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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. Ph 5144 4100



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
16 - 17 September 2023

REFLECTION

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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PARISH CALENDAR.

Fri 15 Sep: School Holidays Commence
Sat 16 Sep 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 17 Sep 12pm: Parish Lunch

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place in term four. If you have an eligible child please enrol them before the end of term three by contacting the Parish office on 5144 4100 for an enrolment form and program dates. Parent only workshop will take place on **Wednesday 4 October at 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes &/or receipts will be available in all parish churches for collection this weekend. If you use envelopes for PG please make sure you collect them this weekend. The postage, if we have to post these out, is an added expense for the parish. If you are involved in this program using credit card, direct debit or direct credit a receipt will be there for collection. **Please note: Receipts will not be posted if they are not collected.** Thank you to all our very generous parishioners involved in this program. **If you are not currently part of the planned giving program and would like to be please call and speak to Clare or Mark in the parish office on 5144 4100 to discuss giving options.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Arki & Riva Welsh** children of Courtney & Jye, **Parker & Mila Daniel** children of Elizabeth & Alex, **Marli & Harvey Stothers** children of Odette & James. We also welcome for baptism at St Patricks Stratford, **Logan Patterson** son of Tori & Jacob. Congratulations to the families from us all.

THE NEW DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL

Membership: The Diocesan Mission Council will comprise up to fifteen members. The Vicar-General is a member by right. The Bishop will appoint the members of the Diocesan Mission Council after inviting expressions of Interest from within the Diocese, and discerning which mix of people will best serve the role and functions of the Council. The Bishop has the discretion to appoint up to two additional other members.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Legends this **Sunday 17 September at 12pm.** Sign up sheet is in the Cathedral.

HELENA KLIMAS - 100 YEARS LOVED: On **Sunday 8 Oct.** Bishop Greg will celebrate Mass at **9.30am.** Following the Mass there will be morning tea, a birthday cake with a presentation to celebrate Helena's 100th Birthday with her church family. A light luncheon will be served in the Chapter House afterwards. Helena has had a full life, simple, selfless and brilliantly lived. Please join her family in celebrating this milestone with her.

COME AND SEE Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street. Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

Come and See

A call to the priesthood



AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Sunday, October 15th, 2023
2:00-4:00 pm

St Michael's Parish Support Centre,
121-123 High Street, Berwick

A stirring in your heart for God?
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to
share in his ministry as a Priest?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 17 Sept 9.30am: Mary Sheehy (A)

Sat 23 Sept 9.30am: Claudiliya Fernando

PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father,

you have called us to journey with each other as one people in this process of coming together as one family through sharing, listening and discerning the movements of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly to discern the growth of our Parish, open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.

United as one family and one Body in Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what we ought to do and where we ought to go.

As we make our way in these days by faith, guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect yours.

Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.

May the blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRIESTS. Two new priests, Fr Aneesh and Fr Prabhu, both priests of the Institute Voluntas Dei (IVD), have arrived the Sale Diocese from India. They arrived on Saturday 26 August 2023. Since their arrival, both Aneesh and Prabhu had been with their confrère, Fr Shabin IVD, at St Mary's Thornbury in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Currently both priests are with Fr Antony Rebelo IVD at St Mary's Yarram to gain a sense of the Sale Diocese. On **19 September** they will be transferred to their "induction and welcome" parishes. We are very lucky and blessed to have one of them coming to us here in the Cathedral. **Fr Aneesh will arrive here on Tuesday 19 September**, while Fr Prabhu will be heading to St Joseph Warragul/St Ita, Drouin. Both priests will be in their "induction and welcome" parishes until **January 2024** when they will receive official posting to a parish.

Let us welcome Fr Aneesh in our midst, give him the hospitality that the Cathedral Parish is known for, and make him feel comfortable. You will see him at Mass on Wednesday 20 September (for those who come to weekday Masses).

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

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| Planned Giving: | \$1,724.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$1,046.90 |
| Credit Cards | \$30.00 |
| Direct Debits & Credits: | \$1,126.00 |
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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
16 - 17 September 2023**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|--|---|
| Saturday 16 September | 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral |
| Sunday 17 September | 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral |
| WEEKDAYS | | |
| Monday 18 September | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 19 September | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 20 September | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thursday 21 September | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Friday 22 September | | |
| Exposition & Reconciliation Mass | 10.00am 11.00am | Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKEND | | |
| Saturday 23 September | 9.30am 11.00am | Cathedral Loch Sport |
| Sunday 24 September | 5.30pm 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral |

| Date & Time | Sat 16 Sept 5.30pm | Sun 17 Sept 9.30am | Sun 17 Sept 5.30pm |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Welcomer | Theo Smolenaars | Dalia Ellison | Claire Everard |
| Commentator | Youth Mass | Marietta Dykun | Veronica Stewart |
| Reader | Youth Mass | Andreena Jolly | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Eucharist | Rosemary Webster | Sue Harvey | Brenda Bowden |
| Counters | Theo & Sandra Smolenaars | | |

| Date & Time | Sat 23 Sept 5.30pm | Sun 24 Sept 9.30am | Sun 24 Sept 5.30pm |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Welcomer | John Dykun | Margaret Shirreffs | Mary Chiller |
| Commentator | Liz Tabuteau | Mildred Semodio | Adam Collins |
| Reader | Faye Flint | Kate Meehan-Oxford | Brenda Bowden |
| Eucharist | Brenda Burditt | Anna Allen | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Counters | John Dykun & John Vermaelen | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Marie Roussety, James Maher**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mary Sheehy, Claudiliya Fernando, Fr Tim Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm this Saturday 16 September**.

Activity tubs and books are available in the youth corner for any children attending Mass.

As the ministry to our young ones continue to develop in our parish, the youth ministry team is soliciting the assistance of parishioners who are willing to help with conducting children's liturgy. This will be during the 9.30am Sunday Mass only. Interested volunteers should please contact the Parish Office. A WWCC and Parish Code of Conduct is required.

Children's Liturgy will commence on 8 October. Thanks to all who have volunteered. A training date for volunteers will be advised.

If you have any questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth volunteer on 0430 932 220.



'Remember your creator in the days of your youth'
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

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.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

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!

NAME:

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If you would like to join a Family Group

Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

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.)**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

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 Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:6-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

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.