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*Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B
16 - 17 March 2024*

REFLECTION

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

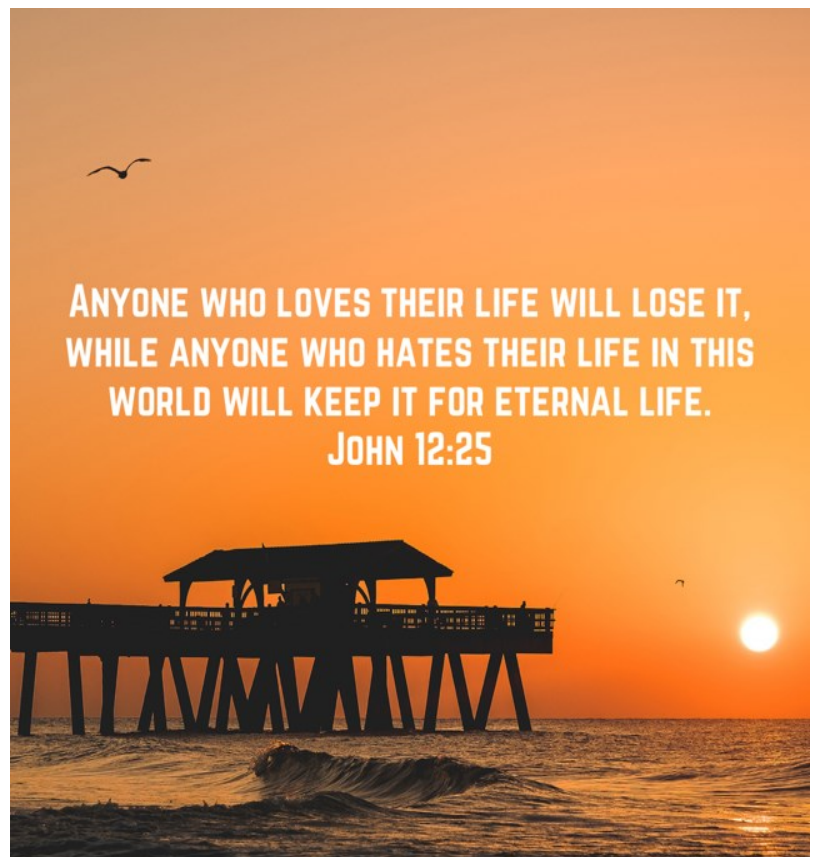
Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Next **Sunday, 24 March**, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. May this week be a prayerful start to the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

Lenten Reconciliation is being held within the context of our Lenten Devotion comprising of Stations of the Cross and adoration/reflection **from 5pm on Friday 22 March** in the Cathedral.



PARISH CALENDAR.

Fri 22 March 5.00pm: Stations of the Cross, Lenten reflection & Mass
Sat 16 Mar 5.00pm: Lenten Reconciliation Rosedale
Sat 16 Mar 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 17 Mar After Mass: Lenten Reconciliation Stratford
Sun 17 Mar 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends
Wed 20 Mar 6pm: First Communion Reconciliation

ROSEDALE Stations of the Cross are held in the Church at **1.30pm on Monday** each week during Lent. All welcome.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 7 April 2024** 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

LENTEN DEVOTION thank you for promoting and participating in the Cathedral Lenten Devotions. The devotions will continue every Friday evening from 5.00pm during Lent. May we continue to come together and celebrate our faith as a community.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION will take place at from 5pm on **Friday 22 March** in the Cathedral with Lenten Reflection.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM First Communion Reconciliation will take place in the Cathedral at **6pm on Wednesday 20 March**.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER SHEETS FOR THE CATHEDRAL FOR EASTER WEEK have been placed in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Please volunteer if you are available during this Easter period.

SICK/AGED PARISHIONER VISITATION if you know of any Parishioners who would benefit from visitation please let the Parish Office know on 5144 4100. We are currently preparing a new visitation roster.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS on **Tuesday 19 March at 9.30am Mass** there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the blessings and graces over the last 90 years for Marg Goss. Congratulations Marg on celebrating your 90th birthday.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29 March. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

WORKING BEE: We are now into the fifth week of Lent. Easter is just a few weeks away. In preparation for the Easter ceremonies we may need to tidy up our Cathedral grounds. On this note, I'm appealing to you all to please assist with a working bee at **10.00am on Wednesday 20 March beginning after Mass. Please bring your own equipment and supplies.** We will focus on the Cathedral, Chapter House and exterior of the Presbytery. Thank you for your usual and continuous assistance in keeping the Cathedral grounds clean.

