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Third Sunday of Lent, Year C 19 - 20 March 2022

Cathedral presbytery/Bishop's Residence refurbishment

We are custodians of such beautiful historic buildings: the magnificent Cathedral, Bishop's Residence, Parish Office, Cathedral Presbytery, and Chapter House. These buildings stand as a testament to the heritage of the establishment of the Diocese (1873) and the legacy of the Catholic people whose financial contribution leaves a rich patrimony which needs to be protected and preserved as a living site of Catholic mission, welcome, hospitality and outreach. The buildings form part of our heritage, but are all vital for our pastoral mission in the parish and for the Diocese.

Discussions and conversations about the refurbishment of these buildings have been on for a while now. But like many other projects in the Diocese the Covid-19 restrictions and other issues slowed down the process. At a recent meeting of Bishop Greg, his Vicar for projects (Fr Bernard Buckley), Fr Jithin, Deacon Mark and myself, it was suggested that it is time to recommence the conversation again. However, as you would appreciate, ongoing care, maintenance and refurbishment require careful consideration and strategic planning. To this effect, a working committee has been nominated. Fr Bernard will be asking the nominated members if they would consider serving on this committee. Once the committee have had their first meeting, a date for "Open-Houses" will be communicated to you, to give everyone the chance to come in and have a view of the buildings, both interior and exterior. Our hope is to get started soonest. More information will be communicated as the committee meets. Thanks for your support.

Mark Hughes—appointed to the Cathedral

A couple of weeks ago, Mark was with us as a seminarian. Today he is with us as a Deacon. The Bishop has now officially posted Mark to the Cathedral as the resident Cathedral Deacon. We are very blessed to have Mark with us. This appointment takes effect from Tuesday 15th March and will continue till further notice. God bless you, Mark.

Youth ministry

You will agree with me that ministry to the young ones is a very important aspect of the mission of the church in any region or parish. This is also at the heart of our mission here in the Cathedral. It is my great pleasure and excitement to let you know that in a short while from now, we will begin again our parish youth ministry. Discussion and consultations are still going on with a couple of our parishioners who are keen to form part of a team that will help facilitate the ministry, alongside Jithin and Mark and myself. Thanks in advance for your support and prayers.

On another note, we are so very grateful for all those who made it to the Cathedral choir practice last Tuesday night. God bless you all. I am very hopeful and optimistic that this initiative will grow. Please let us all be part of this and help it mature.

The fruit of repentance

Repentance is a word that is not very popular in our everyday vocabulary anymore; but it is a constant call of the Gospel. This weekend we are confronted with this theme which is very strong in the writings of Luke (Luke 13:1-9). At the beginning of his ministry John the Baptist invites his hearers (then and now) to bear fruits worthy of repentance (Luke 3:7b-8a). This fulfills John's ministry which is meant to "turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people for the Lord," (Luke 1:17b). At the end of his ministry Jesus commissions the disciples to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). We find this message actively represented in the message of Peter in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven."

Luke in the Gospel text today invites us to embrace repentance. He particularly draws our attention to the need to bear the fruits of repentance in our daily choices. The Lord's interest, while it seeks true repentance, is more on bearing the fruits of repentance. A fruit is something that is visible to the eyes. The fruits of repentance thus relate to the practical aspect of our life. The parable (vv 6-9) portrays God's patience. For three years the owner of the vineyard is patient with a nonfruit-yielding fig tree. He is nevertheless optimistic. He does not give up. Even when it seems like he has given up, he is still patient for another more year. Another chance. But the question may be asked: does patience have limit? Luke invites us all to make hays while the sun shines.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 23 March: Counters Training 1.30pm
Thurs 24 March: Liturgy Group 2.00pm
Chapter House
LENTE REFLECTIONS CATHEDRAL 7pm
Thursday 24th March,
Thursday 31st March and
Thursday 7th April
STATIONS OF THE CROSS Cathedral 6pm,
Friday 25 March and Friday 1 & 8 April
during Lent.
Thurs 7 April: Mary's Kitchen each fortnight
12-1pm in the Chapter House

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

INVITATION TO LENTE REFLECTIONS here in the Cathedral:

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in St Mary's Cathedral each **Friday night at 6pm** during Lent. All are welcome to attend.

