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Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via psale@cdsale.org.au.



First Sunday in Lent, Year B 20 – 21 February 2021

LENT

Pope Francis, in his message for Lent 2021, invites us to “experience Lent with Love” by extending the hand of charity to those affected by coronavirus.

Pope Francis said, “*To experience Lent with love*” means to care for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. “In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you’ (Isaiah 43:1).”

Pope Francis asks us to “speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

The Pontiff emphasised that even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with “joy and simplicity” can multiply, as did “the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd.”

“Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness,” he said.

The pope’s Lenten message addresses the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

In his message, Pope Francis said that the virtue of hope is particularly important as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the pandemic. “In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope,” he said.

“Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated. Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

“By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others.”

The pope said it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference”.

“To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is ‘making all things new’ (cf. Revelation 21:1-6).

Pope Francis wrote in his Lenten message that fasting, prayer, and almsgiving “enable and express our conversion.”

“The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity,” he wrote.

As the Holy Father says, let us view every moment as an opportunity for believing, hoping and loving.

Fr Jithin

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Stations of the Cross Fridays Feb: 26
Fridays March: 5, 12, 19 & 26
Holy Hour: Wednesdays Feb: 24,
March: 3, 10, 17, 24
Palm Sunday: March 28,
Mass of the Holy Oils: Tuesday March 30
Holy Thursday: April 1,
Good Friday: April 2,
Holy Saturday: April 3,
Easter Sunday: April 4.

MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 140 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. Use the QR code to register your attendance or use the sign in sheet to mark your attendance. Please social distance and use the hand sanitisers provided. **Masks are required to be worn. Bookings are no longer required to attend Mass.**

ALTAR SERVERS – Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar – please encourage your children in a generous response to assist. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

RECONCILIATION: During Lent – a perfect season to really make a special effort to renew our journey with the Lord, in the Sacrament of Confession. Fr Jithin and I will be available immediately following each daily Mass for up to half an hour – at the end of daily Mass we will simply move to the confessional.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Commitment Masses for First Reconciliation are **this weekend 20-21 February**. Parent/Child workshop for First Reconciliation is on **Tuesday 23 February at 4pm or 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Enrolments closed on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**. If you missed the deadline and still wish to enrol your child please call Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator on 5144 4100 to discuss enrolment.

RITE OF ELECTION for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates will be celebrated this year on **Sunday 21 February** (1st Sunday of Lent) at **3.00 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral Sale.

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.

HOLY HOUR - DURING LENT

From Wednesday Feb 24, at 5.00 – to – 6.00pm we will have a Holy Hour in the Cathedral, each Wednesday of Lent. During this time we will have a rosary, a reflection given by one of the priests and time for personal prayer: everyone welcome (Please sign in as you enter)
With every best good wish
Dean Peter

BRISBANE LENTEN PROGRAMS are currently available for \$5.00. They are designed for individual reflection or for Lenten groups. The books are in the parish office - see or call Clare on 5144 4100 if you would like a copy. If you would like to join a group: join Jennifer Fitzgerald & Veronica Barnes in the small room at the Chapter House **after Mass each Thursday** - call 5144 4100 or call Marg Goss on 5144 2154.

PROJECT COMPASSION is being run once again by Caritas Australia. The 2021 theme is 'Be More'. Find Project Compassion resources and films at lent.caritas.org.au. Posters, giving boxes and envelopes will be available in every parish Church. Once you have completed the Lenten season boxes or envelopes can be left on the collection plates at the front of each Church. Receipts will be available on request. You can also donate by calling **1800 024 413** or **online at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion**.

THE MARRIAGE KIT Online Seminar. Join us for a six-week workshop series for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship. This initiative is in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. Start Date: Monday evening 15 February. Course cost: Find out more: www.smartloving.org/rockhampton.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALTY MINISTRY Online **Lenten Series - Its all about Hope.** Facilitators: Theresa Denny & Geraldine Naismith Bookings: 0477 474 848 Monday during Lent 1pm - 3.30pm 22 Feb + 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March. \$25 per session. All are welcome, don't let cost prevent you from participating, please call. You are also invited to pay for others to participate who may be in financial need.