31 CLUB REMINDER 18 - 24 March. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Legends from **12pm this Sunday 17 March**. Wear green to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

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*

NEW PASTORAL LIFE AND MISSION TEAM

Bishop Greg Bennet has established a new Pastoral Life & Mission Team, appointing Tara Bau, Anne Taylor, Siji Dominic, and Br. Tony Clark as team members. The team will coordinate the support people in the Diocese who hold key pastoral leadership roles (Priests and lay leaders) through consultation, providing formation opportunities, and building strong networks.

The Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one
who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.



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: | \$709.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$943.20 |
| Credit Cards | \$30.00 |
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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday of Lent Time, Year B
16 - 17 March 2024**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 16 March | 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral |
| Sunday 17 March <i>ST PATRICK'S DAY</i> | 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | |
| Monday 18 March | <i>NO</i> | <i>MASS</i> |
| Tuesday 19 March <i>Marg Goss 90th birthday Mass</i> | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 20 March | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thursday 21 March | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Friday 22 March <i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross, Mass & Reflections, Reconciliation</i> | 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKEND MASSES | | |
| Saturday 23 March | 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm | Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral |
| Sunday 24 March <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> | 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral |

| Date & Time | Sat 16 March 5.30pm | Sun 17 March 9.30am | Sun 17 March 5.30pm |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Welcomer | YOUTH | Margaret Shirreffs | Mary Chiller |
| Commentator | MINISTRY | Kate Meehan-Oxford | Veronica Stewart |
| Reader | VOLUNTEERS | Susan Mattson | Lyn Althaus |
| Eucharist | Jenny Gunn | Dalia Ellison | Doug Waite |
| Counters | Theo & Sandra Smolenaars | | |

| Date & Time | Sat 23 March 5.30pm | Sun 24 March 9.30am | Sun 24 March 5.30pm |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Welcomer | John Dykun | Dalia Ellison | Gweneth & Angel |
| Commentator | Liz Tabuteau | Margaret Shirreffs | Andreena Jolly |
| Reader | Faye Flint | Nick Hall | Brenda Bowden |
| Eucharist | Rosemary Webster | Anna Allen | Len Althaus |
| Counters | John Dykun & John Vermaelen | | |

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 17 Mar 9.30am Antoni Myrdzio (A)

Tue 19 Mar 9.30am: Marg Goss (90th Birthday)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Antoni Myrdzio, Phillip Horne, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

LENTE RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 9 March: 10.30am Loch Sport
Sunday 10 March: After Mass – Briagolong
Saturday 16 March: 5.00pm Rosedale
Sunday 17 March: After Mass - Stratford
Friday 22 March: 5.00pm Cathedral

EASTER MASS and SERVICES TIMETABLE:

Saturday 23 March: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
 11.00am Mass – Loch Sport
 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
 5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

Sunday 24 March: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass - Briagolong
 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 25 March: NO MASS

Tuesday 26 March: 11.00am Mass of the Oils - Cathedral

Wed 27 March: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
 7.30pm Service of Shadows – *St Paul's Cathedral*

Thursday 28 March: Cathedral
Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 29 March: 9.30am Stations of the Cross - Cathedral
Good Friday 9.30am Stations of the Cross - Stratford
 9.30am Stations of the Cross - Rosedale
 10.30am Walk of the Cross to St Paul's Cathedral
 3.00pm Service of the Lord's Passion - Cathedral

Saturday 30 March: 7.30pm Easter Vigil - Cathedral

Sunday 31 March: 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
 9.30am Mass - Stratford
 11.15am Mass – Seaspray Fire Brigade Hall

YOUTH CORNER:

A special message to our youth – you are invited to our first Inspire Tribe formation (along with your parents) on **16th March 3:30pm in the Narthex.** Join us as we learn how to altar serve, read, and run a youth mass.
Youth Mass – 5:30pm 16th March 2024 (volunteers welcome). **Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – 31st March after mass.** RSVP essential so please sign up via the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.
 If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220.

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:

ADDRESS:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies it bears much fruit.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral

Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD, YEAR B

The Procession Gospel: **Mark 11:1-10**

First Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Mark 14:1—15:47**

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.