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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, Rose Lee, Brenda Burditt, Cijo Kuriakose, John Dykun, Michele Wakeham, Doug Waite, Claire Everard, Tim Morrison, Carmel Kuizenga, Anita Little, Filomena Padula, Jennifer Fitzgerald.

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.** Ph 5144 4100



Third Sunday of Advent, Year A 10 - 11 December 2022

My beloved brothers and sisters,

It is the third week of advent, and almost the end of the year 2022. It is also nearly one year of joyfully journeying with you; an experience which I will say has been pleasant, at least from my perspective. Filled with immense joy and unquantified gratitude I bring the following to your knowledge.

PARISH BBQ: Last Monday, we had the parish BBQ with about a hundred parishioners in attendance, ranging from very young parishioners to older ones. There was a lot of food provided joyfully by parishioners. You could smell the BBQ cooked by fellow parishioners from a distance. It was a celebration of our "common union" in a very friendly, cordial, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. On behalf of Frs Jithin and Mark, and the PPC, I say "thank you" to you all for your participation, contribution and assistance. I'm looking forward to the next one in joyful hope.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: About three to four weeks ago, I informed the community that the term of the current PPC was coming to an end, and that a new PPC was to commence soon. To that effect, I advised that nomination of names of parishioners to be considered for the new PPC be sent to the parish office. Thank you to everyone who nominated fellow parishioners for this very important role in the life of a parish. I'd like to advise that following the nomination of names, after due consideration, reflection and consultations, the following people will now form the new PPC: Rose Lee, Brenda Burditt, Cijo Kuriakose, John Dykun, Michele Wakeham, Doug Waite, Claire Everard, Tim Morrison, Carmel Kuizenga, Anita Little, Filomena Padula, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Fr Jithin, and Fr Francis. The inauguration of the new PPC will be on Sunday, 19 February, 2023, at the 9.30am Mass. Counting on the cooperation, commitment and passion of each one of the new members, I believe the Lord will accomplish greater things for our parish. Let us continue to pray for them and for our parish community.

The new Council will be looking at developing a 5-year strategic plan for the Parish with its accompanying annual implementation plan. A few areas identified are as follows: adult formation, youth ministry, social justice, liturgy/sacraments, building community, deepening school/parish collaboration, reaching out/ecumenism, and any other areas of importance to our parish life. This is a move towards practical implementation of the fruits of our last Diocesan Assembly, the Plenary Council, and Vat II, within our own contemporary cultural and social context. Our task now is to start thinking about how we can explore these areas of parish life and continue to grow as a community of missionary disciples. The brainstorming exercises will commence following the Council's first meeting in 2023.

PRIESTS' TRANSFER AND APPOINTMENT: The Bishop has informed us of the following transfers and appointment of priests effective mid February 2023.

Fr Avinash appointed Parish Priest of Koo Wee Rup/Iona

Fr Stanley appointed Parish Priest of Leongatha/Korumburra.

Fr Confidence appointed Administrator of Warragul/Drouin

Fr Mark appointed Assistant Priest to Bairnsdale/Omeo

Once again, thanks very much to everyone of you, most cherished brothers and sisters, for continuously working with others to further the growth of our Parish community. May God bless you all and keep you in HIS peace. And May Our Lady of Perpetual Help continue to intercede for us, Amen.

Fr Francis Otobo

PARISH CALENDAR

10-11 Dec: St Vincent de Paul leaving collection at all Parish Masses

17-18 Dec: Advent Appeal for Ukraine leaving collection at all Parish Masses

Tue 20 Dec: Parish Reconciliation **6.00pm** 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 12 to 18 Dec. Please pray for vocations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE is 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. Please take your tags and give generously to those who are less fortunate. There will be a leaving collection at all masses this weekend on **10 and 11 December**.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS if you would like to donate money 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 Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 23 December 2022** and will reopen on **Tuesday 17 January 2023**.

PARISH RECONCILIATION will take place at **6.00pm on Tuesday 20 December** in the Cathedral. Let's all make this a good opportunity to prepare for Christmas. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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 major events of World Youth Day include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. 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, and know more about the pilgrimage, 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

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS Stamps can continue to be left at the Piety Stall for overseas missions. Ann B would like to thank everyone who has donated stamps. Stamps go to Mary McKillop missions in Peru, the Carmelites and to other missions.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) we have three candidates, Kirby, Sharri & Faye who will be undertaking the RCIA program. We would like to thank Rosemary Webster and Marietta Dykun who have kindly taken on a leadership role with this program for our Parish.

THANK YOU to Brenda Burditt and the members of the Serra Club for organising the volunteer BBQ. Thank you to all who bought the delicious food to share. We are very grateful to you all for your service to our Parish.

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.*

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE During the November 2022 plenary meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Bishops strongly supported a proposal from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, to hold an appeal for the people of Ukraine. We have been asked to have a "leaving" collection which will be held next weekend, **17 & 18 December at all Parish Masses**. The collections will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10 Dec 5.30pm: John & Rosa Centra (A's)
Sun 11 Dec 9.30am: Elizabeth Moore (RD)
Sun 11 Dec 9.30am Briag: Len Watson (A)

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:	\$1,022.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Advent, Year A
10 - 11 December 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
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
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 12 December	NO	MASS
Tuesday 13 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 14 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 15 December	9.30pm	Cathedral
Friday 16 December	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 17 December	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 18 December	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

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)		

Date & Time	Sat 17 Dec 5.30pm	Sun 18 Dec 9.30am	Sun 18 Dec 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Damian Hogan	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Vince Beer	Ann Neville
Counter	Len & Lyn Althaus		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Vince Pusmacans, Leo Dignan, Mary Harry, Elizabeth Moore** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Len Watson, John Centra, Rosa Centra, Kerry Lee, Julia Crosby, Vincent Carubia, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Fr Cornelius Sheehan**. Please pray for those who are sick **John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Neha De Alwis, Helena Klimas, Gabriel Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, 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

Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today, as we gather on the third Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle remembering how God's love was made manifest through the mystery and preaching of John the Baptist.

We now light the third candle, called the Shepherd's Candle after the first ones to worship the new born Jesus. The rose colour of the candle indicates the joy we share in the life of the Lord Jesus. We also remember how God's love was made manifest through the ministry and preaching of John the Baptist.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock and calls each by name.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep.

All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be borne 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.

COLLECT: O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11
John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**



Hope in the King

Matthew 11:2-11



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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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 7:10-14**

2nd Reading: **Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-24**

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.