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

COUNTERS We are going to commence counter rosters once again in the Parish. If you would like to be included and have not yet given your name please sign up by calling Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 to give your contact information. Training for all counters will be held on **Wednesday 23 March at 1.30pm.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism Remi and Phoenix Harrington children of James and Grace. Congratulations to the family from us all.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening again on **Thursday 7 April from 12.00 - 1.00pm** in the **Chapter House.** Volunteers can either provide food for Mary's Kitchen or help serve on the day. They will be opening **every Thursday fortnight** at this stage unless they can get more volunteers who have met all of the Child Safety requirements for volunteers. Those wishing to volunteer must have a current working with children check, have signed a Parish Code of Conduct form and have completed the Child Safety on line module. All employees and volunteers of the Parish must also provide proof of double vaccination to the parish office. If we have more volunteers then we hope to provide this service weekly once again. Please call the **Parish Office on 5144 4100** or send an email to Sale@cdsale.org.au if you are interested in helping.

APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Emergency Relief to aid Refugees. Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid our Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees.. To help support refugees you may wish to donate to the Salesian Missions Australia via: Mail : Salesian Missions Australia, P O Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032
Our website:

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Email: salmiss@salesians.org.au Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmjw2pOupB8>

A BIG THANKYOU to all involved in organising the bus to Deacon Mark Hughes' ordination in Cranbourne. What a wonderful celebration it was. Particular thanks to Claire Everard for organising the bus and to Sue Harvey and Claire Everard who were bus monitors on the day. A special thank you to Catherine in the St Michael's Traralgon Parish Office for organising the Traralgon Parishioners who joined the bus.

LITURGY GROUP MEETING will be held at **2pm** in the Chapter House on **Thursday 24 March.**

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.*

CHOIR We are very excited about rejuvenating the choir in our Parish. Rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm.** Let's smile together and use our voices to lead our congregation in praise with song. We will begin with the 9:30am Mass on Sundays and as we grow, hopefully assist all of our services. Thanks to those parishioners who turned up for choir practice last Tuesday.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS & ENVELOPES

if you are a planned giver for this parish please ensure you collect your envelopes and receipt. If you donate via credit card, direct debit or direct credit please collect your receipt. Those left at the end of this weekend will be posted out to givers - which can be a significant cost to the parish. If you know someone is away please collect their envelopes for them. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 March 9.30am: Kempsea Smith (ill)
Sun 20 March 9.30am: Giulio & Gina Ravagnolo (A's)

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:	\$828.00
Presbytery:	\$1,004.30
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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Lent, Year C
12 - 13 March 2022**

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

The Connection between the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops.

There has been some confusion amongst people about the Synod and the Plenary Council. In preparation for the 5th Plenary Council of Australia, we have been on a four year journey of listening, dialogue and discerning what God is asking of us in Australia at this time. Now Pope Francis is asking us to a similar thing, but together with the entire Church worldwide. As Christ's church, we are all called to living in a synodal way, attentive to others and ready to walk alongside one another. In your parishes you will have already experienced aspects of living synodally as a faith community. The synodal journey is not something which ends with the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in 2023, but is meant to be the way in which we are to be disciples of Christ, bearing his Good News for the transformation of ourselves, the church and the world. Bishop Shane Mackinlay (the Plenary Council's Vice-President) is featured in a brief video (1.5 minutes) explaining the connection between the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-JgRwx5NnQ> To watch the full video (6 minute version) enter this address in your browser. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnz0DCXGZ10>.

**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.

SAVE THE DATE



**Let's walk together
Diocesan Celebration**

Sunday : 1st May 2022
Time : 2.00pm
Venue : St Kieran's Church, 2 Wirraway St, Mc

Liturgy followed by afternoon tea.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Bernard Clancy, Peter Kerr, John Mahoney** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Giulio Ravagnolo, Gina Ravagnolo, Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joe Daly**. Please pray for those who are sick **Kempsea Smith, 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, 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?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul's to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st Reading: **Joshua 5:9-12**
2nd Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen
Each Thursday fortnight from 7 April
'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm
Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



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.