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## *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 6 September 2020*

### *PRAISE OUR FATHERS*

*This weekend we reflect every which way on those gifted with the great joy of 'Fatherhood'*

*One of the first questions we are asked – how is your Father? To the question where is your Father we excitedly point our Father out in the crowd – there he is! Proudly we say 'Meet my Father' and, our own greetings when with our Dad – “Giddy Dad,” “you look great”, “sorry it's been so long” always the understanding Father says “I understand son, you are very busy” in a loving reply – Well this weekend we speak of our Father's love, words of wisdom, mentoring and unconditional love. We recall with affection all they have done for us.*

*In telling their story to our sons and daughters, our friends, we speak with love and deep emotion of our Dad:*

*This weekend I include for our reflection by Tony Rossi  
Fathers in Our Lives*

*'We give thanks, Dear Lord, for the fathers in our lives.*

*Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.*

*This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways -both big and small- they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.*

*So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and mothers, sisters, aunties and grandparents of our families.*

*For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them strength to do well by their children and by You. In thy Holy name, O God we pray.*

*Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love of God and all people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.*

*We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.*

*In union with St Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day*

*Amen.*

### *A PRAYER FOR ALL OUR FATHERS*

*Heavenly father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary to the care of Joseph, an earthly father, +Bless all fathers as they care for their families.*

*Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen*

### *MAY NO FATHERS BE LONELY TODAY*

*Abundant thanks, Love and Prayers to you all*

*Dean Peter, Fr Edwin, Deacon Jithin, Jenny Fitzgerald, Veronica Barnes, Mark Durrant, Clare O'Brien, Myriam Elgueta.*

**PRAYER FOR  
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide  
We bless and thank you for the appointment  
of your servant, Greg Bennet,  
as the tenth Bishop of Sale.  
May your Holy Spirit grace him  
with the gifts of wisdom and strength,  
gentleness and compassion,  
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor  
and teacher.  
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,  
who will walk in your ways and, with loving care,  
watch over your people.  
May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of  
your truth.  
As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his  
home among us,  
may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan  
community,  
now entrusted to his care and leadership.  
May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of  
Sale,  
through our work and prayer  
together bear witness to Christ and the building  
up of your kingdom.  
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.



**DATE OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr Peter Slater is  
happy to announce the Episcopal Ordination and  
installation of Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet as  
Tenth Bishop of Sale will be held on **Tuesday  
20th October in St Mary's Cathedral Sale  
commencing at 11am.**  
Mindful of the seriousness of the current COVID  
pandemic, all arrangements will be planned with  
due respect of restrictions concerning public  
safety.  
Further information such as the live streaming  
details will be made available in due course.

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6 – 12  
September 2020** National Child  
Protection Week is in its 30th year. The theme  
for 2020 is: 'Putting children first' which is the  
same theme when it was launched in 1990  
bringing abuse and neglect out of the shadows  
and putting child wellbeing on the national  
agenda. Putting children first means prioritising  
the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up  
well children need to feel safe and loved, have a  
chance to play and explore, have a say in  
decisions that affect them, and access to  
essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.  
Visit the **NAPCAN website** if you would like  
more information.

**LIVESTREAM MASSES: Each Sunday -  
Cathedral 9.30am.** The opportunity of having  
Mass in the Home is special. We would love  
dearly for parents and family members to tune in  
the prayer of the Mass at home. let us embrace  
God's trust in us, calling on our love of the Lord  
to bless our families at all times.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** Please deliver a  
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.  
It would be lovely if we could reach as many of  
our parishioners as possible, so they too may be  
aware of the changes happening in our Parish  
life. Copies are available from the Parish Office  
on Monday or Friday.

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

**ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID:** Free  
access to the following online music and video  
resources Prayer: [https://www.cdsale.org.au/  
news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need](https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need)

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 7 - 13 September.  
Please pray for vocations.

**ROSARY FOR THE FEAST OF NATIVITY OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be held at  
11am on Tuesday 8 September on YouTube/  
Facebook. For the link go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYTzQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYTzQ).

**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.*

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS**

will be available for collection outside the  
**Chapter House from Wednesday 9 September**  
next week. We would be grateful if you could  
collect yours at your earliest convenience. We  
have receipts available for all those who pay via  
Direct Debit and Credit Card. Please collect your  
receipts as well if you are a Planned Giver.

**PLANNED GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT OR  
DIRECT CREDIT**

Parishioners who currently  
give via the weekly, fortnightly or monthly  
envelopes are asked to consider altering their  
giving to **DIRECT DEBIT** giving to enable our  
Parish to continue. Direct Debit Giving forms  
are available at the office, please phone or  
email and we can get one to you.  
Anyone wishing to make a **DIRECT CREDIT** of  
their planned giving or any **OTHER  
DONATIONS** to our Parish can do so by  
Electronic Transfer to St Mary's Cathedral  
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**BSB 083 879 Account Number 48916 8836.**  
Please let Clare know via email  
([sale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:sale@cdsale.org.au)) or by phoning 5144  
4100 if you decide to do this. Thank you.

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.  
**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of  
the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month  
9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass , **Saturday** After the  
9.30am Mass—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.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

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**Mass Timetable this week  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
6 September 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>		

**PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE** we invite you to pray our Parish Mass at 9.30am each Sunday the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYTzQ>. Alternatively, you can find the link on our Parish website at: <http://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>

This week's livestreamed Mass:

**Sunday 6 September at 9.30am - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday 8 September at 11am Rosary for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$1,841.00	<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$545.00
<b>Credit Cards:</b>	\$1,695.00	<b>Direct Debits:</b>	\$599.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

**Prayer for the Year of Laudato Si'**

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Geraldine Dillon, Teresa Beer, Linda Carson (Lakes Entrance), Fr Donal Madigan OMI RIP, Angela Di Pietro** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We pray for those who are sick Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Zita Sutherland, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Marie Adjemovic, Cynthia Freshwater, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION - SUNDAY SEPT 13 2020**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14. 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: 6 SEP 2020**

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.**

**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:**

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**\Like a deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God.  
The living God.**

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come,  
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:  
never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Not being held until further notice**  
**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**  
**Not being held until further notice**

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
First Reading: **Sirach 27:30-28:7**  
Second Reading: **Romans 14:7-9**  
Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**  
**Cancelled currently due to**  
**Coronavirus restrictions.**



**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - No Public Masses until further notice.**  
**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)  
**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9.30am (Live-streamed)  
**Sunday:** Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday** Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday.** Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm