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Safeguarding - 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 Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via psale@cdsale.org.au.



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B
8 - 9 May 2021

A BLESSING ON ALL MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS

When talking to a Mother recently I asked her 'What feeling do you have about being a Mother'? She shared these words spoken by Rose Kennedy of the Famous Kennedy Family in America as having been the source of inspiration to her and Mothers around the world.

'Whenever I held my newborn baby in my arms, I used to think that what I said and did to him would have an influence not only on him but on all he would meet, not only for a day a month or year, but for all eternity.'

Another Mother I spoke to recently in leading up to this weekend said,

'Each year on Mother's Day I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude. God has given me so much. Being a Mother has brought me tremendous blessings and through mothering, God has moulded me into a better person. In the build-up to Mother's Day, I like to take time to look through the many family pictures, previous letters and cards from my children. My overwhelming feeling is how very great being a Mother is. Yes, it has its joys and its sorrows, but I would not change the privilege of being a Mother. I thank my God for each of my children. I feel I am truly blessed.'

A further Mother says,

'I know without a doubt, my Faith is stronger for having shared with my little ones, and I have always cherished every lesson, hurt, challenge, triumph and beautiful step along the way. I am so blessed to have an AWESOME HUSBAND, my best friend who makes me a better Mother and friend. I cherish the Christian Values and teachings we share with our children and ourselves. Very especially I thank my children for all they have brought into my life. And my prayer for each of them is that you will first and foremost keep your faith and that no matter what life throws at you, you will know beyond any shadow of doubt you are loved deeply and unconditionally!'

I'm proud of all our Mothers and Grand Mothers and commend all dearly to the Blessing and protection of Mary the Mother of God and our Mother also, whose mentoring of all Mothers is so very special. Truly, being a Mother is about Love, the love a child brings and gives and the Love of a Mother for her child (children) With each Mother we celebrate Love and what love can do in all our lives. A big thank you to all Mothers, and Guardians, carers in our Cathedral parish who love us in Motherly ways. We have special thoughts and prayers for Mothers who have suffered the loss of a child - these children are forever kept alive in loving hearts, and for all whose Mothers have passed from this life.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY AND BLESSINGS ON ALL

Love and Care:

Dean Peter, Fr Jithin, Parish Council, Jenny Fitzgerald, Veronica Barnes, Mark Durrant, Myriam Elgueta and Clare O'Brien.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 19 May 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

Tue 11 May 6pm: Confirmation final practice

Sat 22 May 5.30pm CONFIRMATION

Sun 23 May 9.30am: CONFIRMATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 May at 7pm**. If you have any issues you would like to be discussed please contact one of the representatives who are listed on the front page of this bulletin.

SOCIAL DISTANCING requires no more than 3 people to a seat. Of course, families are exempt from this requirement. Social distancing requirements should still be taken into account as you find your seat. Please remember social distancing as you go up to receive communion or a blessing. Thank you for your cooperation through this time.

ROSARY TO END THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC Pope Francis invites Catholics around the World to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In our Cathedral parish we will say the Rosary for 15 minutes prior to each Mass during the month of May. We do not have a Parish Mass on a Monday. The Cathedral will be open and Parishioners can gather from **9.30am** and elect a leader to lead us in the Rosary.

CONGRATULATIONS on behalf of us all from the Parish to Emmy and Leo Van Berkel who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently. We also congratulate Edith Elgueta who recently celebrated a significant birthday.

ALTAR SERVERS are required for Confirmation and Pentecost. If you can help please contact Fr Jithin on 5144 4100.

CONFIRMATION: The Parent/Child workshop final meeting and practice will be held next **Tuesday 11 May at 6pm** in the Assembly Area of the Cathedral. May God bless the children, their families and their sponsors as they prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to be held at 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 22 May and at 9.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 23 May.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on 21 - 23 May 2021 in Wantirna South. (Book early to avoid disappointment). Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Website: wwme.org.au

URGENT SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend concerning our brothers and sisters of the Syro-Malabar rite. Sorry for the late notice it was received two days ago. Bishop Greg is encouraging your kind support. Any donation will be helpful. Please give generously for those suffering with the Corona virus pandemic in India.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit www.aidtochurch.org/africa.

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 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

SEMINARS: Two more seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:

Venue: **St Ita's, Drouin**

Dates: **Saturday, 22 May:**

New Life in God's Spirit

Saturday, 19 June:

Community in the Lord;

Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg

Time: **10.30 am** each day.

"May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service."

(Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,724.00

Presbytery: \$832.10

Credit Cards: \$1,735.00

Direct Debits: \$1,160.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B
8 - 9 May 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 8 May	11.00am 5.30pm	Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 9 May	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
NO MONDAY MASS		
Tues 11 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 12 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Noreen Waud's funeral Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
Thurs 13 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Fri 14 May	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
Saturday 15 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 16 May	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

**YEAR of ST JOSEPH
Prayer to St Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



By Pope Francis

Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins and through whom we are nurtured into great human beings. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care.

We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love, in honor and love for You, our God.

Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Your blessed name to bless all mothers today and every day. Extend Your hands of grace over them.

We acknowledge that it's hard, conscientious work and effort and we ask You Lord to bless them for all their contributions toward family life and its growth.

Grant that they may be joyous in their ordeal of being a mother and proud in raising the family You have gifted.
Amen.



"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on **Saturday 31 July**.

Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually.

Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Program: Available from Saturday 31 July 2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Bill Plozza, Noreen Waud, Nick Turra, Malcolm Hole** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Monica Ainsworth, Peter Hug, Anne, Blanks, Nell Smyth, Kathleen Daniel, Anita Smolenaars, Alma Lee, Fr Aeneas Hennessy, Fr James (Jim) O'Mara**. We pray for those who are sick **Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

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
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The ASCENSION of the LORD

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**
Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**
Gospel: **Mark 16:15-20**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN **CHAPTER HOUSE**

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays
'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm
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WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am
Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month)
Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sundays of the Month)
Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.