

Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 18 - 19 September 2021

The Grace of St Joseph Words from Pope Francis Year of St Joseph – designated by Pope Francis

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter betrothed to Mary. He was a "just man", ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable since "there was no place for them" elsewhere. He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, who represented the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by an angel. "You shall call his name, Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt. After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple.

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. Each of us can discover in Joseph –in the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.

As a Beloved Father: The greatness of St Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people.

Joseph has many Titles such as:-

A beloved Father, (the greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the Father of Jesus. A Tender and loving father. (Joseph saw Jesus grow daily in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour).

An Obedient father. (When Joseph woke from his dream, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him). An Accepting father, (Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally, he trusted the angels' word) - he protects Mary's good name, her dignity and her life."

A creatively courageous Father - the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we add the important element – creative courage.

A working Father, a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. Jesus learnt the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's labour. A father in the shadows - Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift, we never see frustration but only trust. Joseph is an exemplary patron Our world needs fathers. Pope Francis encourages us to see St Joseph as our mentor and guide – We pray: Do thou O Blessed St Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen

Remember to ask R U O K - stay and listen with your compassionate heart

Peace, Love and Joy to all - Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions Sun 19 Sep: Social Services Sunday Sun 26 Sep: 107th World Day of Migrants and

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this Sunday 19 September at 9.30am. The YouTube link is https:/www.youtube.com/ channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently there are places for 20 people plus those needed to conduct the Mass at all Masses. Bookings will be required for all weekend Masses at the Cathedral. Livestreamed Masses will continue from the Cathedral at 9.30am every Sunday (subject to personnel availability) until we can have greater numbers.

RCIA INFORMATION

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 o f 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.

It is not too late to book in to the RCIA program. Please call Veronica Barnes at the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

Please pray for vocations.

THE NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR performance originally scheduled for this weekend has been postponed to early 2022. Details will be published when they are available.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES have been posted to all Parishioners on the Planned Giving Program who were not able to collect them last weekend. Thank you all for your very generous contributions to our Parish.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILIES Bricked in History Past and present families of St Mary's School are invited to purchase an engraved brick. The bricks, (featuring engraved student and family names, as well as dates/years of association) will be laid along the base of a new fence to be built between the Cathedral and the schoolgrounds, and leading in from the front gate to the administration entrance of the school. There is a limited number of bricks to be "purchased and orders close Wednesday 6 October. If you or someone you know (associated with St Mary's School) would like to have their family acknowledged and represented in the structure of this project, please visit St Mary's Primary School website (www.stmarysale.catholic.edu.au) for details. Alternatively, order forms may also be collected from the Parish Office and payment can be made directly to the School Office during school hours on 4, 5 & 6 October.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalized and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent 2021/22 Social Justice Statement - Cry of the Earth Cry of the 31 CLUB REMINDER for the 20 - 26 September. Poor - released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

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.

HEART OF LIFE Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others? We invite you to a Taster Session (via Zoom), on Saturday 2 October 2021 at 9.30am-11am AEST to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the [Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH An online course for spouses in troubled marriages. If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course. Identify your conflict triggers. Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument. Restore hope with practical relationship strategies. smartloving.org/breakthrough 50% Sale for Our Lady Undoer of Knots (ends Sept 30) Use coupon code: UndoerofKnots

PRIESTS ON INSERVICE this week so Mass will be at **5.00pm** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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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.



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Mass Timetable this week		
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Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 18 September	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 19 September	9.30am	Stratford
Livestream Mass	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Monday 20 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 21 September	5.00pm	Cathedral
Wednesday 22 September	5.00pm	Cathedral
Thursday 23 September	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 24 September	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
Saturday 25 September	9.30am	Cathedral
v r	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 26 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Only 20 people are able to attend	9.30am	Briagolong
so BOOKINGS ARE required for	5.30pm	Cathedral
<u>all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL</u> <u>Masses.</u>	Use hand	Please social
	Sanitiser	distance
Use the QR Reader to record your		
attendance please.		

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, AUSTRALIA

Education of Catechists

ACN supports the formation and training of catechists so that where there are no priests or sisters, catechists are trained and sent forth to nurture the Christian community. With the help of our benefactors, ACN supported the formation of 18,389 catechists and lay leaders in 2020. Can you help provide support and formation to catechists to help spread the Faith? Visit **www.aidtochurch.org/ catechists**.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the **18th of October**. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

<u>MASS AT HOME</u> 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 or https://www.youtube.com massforyouathome any time from 7am AEST. <u>LIVESTREAM MASS</u> from the Cathedral this Sunday 19 September at 9.30am. The YouTube link is <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AIxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ</u>

<u>BIRTHDAY WEEK</u> at the Presbytery. Congratulations to Dean Peter and Myriam Elgueta who celebrate birthdays this week.

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



FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

DELEGATES FROM THE DIOCESE OF SALE

To meet our delegates there are videos on the Diocesan website. Go to the link on the Diocesan Plenary Council countdown page <u>https://www.cdsale.org.au/plenary-council.</u> Please pray for our delegates as the Plenary Council nears. Our delegates are Bishop Greg, Fr Peter Slater, Fr Denis O'Bryan, Mrs Katherine Jelavic and Mrs Lize Privitera.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Christopher Herbstreit**, **Olivia Stevens** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Dean Peter Coyne**, **Fr John Black**. Please pray for those who are sick **Cathy Mesaric**, Connie Tantaro, Dawn Carroll, Sr Margaret Daly, Helen Cantwell, 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:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord or ever.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the areatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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 sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Gospel:

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29 2nd Reading: St James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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) Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month) Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.