

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C 7 - 8 December 2024

REFLECTION

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

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.
Advent evening prayers - we had our first Advent evening prayer service last Wednesday. It was a solemn evening with supper afterwards. Thanks to you all for supplying the supper. Our next service is this **Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm** in the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Our Parish Advent Reconciliation will commence from **6.00pm on 18 December** and will be followed by the final solemn Advent evening prayer from **7 - 8pm**. Blessings and peace....

WELCOME to Wayne and Chrystyna Bond who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary at 9.30am Mass on Sunday. They were married in St Mary's Cathedral 60 years ago. Congratulations to you both on such a marvellous achievement.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE will be in the assembly area of the cathedral till **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. 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. Direct Debit authority forms are available in the Cathedral assembly area, on the Parish Website or at the rear of the other churches or in the Parish Office.

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.

Delegates list for the Diocesan Assembly.

As you all would have already known the Diocesan Assembly for which we have been praying is scheduled for **14 and 15 February 2025**. Thanks to Nick Hall and Jenny Fitzgerald who helped us with the preparatory and consultative phase. After prayers, consultations, and calls, the following parishioners will now be our Cathedral Parish delegates at the Assembly. Thanks to them for saying yes as well.
St Mary's Cathedral: Libby Byrnes & Vince Beer
St Rose of Lima Rosedale: Veronica Barnes
St Patrick Stratford: Nick Lee
St Patrick Briagolong: Margaret Anderson.
We hold them and the other delegates in our prayers, and the success of the Assembly.

PARISH BBQ - THANK YOU We had our annual parish BBQ last Monday. It was an evening full of fun and friendship. On behalf of the PPC, I thank you all who were able to make it, and those who would have but couldn't for various reasons. Special thanks also to all who contributed to the evening in whatever capacity. Your dedication and commitment is always exemplary and has always helped in building up the community. God bless you and keep us all united. In gratitude...

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Elijah McCall** son of Rachel & William; **Barney Ronchi** son of Sam & Lachie; **Samuel Bailey** son of Brittany & James; **Charlotte Rees** daughter of Chloe & Aaron; **Hugo Freeman** son of Chloe & Jarrod. Congratulations to the families from us all.

FAMILY GROUP are inviting all Parishioners to join them for lunch. Come and meet fellow Parishioners for lunch at the Star Hotel at **12pm on Sunday 12 December**. RSVP to Faye Flint on 0409 451 476 by **Friday 10 December**.

31 CLUB REMINDER 9 to 15 December. Please pray for vocations.

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*

Dignitas Infinita on Human Dignity: Australian Catholic bishops have acknowledged the release in Rome of the document, Dignitas Infinita.

"Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter." To read the media release and the full document visit cdsale.org.au/news

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

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.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

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:	\$1,006.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Advent, Year C
7 - 8 December 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 7 December	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 8 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 9 December	NO	MASS
Tuesday 10 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 11 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Solemn Advent Prayer	7.00pm	Cathedral
Thursday 12 December	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 13 December	9.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 14 December	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 15 December	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford 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 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	Christine Lyon	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Len Althaus & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 14 December 5.30pm	Sun 15 December 9.30am	Sunday 15 December 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Please offer
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Nick Hall	Andreaena Jolly
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Mildred Semodio	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 7 Dec 9.30am: Ray Chirgwin (A)

Sat 7 Dec 5.30pm: Noel Bateson (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Kerry Lee, Noel Bateson, Vincent Carubia, Francisco Aquino Jnr, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Cynthia Freshwater, 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

Wednesday: 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:

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 Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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 Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

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

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18**
2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**
Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18**

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.