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Safeguarding Statement: Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Email: psa.sale@cdsale.org.au.



Second Sunday of Advent, Year A 3 - 4 December 2022



Diocese of Sale
Catholic Education Ltd

1 December 2022

JOINT STATEMENT FROM

Most Reverend Greg Bennet &
Bishop of Sale

Maria Kirkwood
Director of Catholic Education and
Chief Executive Officer – Diocese of Sale
Catholic Education Limited

Re: Our Lady of Sion Convent and former Sion Campus, Sale

The Our Lady of Sion convent building in Sale is a much-loved local landmark with historical significance for Catholics, the Catholic education community, and the broader community in Sale.

Since the formal closure of the College, many have expressed their dreams and hopes for its future.

In a 2016 address, Pope Francis spoke of the importance of those amongst us who are 'custodians of beauty' as they enable the healing of hearts and souls. As custodians of this heritage site, we have been very aware of the opportunity presented to us to create buildings of beauty that will enable those in our community to grow in their love of Jesus in an enriching environment.

Since the August 2021 announcement, planning and assessment of the former Sion Campus site has been ongoing. The Bishop, through his Diocesan Committee chaired by the former Member for Gippsland South and parishioner of St Mary's Cathedral, the Honourable Mr Peter Ryan, has been exploring possible uses of the convent building. The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL) has been consulting and exploring the possible relocation of St Thomas' Catholic Primary School, Sale to the Sion Campus site and an architect has provided significant insights into how to transform this space into a contemporary environment.

We are delighted to now advise that through the work of DOSCEL and the Diocesan Committee, consideration is now focused on the development of the whole site as a state-of-the-art education facility. We are particularly pleased about the opportunity provided to us in the convent building which includes the chapel being the centrepiece of the school.

Early conceptual design for a Preliminary Proposed Masterplan are in the process of being developed by a project architect for consideration and assessment.

While the concept is in the early design phase and subject to further development and regulatory authority approval, it provides visual insight into the opportunities to transform the site into a contemporary learning environment while preserving its rich heritage. Much work lies ahead to assess this as a concept, working with architects, engineers and planning authorities and our parish and school communities.

We are delighted to share with our community the possibilities being explored to continue the 125-year tradition of Catholic education on this historic site and we look forward to working with the parish and school communities in this next planning phase.

PARISH CALENDAR.

Mon 5 Dec 5pm: Mass & Volunteers dinner
Mon 5 Dec: PPC Nominations close
Tues 6 Dec 7pm: Synod online meeting
Sat 10 & Sun 11: St Vincent de Paul coll

VOLUNTEERS DINNER 2022 the BBQ is being held this **Monday 5 December at 6pm and will be preceded by Mass at 5.00pm in the Cathedral.**

****DON'T FORGET** ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RESOURCE** is available from the Parish Office now. Advent has started. Copies are available for **\$10 each.**

31 CLUB REMINDER for 5 to 11 Dec. Please pray for vocations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will be in the assembly area of the cathedral from **3 to 16 December.** Parishioners are invited to take tags from the tree and purchase these goods then return them to the box under the tree to be distributed to local families. There will be a leaving collection at all masses on **10 and 11 December.** Please take your tags and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL In response to the ongoing Flood emergency in Victoria – SVDP have been conducting a Flood Appeal which you may wish to support. You can donate via the SVDP online portal.
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS if you would like to donate for Christmas Flowers you can either bring the money into the Parish office or place the money in an envelope on any collection plate.

PARISH OFFICE The opening hours of the Parish Office will change with effect from the **week of Monday 5 December.** Clare will be working **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only.** Mark will continue to work on **Wednesday's.** **This means both the office and the Cathedral will be closed on Mondays.**
The Office will be closed from **Friday 23 December 2022** and will reopen on **Tuesday 17 January 2023** for the Christmas break.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): If you wish to nominate a fellow Parishioner or yourself to the PPC **nominations close Monday 5 December.** Thanks to those who have already nominated a fellow Parishioner.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 For more than 30 years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you are interested, there will be an information night held at **St. Agatha's parish hall, Cranbourne (129 Sladen Street) on 12 December at 7pm.** You can also contact **Fr. Avinash George for information on avinash.george@cdsale.org.au or 03 5997 1510.**

INVITATION to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for Mr Michael Manuel is on the bulletin board in each Parish church. It is being held at **St Michael's Berwick at 7pm on Friday 16 December.** RSVP's by Wednesday 7 Dec to **michael_manuel@hotmail.com**

DIOCESAN INFORMATION: SYNOD NEWS
The Continental Document for the Synod (CDS) and information on registering your interest can be found by visiting the diocesan website cdsale.org.au/events. **Online meeting: 7.00 – 8.30 pm Tuesday 6 December**
Further information: Contact Sophy Morley smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Ph 5622 6677

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at **www.thatcatholicshop.com**.

NOTE: There will be no Mass on Thursday 8/12.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 Dec 5.30pm: Francisco Aquino Jnr (BA)
Mon 5 Dec 5.00pm: Noel Bateson (A)
Wed 7 Dec 9.30am: Ray Chirgwin (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.*

We pray for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania Fiji, 5-10 February 2023

PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus as loving, merciful and just.
Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church.
Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit, that they might truly discern and faithfully serve the needs of your People and your World.
Colour our way of life and give witness to your presence among us.
You who live and reign,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, Saturday 10.00 — 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:	\$1,014.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Advent, Year A
3 - 4 December 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 3 December	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 4 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 5 December	5.00pm	Cathedral
Parish Volunteers Dinner	6.00pm	Presbytery Lawn
Tuesday 6 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 7 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 8 December	NO	MASS
Friday 9 December	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 10 December	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 11 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 3 Dec 5.30pm	Sun 4 Dec 9.30am	Sun 4 Dec 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Ann Neville
Counter	Sue H & Libby J		

Date & Time	Sat 10 Dec 5.30pm	Sun 11 Dec 9.30am	Sun 11 Dec 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Susan Mattson	Jenny Fitzgerald
Reader	Marietta Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Mary Cooper (Monday)		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Leo Dignan, Elizabeth Moore, Mary Harry** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Francisco Aquino Jnr, Ray Chirgwin, Noel Bateson, Fr Dave Cagney, Fr Frank Young, Fr Patrick O'Donohue**. Please pray for those who are sick **Eric Tabuteau, Fr Peter Slater, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Neha De Alwis, Helena Klimas, Gabriel Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

The Advent Wreath

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today as we gather on the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second of the candles, remembering how God's love was manifested to the people of Israel through the Law and the Prophets.

*We now light the second candle,
called the Bethlehem Candle
to remind us of the place of the birth of the Messiah.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the saviour of Israel, Emmanuel the God who is with us

All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the one who fulfilled the promise of Micah that out of Bethlehem of Judah, the least of the clans of Israel, would come the one who is to rule over Israel.

All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the one who leads the faithful remnant of Israel to the fulfilment of the promise.

All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.

Celebrant: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

COLLECT: Almighty and Merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to this company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.



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 people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.**

FIRST READING :

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin-cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 35:1-6, 10**

2nd Reading: **St James 5:7-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 11:2-11**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

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

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

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.