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*First Sunday of Advent, Year C
30 November - 1 December 2024*

REFLECTION

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 30 Nov 10am: Working bee, Cathedral
Mon 2 Dec 6pm: Parish BBQ
Wed 4 Dec 7pm: Solemn Advent Prayers
Wed 11 Dec 7pm: Solemn Advent Prayers
14 and 15 Dec: Leaving Collection St Vincent de Paul
Wed 18 Dec 6.00pm: Parish Reconciliation & Solemn Advent Prayers
CHRISTMAS MASSES: Refer to opposite page for the Parish Christmas timetable

WORKING BEE in the Cathedral will be held this **Saturday 30 November after 9.30am Mass.** Please bring along any implements that may assist with cleaning or gardening.

THE ANNUAL PARISH BBQ will be held next **Monday 2 December from 6pm** in the Chapter House. Sign up sheets are available in the Cathedral. We need numbers of attendees as well as details of your salad or dessert contribution. All are welcome to this lovely celebration of a very successful 2024 calendar year for our Parish.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: During the four weeks of Advent I would like to invite you all to come together in the Cathedral for solemn Advent evening prayers. This will include praying the Psalms, reflections on the texts, adoration and songs of worship. Following the spiritual exercise of prayer we will share supper together. These are the dates: **Wednesday's 4th, 11th & 18th of December from 7pm to 8pm.** Please bring a plate to share and spread the word by inviting family and friends. Our Parish Advent Reconciliation will commence from **6.00pm on 18 December** and will be followed by solemn Advent evening prayer from **7.00 - 8.00pm.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will be in the assembly area of the cathedral from **now to 7 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 families. There will be a leaving collection at all masses on **14 and 15 December.** Please take your items and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL PROGRAM.

Now that the majority of pledges have been received we can provide you with a final figure for the renewal program. The weekly pledge is now \$2,984, which is up \$651 or 26.5% from the actual weekly giving for the previous 12 months. This will see an increase in income of \$33,886 per year, which will help greatly in reducing the significant losses that had previously been forecast by the finance team. Many thanks for the great response to the call to support the work of the parish. Of course it is not too late to join the program. Planned Giving information and pledge forms are available in the foyer of all our churches.

31 CLUB REMINDER 2 to 8 December. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Miran Grey** son of Randy & Chie Aninipot. Congratulations to the family from us all.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS if you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers in the Cathedral please put it in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers' and place in the collection plate or drop it in to the Parish Office.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on **Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am.** When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS extends a warm invitation to everyone to attend Holy Mass, Rosary & Cenacle of Prayer and a talk by Fr Ferwarda on our Blessed Mother. To be held at St Brigid's Church Cowwarr from **10.30am on Monday 2 December.** BYO Lunch. Enquiries to Marianne Bagguley 0407 353 750.

MASS CHANGES there will be no Mass on **Tuesday 3 December** in the Cathedral. Friday Mass will be at **10.00am** in the Cathedral — there will be no Exposition and Benediction.

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*

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE Phase 2 of the 2024 Diocesan Consultation has been completed. We sincerely thank every one who chose to contribute to the consultation meetings or submitted their responses online. A significant number of suggestions have been submitted to the question of, "What pastoral priorities and actions the Holy Spirit is calling us as individuals and parish communities to focus on during the next five years to give renewed life and purpose to our shared mission?". The feedback is presently being compiled into a report that will be published in December.

Our attention is now focussed on the Diocesan Assembly that is being held at Marist-Sion College, Warragul, on 14 & 15 February 2025. At this assembly, some 232 delegates from parishes, schools, Diocesan bodies and organisations, and other Churches, will aim, (a) to acknowledge and affirm the strengths and best practices of our Diocese that we wish to continue to build on; (b) to identify the significant challenges we face in our Diocese as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, and, (c) to gain a clear picture of which pastoral goals and actions need to be given priority over the next five years, for our Diocese to develop towards becoming more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary. Please join with the people of the Diocese in praying that the Holy Spirit will guide the planning and outcomes of this important event.

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:

Planned Giving:	\$1,603.00
Presbytery:	\$1,287.00
Credit Cards	\$45.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$760.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$170.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday of Advent, Year C
30 November - 1 December 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 30 November	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 1 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 2 December	5.00pm	Cathedral
Tuesday 3 December	No	MASS
Wednesday 4 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 5 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 6 December	10.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 7 December	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 8 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral



**Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer
2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.
May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.
May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
Pray for Us.

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 30 November 5.30pm	Sun 1 December 9.30am	Sunday 1 December 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	John Dykun	Please Offer
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Mildred Semodio	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Faye Flint	Andreena Jolly	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 7 December 5.30pm	Sun 8 December 9.30am	Sunday 8 December 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Please offer
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Len Althaus & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 7 Dec 9.30am: Ray Chirgwin (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Dusty Daly, Luke & Ben Smith, Ivan Nedelko**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ray Chirgwin, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**2024 Christmas Mass Timetable
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE**

Saturday: 21 December VIGIL MASS

5.30pm St Mary's Cathedral Sale
5.30pm St Rose of Lima Rosedale

Sunday: 22 December SUNDAY MASS

9.30am St Mary's Cathedral Sale
9.30am St Patrick's Briagolong
5.30pm St Mary's Cathedral Sale

Tuesday: 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00am Christmas Vigil Mass – Loch Sport
6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass Family Mass – Cathedral
7.00pm St Rose of Lima - Rosedale
CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS
9.00pm St Mary's Cathedral - Sale

Monday: 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am St Mary's Cathedral - Sale
9.30am St Patrick's - Stratford
11.00am Seaspray Community Hall – Seaspray



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:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

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:

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**

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.