

Saint MARY OF THE CROSS (Mary MacKillop), Virgin 7 - 8 August 2021



Important announcement by Bishop Greg Bennett

Dear Parishioners,

Please see attached to this email a joint announcement from Bishop Greg Bennet and Ms Maria Kirkwood, the Director of Catholic Education in our Diocese, about their plans for the Our Lady of Sion convent and grounds.

Bishop Greg and I will be available after Mass at the Cathedral this weekend to discuss the announcement.

August 2021

The Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Rev Greg Bennet DD, and Director of Catholic Education – Diocese of Sale, Ms Maria Kirkwood, recently announced their plans for the Our Lady of Sion convent and grounds in Sale.

The Our Lady of Sion convent building in Sale is a much-loved local landmark with historical significance for Catholics, the Catholic education community, and the broader community in Sale.

Until recently, the site of the former convent was part of the Sion Campus of Catholic College Sale. Stewardship of the beautiful, historic building has now become the responsibility of the Catholic Diocese of Sale, while the land and buildings surrounding the former convent will be managed by Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL).

In the coming weeks, a committee will be convened, chaired by the former Member for Gippsland South and parishioner of St Mary's Cathedral, the Honourable Mr Peter Ryan. The committee will explore potential future uses for the Our Lady of Sion convent, and provide recommendations regarding possible partnerships with organisations aligned to a broad Catholic educational vision of welfare, outreach and mission. The committee will work with the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, and key stakeholders. Any future refurbishments to the building will comply with the heritage overlays.

In parallel to the work of the committee, DOSCEL will soon begin a detailed planning process for the land and buildings surrounding the convent. The foremost option under consideration is the relocation of St Thomas' Primary School to the Sion site. Existing facilities at the Sion site, such as the school building and grounds, have potential to be refurbished and re-purposed for St Thomas', to serve the parish community into the future.

Read the *full announcement* <upload pdf and insert hyperlink>

Please remember to phone or contact parishioners as we share this difficult Covid period.

With every kind wish, Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR Events may change or be cancelled due to Covid Restrictions

Wed 18 Aug: Pastoral Council meeting 7pm Sun 29 Aug: Social Justice Sunday

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Religious gatherings and ceremonies: Not permitted till at least Friday 13 August. LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this Sunday 8 August at 9.30am. The August at 2:00pm. YouTube link is https:/www.youtube.com/ preside at this Mass, along with Monsignor channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ MASS AT HOME a reminder that Mass for Diocese. All are warmly invited to attend this You at Home is an option for those looking Mass, which will be followed by a cuppa in for Mass on television (6am on Channel 10, 10am on Foxtel Aurora Channel 173) or online at www.massforyou.com.au or https://www.youtube.com/ two great occasions, his 70th Anniversary of massforyouathome any time from 7am Ordination on 22 July, followed by his 96th This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria AEST.

THE PARISH BEREAVEMENT TEAM is in Need of your Help! We would love to build up numbers - should you be available to join the Team.

Please contact Brenda Burditt 0407 441 995

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 18 **August** — covid regulations permitting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-2022:

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. More information: ACBC Office Justice. Ecology and Peace. for www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

31 CLUB REMINDER for the 9 - 15 Aug. Please pray for vocations.

SAINT MARY of the CROSS MACKILLOP: today, Sunday 8 August, we celebrate the Feast Day in honour of the first Saint of Australia.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: next Sunday 15 August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: There's a very important celebration coming up in the diocese this month. Mass to celebrate Monsignor Allman's 70th Anniversary of Ordination will be held on Sunday 22nd Bishop Greg will Allman and the priests of the the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards. Our numbers will be in accordance with Covid restrictions. Monsignor will be celebrating Birthday on 18 August. Mons' presence in St Michael's has always been a great blessing, both here and in many other areas of the Diocese. Phone 5174 2060 or Email: sec@smpt.org.au to book your place.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7 Aug 9.30am: Lydia Ong (Lolita Moore's sister recently died in the Phillipines)

Sun 8 Aug 9.30am: Kierina Cappozzo (A)

Wed 11 Aug 9.30am: Jack Slattery (A) Tue 10 Aug 9.30am: Noreen Lyttle (A)

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 servina community. always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

CatholicCare VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalized in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available. To donate online please go to www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. This leaving collection is postponed to a later date.

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: \$1,976.00 Presbytery: \$583.70 Credit Cards: \$2.425.00 Direct Debits/Credit: \$1,410.00 Cathedral EFTpos: \$0.00 With thanks from a grateful parish.

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Day/Date	Time	Place	PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
Saturday 7 August Sunday 8 August Livestream Mass Monday 9 August Tuesday 10 August Wednesday 11 August Thursday 12 August #All listed public Masses are Subject to Covid regulations	NO NO 9.30am NO NO NO	PUBLICMASS PUBLICMASS Cathedral MASS PUBLICMASS PUBLICMASS PUBLICMASS	TO ST JOSEPH O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart	
allowing Friday 13 August <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i> <u>Weekend</u> Saturday 14 August	11.00am 11.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale	 and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace 	
Sunday 15 August The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please.	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm Use hand Sanitiser	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral <i>Please social</i> <i>distance</i>	and joy of thy holy death. Amen.	

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AGENDA

As children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time. 'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.' Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 27

There are six agenda items that the Plenary Council will be considering:

1. Conversion - how do we meet the needs of all Australians, particularly indigenous Australians and vulnerable children and adults, how do we meet the call to Ecological conversion, and how do we heal the wounds of abuse and how do we partner with and learn from others (Christians, people of other faiths, community groups, government) to do this.

2. Prayer - how might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"? How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

3. Formation - how might we better form leaders for Mission, how might we better equip ordained ministers to be enablers of ministry discipleship and how might formation better foster the development of Bishops, Priests and deacons as enablers of the universal Christian vocation to holiness live in missionary discipleship.

4. Structures - how might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples? and how might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities?

5. Governance - how might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel? And how might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

6. Institutions - how might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens? and how might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died Lydia Ong (Phillipines), Daryl Leggett, Mary Bailey, John Buck, Peter Benedetti, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Jack Slattery, Kierina (Rina) Cappozzo, Neville Lee, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Fr Donal Madigan OMI. Please pray for those who are sick Helen Cantwell, Francis Horne, Wes Dryden, Dixie Simpson, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliana Toonen, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, 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 PLANNNED 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	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my

brethren, you did it for me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings 17:7-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.""

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a guarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wildflowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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 Every Friday from 11.30am -12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Gospel:

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month) Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month) Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month) Sunday: Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.