now entrusted to his care and leadership.
May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of
Sale,
through our work and prayer
together bear witness to Christ and the building
up of your kingdom.
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.



**DATE OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr Peter Slater is
happy to announce the Episcopal Ordination and
installation of Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet as
Tenth Bishop of Sale will be held on **Tuesday
20th October in St Mary's Cathedral Sale
commencing at 11am.**
Mindful of the seriousness of the current COVID
pandemic, all arrangements will be planned with
due respect of restrictions concerning public
safety.
Further information such as the live streaming
details will be made available in due course.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: At the direction of
the Diocese **there are no Public Masses** to be
celebrated until further notice, I am sure we are
more than aware of the responsibility to enhance
a spirit of genuine care for one another. From
Sunday Midnight 2 August the wearing of
masks is compulsory until further notice. We
keep in our prayers all suffering through this
terrible pandemic.

**NOVENA OF ROSARIES - CORONAVIRUS
PANDEMIC:**

**LIVESTREAM MASSES: Each Sunday -
Cathedral 9.30am.** The opportunity of having
Mass in the Home is special. We would love
dearly for parents and family members to tune in
the prayer of the Mass at home. Some Parents
may desire to be readers at our Masses, your
example in your love for the word of God, would
be an inspiration to your children. God has given
you your child-made in his image and likeness -
let us embrace God's trust in us, calling on our
love of the Lord to bless our families at all times.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD Please deliver a
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.
It would be lovely if we could reach as many of
our parishioners as possible, so they too may be
aware of the changes happening in our Parish
life. Copies are available from the Parish Office
on Monday or Friday.

ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID: Free
access to the following online music and video
resources Prayer: [https://www.cdsale.org.au/
news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need](https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need)

31 CLUB REMINDER for 17 - 23 August. Please
pray for vocations.

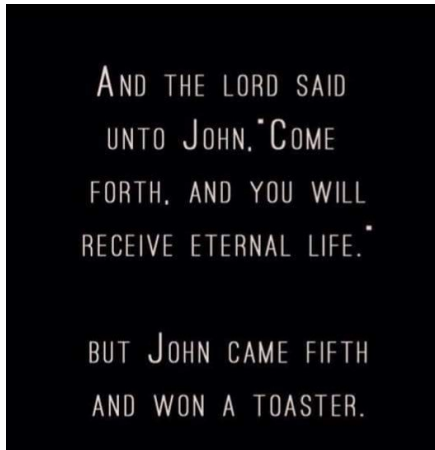
**MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT
10AM TOMORROW, SATURDAY 15 AUGUST.
PLEASE JOIN US. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO
JEFF HOBBS AND CHLOE FOR ENABLING
THE MASS TO COME INTO YOUR HOME.**

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections
with access to readings and prayers of the faith-
ful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

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.*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED In response to
the horrific explosion in Beirut on 4 August, the
Australian office of the international Catholic
Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched
a national emergency appeal to raise funds to
support the people of Lebanon. To read more
about the appeal, and to make a donation,
please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call
1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm,
AEST.



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$693.00
Presbytery:	\$264.00
Credit Cards:	\$0.00
Direct Debits:	\$1,195.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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

We are praying for the well being of all during the Coronavirus time. Let us this week all join our intentions in praying for the safety of all throughout this Coronavirus time.

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**Mass Timetable this week
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
16 August 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS		

PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE we invite you to pray our Parish Mass at 9.30am each Sunday the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8A1xPXAJVG3nEYTZQ>. Alternatively, you can find the link on our Parish website at: <http://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>

This week's livestreamed Masses:

Saturday 15 August at 10am - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sunday 16 August at 9.30am - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Year of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Fr Michael Wheeler, Jack Darby, Julie Healy, Tess Gillies, Justin Baldwin (Steve's brother), Neil Donovan, Adam Gilhooley** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John Lyne, Fr John McCormack, Fr Thomas Shearman**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Brian O'Connor, Zita Sutherland, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Marie Adjemovic, Cynthia Freshwater, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane**. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

ROSARY NOVENA PRAYER

Most Loving Mother Mary

Be with your children now as we pray this novena of Your Holy Rosary We ask that you please implore your Son Jesus to stretch out his healing hands over our world and put an end to the covid19 pandemic Jesus said to His Apostles "My peace I give you", please ask Him to give that peace now into the hearts of world leaders that they may see their way to solve problems with wisdom, through negotiation, discussion, empathy, caring, sharing and love instead of violence and killing.

Ask him to let His Peace flow into the hearts of those:-

- ❖ Who think violence is the answer to all their wants!
- ❖ Who do not protect and cherish children!
- ❖ Who teach children to kill and that killing is lawful!
- ❖ Who are so concerned with getting worldly goods that they abuse their authority!
- ❖ Who are do concerned with making money that they forget integrity!
- ❖ Who out of their own hurt, seek to hurt others!
- ❖ Who seek escape from hurt and confusion in drugs and alcohol!
- ❖ Who think that being involved in the drug trade is acceptable!

- ❖ Who have no respect for human life
- ❖ Who think their own ideas so right that they have the right to force that view on others by any means!
- ❖ Who think they have some right to take or destroy the possessions of others!
- ❖ Who think The Commandments are some old-fashioned idea that no longer applies to them!

Please ask The Holy Spirit to shower on the world

- ❖ Knowledge of God's Infinite Love
- ❖ Understanding of His Forgiveness
- ❖ Wisdom to find and do only what is right and justice
- ❖ Council to find solutions to problems rather than waste time just apportioning blame
- ❖ Fortitude to accept life's problems and pains and ask the help of Jesus and Mary instead of becoming angry and discouraged.

Let us have a world where

- ❖ Peace, Justice, Integrity, Love and Wisdom reign!
- ❖ People truly care about each other!
- ❖ God is truly King

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Not being held until further notice

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Not being held until further notice

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: **Isaiah 22:19-23**
Second Reading: **Romans 11:33-36**
Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-20**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Cancelled currently due to
Coronavirus restrictions.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - No Public Masses until further notice.

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am (Live-streamed)
Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm