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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 19 - 20 February 2022

I Choose to love.

Praise the Lord, I have had my first family dinner (during the course of the week) since arriving in the Parish of Sale. And guess who invited me out... the leaders of the family group. How fabulous that my first family meal is with the leaders of the family group in the parish. It was a pleasant and delightful evening, with leaders from three groups coming together. The most interesting thing about the evening, apart from the sumptuous meal (it was really yummy), was the discussion at table. It was really very welcoming; a celebration of love and care. I remain grateful for that.

This weekend the Gospel text which continues Jesus' teaching on the plain (begun last Sunday), challenges us in the most radical of Jesus' teachings: "love your enemies", "do good to those who hate you", "bless those who curse you", and "pray for those who treat you badly". I read somewhere of a guru who retorted that this is one of the most difficult teachings of Jesus that he finds really hard to comprehend. Oh yes, no joke, it is truly hard to follow. Someone would say, how dare the Lord asks me to love my enemies, be good to those who hate me, bless those who curse me, and even to pray for those who treat me badly. Isn't that really too much to ask? Of course, it is. This is where radical discipleship comes in. Remember, Jesus asks this of those who are his disciples, those who believe in his teachings and follow him. For these, he leaves his life behind as an example. The entirety of his life has been summarised in this teaching, as scripture declares: what proves that God loves us is that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8); Jesus prays for those who hated and crucified him (Luke 23:24); He washed Judas' feet though he knew Judas was going to betray him (John 13:1-11). Hmmm! Really fascinating, isn't it?

Jesus has given us the profound example of his life. This is why John writes that those who claim to be following Jesus must learn to emulate him (1 John 2:6). Paul in the second reading enjoins us to model our lives on Jesus, the heavenly man (1 Cor 15:49). So, the catch phrase today is "I choose to love". This is the invitation and the challenge. It is God's choice to be compassionate to humanity; and the Lord asks us to emulate our father.

As we join the rest of the church in praying and hoping for a more synodal church, may we be more open to the grace of the Holy Spirit working among us, as we choose to love, even when we are not loved; to respect even when we are not respected; to pray for others even when they treat us badly. This is radical discipleship to which we are called. The response is always a personal and individual choice to make, but very rewarding.

God bless us all,
Fr Francis

Quote of the Day on Synodality

"The Church, in her entirety, has undertaken a synodal process, and counts on your contribution. Let us recall, in this regard, that synodality is not a simple discussion. Nor is it an "adjective". Never adjectivize the substantiality of life. Nor is synodality the search for the consensus of the majority; this is what a parliament does, this is what is done in politics. (Synodality) is not a plan, a programme to be implemented. No. It is a style to be assumed, in which the main protagonist is the Holy Spirit, who is expressed first and foremost in the Word of God, read, meditated upon and shared together. Let us take the concrete image of the cross: it has a vertical arm and a horizontal arm. The horizontal arm is our life, our history, our humanity. The vertical arm is the Lord who comes to visit us with his Word and his Spirit, to give meaning to what we are living. To focus on Jesus' cross, as Saint Paul says (cf. Gal 2:19), means accepting to place my life under his gaze, to accept this encounter between my poor humanity and his transforming divinity. Please, always leave an important place for the Word of God in the life of your groups. And likewise, leave space for prayer, for the inner life, for worship. I hope so much that everyone will find or rediscover the joy of knowing the friendship of Christ and proclaiming the Gospel."

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Feb: National Church Life Survey
Wed 2 March: Ash Wednesday
Sun 6 March: Diocesan Rite of Election 3pm
Sun 6 March: Morning Tea for Fr Francis 10.30am
Sat 12 Mar: Diaconate Ordination Mark Hughes.
Cranbourne

Currently there are no restrictions on numbers at Mass. **Masks must be worn and QR Codes are still required to be used at ALL parish Masses.**

SYNOD 2023: SYNOD OF BISHOPS: The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until **February 27**. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>
Synod Questions for Discussion and Reflection. Walking with other Christians is essential to our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How well do we know our brothers and sisters from other Christian Churches and what do we share? Why don't we do more together? Have your say by **February 27 2022**. <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>
Daily Prayer (Madonna Magazine/Australian Jesuits). Daily readings and Scripture reflections. Free subscription. <https://www.pray.com.au/>
Pray at Home (Australian Catholic Bishops)
A comprehensive listing of Prayer resources and Mass offerings from Dioceses around Australia. <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome>

DIACONATE ORDINATION of Mark Hughes will take place at St Agatha's Parish Church, Cranbourne on **Saturday 12 March at 11am**. If you would like to attend we are considering running a bus to Cranbourne for this special day for the Diocese. There is a sign up sheet in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place on **Sunday 6 March** (1st Sunday of Lent) at **3pm in the Cathedral**. Bishop Greg will meet with the Catechumens and Candidates in the Chapter House from 2pm.

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY will be held at all Parish Churches on the weekend of **26 - 27 February**. Forms will be available on the day. Forms will be sent to Stratford for completion this weekend. For those who would like to participate on line we will have the link available next weekend and it will be sent with the email bulletins next weekend. We would appreciate it if all parishioners could please participate in this survey. Thank you for your assistance.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Evie & Sonny Grant children of Benn & Carlier. Congratulations to the family from us all.

FROM YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER our Parish will host the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 4 March at 7pm**. Theme is: 'I know the plans I have for you'.
WELCOME MORNING TEA for Fr Francis will be held **after 9.30am Mass** in the assembly area of the Cathedral on **Sunday 6 March**.

ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL LEADER – The Spiritual Leaders Online Program is a one-year, part-time program held outside of business hours for those engaged in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community. The program begins on **26/3/22** via Zoom, and focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel **03 9890 1101**.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Australia: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

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.*

RESTORING FRESHNESS IN THE TIME OF LENT Michael Elligate - Online Lenten Series
Dates: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th Thursday Morning @ 10.30am & Evening @ 7.30pm Presented by Emmaus Spirituality Ministry Facilitators: Theresa Denny & Geraldine Naismith **BOOKINGS:** salespirituality1@gmail.com \$25 PER SESSION All are welcome, don't let cost prevent you from participating. Emmaus is a joint ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and Jesuits and Ignatian Spirituality Australia ABN 91 637 748 906,1300 **EXAMEN** (1300-392-636), info@jisa.org.au

31 CLUB REMINDER for 21 - 27 February. Please pray for vocations.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Bookings for house blessings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 Feb 5.30pm: David Rebecchi (A)
Wed 23 Feb 9.30am: Kevin & Mollie Hickey (A's)
Wed 23 Feb 10.30am: Sheila Edgar (A)

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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$727.00
Presbytery:	\$941.65
Credit Cards:	\$30.00
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
19 - 20 February 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 19 February	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 20 February	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 21 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 22 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 23 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 24 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 25 February	11.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 26 February	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 27 February	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briargolong Cathedral

Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please at all Masses.

Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.



DIOCESAN SYNOD CONVERSATIONS:

We are hosting three conversations, one for each of the Synod themes of **Communion, Participation and Mission**. Join one or more conversations

Conversation on **Communion**

Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm

Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXFJB> or QR code



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS

Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

Find Out More: Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our online forum at **5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March**, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Kevin Hickey, Mollie Hickey, Sheila Edgar, David Rebecchi, Fr Joseph O'Hagan, Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley**. Please pray for those who are sick **Brian Peter Kerr, Margaret Lee, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater 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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

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 - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Gospel: **Luke 6:39-45**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

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

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.