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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 26 - 27 February 2022

Dearest friends,

As we begin, this Wednesday, the precious season of Lent, take your time and read this reflective article by our seminarian, Mark Hughes:

“Remember man dust you are and to dust you shall return” Gen 3:19

Although I have heard these words every Ash Wednesday only after having joined the clerical line it's meaning has hit home. For me it was just something that we did and had to partake of in our preparation to enter into Lent. Now looking back at the words spoken by the priest as he crosses our forehead with ashes brings to light the startling revelation of the fragility of our spiritual lives.

On deeper introspection the saying weighs heavily on the state of our heart. “For where your treasure is there your heart will be also” (Mat 6:21). The dark particles of the ashes resemble the subtleness of sin that creeps into our heart. Sin is subtle but its effects are fairly experiential. Although fine in nature ashes have an irritating, annoying experience when it gets into our eyes as it temporarily blinds us. So, it is with sin and sinful tendencies. It annoys away at the peacefulness of a soul eroding subtly the fabric of our being. Subtle but dangerous is the sinfulness of humanity if left unattended. It gradually becomes an acceptable norm as we grow insensitive to sin's presence in our lives.

The contention we face here lies with our will. The will to do what is right. There remains a mismatch between what we have to do and what we actually do. Scripture calls it out, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23). Yet again “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8-10). It takes a humble heart to accept this truth. A pompous person remains dead to oneself and is never enlightened. “Remember man dust you are and to dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19) provides us the incentive to determine where we stand on this spiritual spectrum.

As we come to bear the cross of Christ on our foreheads may we be reminded of the tender loving mercies of our God who gave all for us. For “tenderness and mercy define God in whom doing and being are one and the same.” May this time of entry into Lent mark a period of contrition for our many failings. It is a time to take stock of where our heart is and to listen to what it is saying to us. This could be our humble prayer as we make our Lenten offering to Jesus today: “Give us the right disposition, O Lord we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.”

Fortunately for us the Lord invites his people to return to him. His word assures us in the entrance antiphon of Ash Wednesday “when he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory...” (Ps. 90:15-16). Jesus promises us a renewed way of life in him. A life that is free from the sting of death (1 Cor 15:55). If only we would turn back to him. Like the ashes which require a voluntary action to be brushed away so as to relieve the irritation it causes, may we make every conscious effort to acknowledge our sinfulness, accept its presence in our life and be marked by a conscious movement towards the cross of Christ.

I pray you have a blessed Lenten season,
Mark Hughes.

Invitation to Lenten Reflections here in the Cathedral (Please save the date).

Wednesday 9th March, Thursday 17th March, Thursday 24th March, Thursday 31st March and Thursday 7th April

These sessions will be led by Frs Francis and Jithin, and Mark Hughes. Great moving and reflective music, and sumptuous supper also provided. **Each evening will go from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** Please lock these dates in your diaries for a time of great catch up... spread the word. More about this next week.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Feb: National Church Life Survey
Wed 2 March: Ash Wednesday
Fri 4 March: World Day of Prayer 7pm Cathedral and 7.30pm Stratford
Sun 6 March: Morning Tea for Fr Francis 10.30am
Sun 6 March: Diocesan Rite of Election 3pm
Sat 12 Mar: Diaconate Ordination Mark Hughes. Cranbourne 11am

SYNOD 2023: SYNOD OF BISHOPS: The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday, March 13**. Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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. **Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Saturday 12 March due to this event.**

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place next **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**.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS. A series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey. **WHEN: Tuesdays – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12**
TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*
WHERE: Via Zoom meeting **COST: Free**
Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded after registration.
[https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/mgvkyk41mgm7a7/?ct=t\(ALL-SEG-VIRTUAL-LENT-FEB-2022\)&mc_cid=e6078ba8cd&mc_eid=a0e720d99c](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/mgvkyk41mgm7a7/?ct=t(ALL-SEG-VIRTUAL-LENT-FEB-2022)&mc_cid=e6078ba8cd&mc_eid=a0e720d99c)

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Parker Hunt daughter of Jayden and Grace. Congratulations to the family from us all.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

SALE St Mary's Cathedral will host the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 4 March at 7pm**. Theme is: 'I know the plans I have for you'. If anyone speaks Welsh please contact Lorel Donnelly via the Parish Office.

STRATFORD Friday 4 March at 7.30pm. The Stratford Ecumenical Service will be held at St Patrick's Church Stratford. Parishioners please bring a plate of supper to share. All welcome.

ROSEDALE St Rose of Lima at **10am on Friday 4 March** Service prepared by women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland Guest speaker: Mark Hughes

WELCOME MORNING TEA for Fr Francis will be held **after 9.30am Mass** in the assembly area of the Cathedral on **Sunday 6 March**.

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

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

LENTEN BOOKS 'The Spirit and the Cross' a nourishing accompaniment to your Lenten journey will be available before Ash Wednesday. Cost will be \$10 each. Please call the Parish office on 5144 4100 after **Monday 28 February** if you would like to obtain a copy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 27 Feb 9.30am Briag: Ursula McCarthy (A)

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.*

PROJECT COMPASSION Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed 'For All Future Generations'. If you don't wish to use the box/envelopes you can also donate by phoning **1800 024 413** or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. **Lives change when we all give 100%.**

COUNTERS We are going to commence counter rosters once again in the Parish. We have a number of names already but if you would like to be included and have not yet given your name please sign up at the Covid sign in desk or call Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 to give your contact information. Training for all counters will be provided at a date to be advised.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 3 March at 4.45pm** for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Lyn Althaus on 0418 497 531.
31 CLUB REMINDER for 28 February - 6 March.

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:	\$1,172.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$70.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
26 - 27 February 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 27 February	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 28 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 1 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 2 March	9.30am	Cathedral
ASH WEDNESDAY	5.30pm	Cathedral
Liturgy of the Word	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 3 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 4 March	11.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 5 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 6 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

The survey will be held at all Parish Churches this weekend **26 - 27 February**. The survey is designed to help the Parish determine our parishioner needs and future direction. Paper forms will be available on the day at all parish Churches. Forms will be sent to Briagolong, Rosedale and Loch Sport for completion this weekend. For those who would like to participate on line the link is available below and it will be sent with the emailed bulletin. We would appreciate it if parishioners could please participate in this survey. Afterwards we will receive our own results to share with all parishioners. **Thank you for your assistance.**

- This survey is a voluntary, anonymous and confidential survey.
- Most people complete it within 15-20 minutes
- Choose one response to each question unless otherwise indicated

To complete your online survey go to:
attendersurvey.ncls.org.au

The codes needed for your Church community are as follows:

- TAV02001 - St Mary's Cathedral & Loch Sport
- TAV02003 - St Patrick's Briagolong
- TAV02004 - St Patrick's Stratford
- TAV02002 - St Rose of Lima Rosedale.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE (MMHC)

'Cuppa with Mary' – When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Learn about the Mary MacKillop's story and ministry through participation in a two-day program at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled Mary MacKillop "Daughter of Melbourne" in this program, you have opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure and register for this two day event here.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop – With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials - With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate on 9926 9300.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Brian 'Peter' Kerr** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ursula McCarthy, Neville McLeod, Fr Tom O'Connell, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson**. Please pray for those who are sick **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:

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord 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:
First Sunday of Lent, Year C
1st Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:4-10**
2nd Reading: **Romans 10:8-13**
Gospel: **Luke 4:1-13**

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.