

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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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](mailto:psale@cdsale.org.au).



## *Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 21 - 22 August 2021*

*Lord, To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

*This is one of the clearest and greatest professions of faith in the Gospel. It went to the heart of who Jesus was and what he was about. Not just a teacher, healer or prophet. HE WAS THE HOLY ONE OF GOD! Later, the first Christians came to believe that he was in fact, THE SON OF GOD.*

*As for what he was on about? Though he healed and fed the bodies of people, his main concern was to nourish minds and hearts with what Peter so aptly called 'The words of eternal life.' His words truly brought life to people.*

*Examples of the kind of words he spoke*

*'Go in peace - your sins are forgiven' with these words he set sinners free*

*'Fear not it is I' with these words he calmed fears of the apostles who thought they were going to drown. To the woman at the well he said, 'Anyone who drinks the water I can give will never thirst again.' There is a thirst in every human heart that only God can quench.*

*To the people he said, 'I am the bread of life. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' Who would not want to eat of this bread?*

*Again he said 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness but will always have the light of life.' The light of Jesus was such that no darkness, not even death, could overpower it.*

*To the Jewish leaders he said, 'I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and they follow me. I give them eternal life.'*

*To the grief-stricken Martha and Mary he said 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die (eternally)'. 'This day you will be with me in paradise. With these words he brought hope to a condemned man.*

*Jesus truly has the words of eternal life. There for us in the Gospels. Each Sunday we are invited to listen to them - let them find a place for hope, joy and peace in our hearts. "will you leave me?" These words are now addressed to you and to me- its not the Lord who leaves us, but we who leave him. Regrettably many still do!! Make our own - Peter's profession of faith. 'LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE!'*

*Many times in your own lives you have done this - our reading of God's words the hope we gain, the belief we receive are 'LIFE - GIVING'. Our human frailty at times creates doubt - we need the Lord to strengthen our faith. We also need to confirm one another. Eternal life begins in our baptism.*

*'Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice'*

*God bless and love you all - we can speak God's good words of hope and love through this covid pandemic by ringing one another!*

*Prayers and love always Dean Peter.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

*Events may change due to Covid Restrictions*

**Tue 24 Aug:** Liturgy Group meeting 1.30pm

**Sun 29 Aug:** Social Justice Sunday

**Wed 1 Sep:** RCIA Information Evening 7pm

**Sun 5 Sep:** Priests Welfare Foundation collection.

**Sun 19 Sep:** National Boys Choir 3.30pm

### CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently we can have up to 100 attendees at Mass. No bookings are required to attend.

**ALL ATTENDEES WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS, BOOK IN USING THE QR CODE, SOCIAL DISTANCE AND USE THE HAND SANITISERS PROVIDED.**

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Lottie Dowse daughter of Mitchell and Lucy as well as Ellie Howard daughter of Stephen and Amie. Congratulations to the families from us all.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-2022:

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday next Sunday on **29 August**. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

**PRAYERS ONLINE SUNDAY 22 AUGUST** - join all day prayers online. You are invited to join a National virtual Prayer Service featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participate as an individual through online prayer for part or all of the prayers. When: **9 AM - 9 PM (AEST)** Register: Online - Sign up for Devotions & Prayer Call ID. For more information on the National Day of Prayer visit <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/> LordHaveMercy/

**MASS AT HOME** a reminder that Mass for You at Home is an option for those looking for Mass on television (6am on Channel 10, 10am on Foxtel Aurora Channel 173) or online at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au) or <https://www.youtube.com/massforyouathome> any time from 7am AEST.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** will be held at 1.30pm on Tuesday 24 August.

**LIVESTREAM MASS** from the Cathedral this Sunday 22 August at 9.30am. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYtZQ>

**EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI:** A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International) has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit [www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)

### NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

**August 23-29, 2021.** Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme Tracking Fertility :Tracking Health. An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>. Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>

### THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

has sent through a copy of a recent publication from the South Australian Dialogue of the Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches, 'Crying Out' which explores the Statement from the Heart and care for the environment. Fr Michael Trainor, a co-chair of this dialogue and also a member the Australian Catholic Council for Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Jews, provided this resource for distribution. If you would like a copy of this 24 page document please see Clare in the Parish office.

**THE NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR** will be performing in the Cathedral at 3.30pm on **Sunday 19 September** (barring any future Covid restriction changes). Donation suggested is \$5 with all proceeds going to St Mary's Cathedral.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for the 23 - 29 Aug. 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.

### 'EPHPHATHA? BE THOU OPEN?'

**Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST)**

via ZOOM. This reflection event using a journal/creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email: [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 21 Aug 5.30pm:** Orland Farrugia - recently deceased

**Sun 22 Aug 9.30am:** Monica Best (A)

**Sun 22 Aug 9.30am:** Greg McCarthy (A) - Briagolong

**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:** \$1,678.00

**Presbytery:** \$794.50

**Credit Cards:** \$30.00

**Direct Debits:** \$1,010.00

**Cathedral EFTpos:** \$0.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
21 - 22 August 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 21 August</b>	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 22 August</b> <i>Livestream Mass</i>	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Monday 23 August</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 25 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 26 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 27 August</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	11.30am	Cathedral
<b>Weekend</b>		
<b>Saturday 28 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 29 August</b>	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please.</i>	<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>	<i>Please social distance</i>

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION  
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  
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  
and joy of thy holy death.  
Amen.



**RCIA INFORMATION EVENING**

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- ◆ Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together as a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teaching and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

The first meeting will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 1 September**. If we are in Lockdown the meeting will proceed via Zoom connection. For information and to book your attendance please call **Veronica Barnes at the Parish Office on 5144 4100**.

**The Australian Council of Christians and Jews - STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA**, expresses its solidarity with the people of Afghanistan at this time when their human rights are threatened. We express our deepest sympathy with the families of Afghan background in Australia and embrace them with our solidarity.

We call on people of all faiths and none to redouble our opposition to all forms of discrimination rooted in bigotry and prejudice, whether based on religion, race or gender. We call on the Australian government to immediately ensure there is a pathway for refugees to seek security in Australia and the nations neighboring Afghanistan. We call upon our government to expedite efforts to secure safe passage for Afghan citizens who assisted Australian troops in their task in Afghanistan. We urge our leaders to break the silence on Afghanistan by voicing their support for Afghan civilians and spell out the nature of Australia's commitment to peace in Afghanistan. We urge the Australian government to grant and distribute aid to Afghan civilians in neighboring countries. We call for the Australian government to enact its obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. Now is the time for a blanket extension of temporary protection visas to safeguard Afghan nationals in Australia, on Manus Island, and Nauru. We urge the government to grant humanitarian visa pathways to protect those not privileged with such protection. We urge Australia to follow its Commonwealth partner, Canada, and provide support for at least 20,000 refugees from Afghanistan and to pressure other governments to accept Afghan refugees. Dr Ron Hoenig Chair (0419 183 214)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Christian Belde, Orland Farrugia, Daryl Leggett**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Monica Best, Greg McCarthy, Fr Patrick Cremin**. Please pray for those who are sick **Connie Tantaró, Dawn Carroll, Sr Margaret Daley (sister of Bishop Noel)**, Helen Cantwell, 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 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

**SECOND READING :**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete, with the fruits of your works, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**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:**

**Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

1st Reading: **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

2nd Reading: **St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

Gospel: **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN  
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**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)

**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm

**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**