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.*

VIRTUAL LENT SERIES we are delighted to announce a series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Event Details: When: Tuesdays – February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7.00pm – 8.00pm Where: Via Zoom Meeting. COST: Free For more information call Garrett Publishing on 1300 650 878 for details of how to register.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work

31 CLUB REMINDER for 22 - 28 February. Please pray for vocations.

LUTURGY GROUP MEETING will be held on **Thursday 25 February at 1.30pm** in the Presbytery. Please let Clare know if you are unable to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 21 Feb 9.30am Briag: Ursula McCarthy (A)
Tue 23 Feb 9.30am: Sheila Edgar (A)

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$660.00
Presbytery:	\$35.00
Credit Cards:	\$30.00
Direct Debits:	\$819.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday in Lent, Year B
20 - 21 February 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 20 February	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 21 February	9.30am 9.30am	Briagolong Cathedral
<i>Rite of Elect</i>		
	3.00pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Weekday Masses</i>		
Tues 23 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 24 Feb	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Holy Hour</i>		
Thurs 25 February	5.00pm	Cathedral
Fri 26 February	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>		
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
	11.30am	Cathedral
	6.00pm	Cathedral
<i>Weekend Masses</i>		
Saturday 27 February	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
<i>Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

VISITING THE SICK:

Oftentimes during this Covid period, the priests have been denied entry to visit the sick as the Covid requirements allow just one or two visitors, which means we may have to go at another time, arranged with the person concerned and/or their family. Would you be kind to ring for Fr Jithin or Fr Peter, who will in turn upon arrival give the persons name at the front desk. The person at the desk will ring the ward and get affirmation of the request and after confirmation will allow the visit to happen. (Complicated days are with us I'm afraid.) We would appreciate your cooperation in this special regard.

CONTACTING YOUR PRIESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Fr Jithin and Fr Peter are available at any time for a call requesting prayer for any concerns for family members who are ill, for mental illness for times of loved ones who have died. **Prayer is healing**, brings peace and consolation. Let us never lose sight of the power of prayer. Let us pray for those whose family member has died of mental illness, this is a most trying time for families and friends who suffer such a loss. Please phone for prayer and make contact to invite discussion through these your trying and stressful times. **LET US PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.** (Dean Peter)

YEAR of ST JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



By Pope Francis

COMING TO COMMUNION – COVID RESTRICTIONS

SOCIAL DISTANCING: It is very important dear parishioners we don't become distracted in keeping to the Covid restrictions – especially in keeping to the social distancing directions as we come forward to receive Communion. The Tapes on the floor in the centre aisle are there to assist you in keeping to social distancing

A practical way of doing this would be to have communicants come forward one row at a time.

As you look to the Altar, my suggestion is the right hand side be the first row to come forward. The procession to communion to start from the front seat proceeding to the back seat. I repeat please be conscious to keep your distance in line with the Social distancing directions as per Covid 19. You will notice the tapes on the floor set there to clearly determine our correct distancing. Come to the tape stop there until the person in front processes on, then and only then proceed in your turn to the next tape and so on, then to the Priest to receive Holy Communion.

Once the back row of the right hand side is reached, then the back row on the left hand side falls in behind.

I am grateful for your co-operation. Should you be available after Mass, would you be kind to help in the wiping down of seats and doors and windows – there will be a person to guide you in what is necessary to do – please don't wait to be asked this would be a great help to them. Let us not take their generosity for cleansing, for granted. The best way we can show our appreciation is by offering to ease their load.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Bruno Gubala, Barbara Collins, Gregry Breen, Riley Pearce (Fr Peter's Grand-Nephew)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Sheila Edgar, Ursula McCarthy, Fr Joseph O'Hagan, Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley.** We pray for those who are sick **Noreen Waud, Diliaana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Sue Barr, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO 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:

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**



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

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: **Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:31-34**

Gospel: **Mark 9:2-10**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen is held each Thursday
& serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm
Tea and Coffee provided.
At the Chapter House. All welcome.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am

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