

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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*22nd/23rd April 2017*

## THE TRUE GREATNESS OF JESUS

Christy Brown, the disabled Dublin writer, died in 1981. One day he saw a picture of the English novelist, Margaret Foster and immediately fell in love with her. So charming was his letter to her they began a warm friendship. Christy was anxious to meet her, however Margaret learned he was severely physically disabled. She was totally against them meeting because she feared that if she met him, her dreams of him would be destroyed.

They eventually met, Christy now a well known writer, Margaret upon seeing him so severely physically disabled, and couldn't take it, she stopped answering his letters, their friendship petered out.

Christy could only move the toe of his left foot, somehow with this toe he wrote his letters and subsequent books. His greatness lay in the fact that, despite his disability, he still managed to write those letters. But Margaret was unable to see this. All she could see was his twisted body. Unable to take this, she eased him out of her life.

The death of Jesus had a similar affect on the apostles. They had come to believe, or to at least hope, that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. But they had an idealised picture of the Messiah, picturing him as a great leader and a triumphant conqueror. The idea of a suffering and crucified Messiah was unthinkable to their minds. So when Jesus suffered and died, all their hopes were shattered. Thomas was the worst affected.

But when Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus, the true greatness of Jesus dawned upon him, his doubts vanished, and his faith was re-born. He realised that this was how Jesus had proved his love for them. He didn't talk about love; he gave an example of it, and had the wounds to prove it.

Many of us probably have an idealised picture of Jesus. If we met the real Jesus, especially the Jesus of the passion, we might not recognise him; we might even not want to know him. And yet, just as the greatness of Christy Brown lay in the fact that in spite of his severe disability, he could write so well, so the greatness of Jesus lay in the fact that, being bruised, beaten, broken in body, he went on loving. It is here that true greatness shines out. So he proved his love for us. And it was in this way that he attained to glory. And in doing so, he shows us the path to go.

With Easter Joy in the Lord.

He is Risen Indeed  
Alleluia Alleluia!!

Dean Peter

**PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA** Bishop Patrick has provided copies of the Pastoral Letter to all Parishes for distribution to all parishioners. The letter is regarding the Victorian Parliament debate on assisted suicide or euthanasia bill that is scheduled sometime in the second half of 2017.

Please take a copy of this letter home to read thoroughly.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism Mathieu William Mannix son of Jeremy & Nathalie, Alexander Daniel Zilinski and Shaun Harold Zilinski sons of Daniel & Amy and Chloe Louise Kitchin daughter of Charlotte and Matthew.

Congratulations to the families from all of us.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** can be handed in on the collection plate at Mass any time over the next few weekends. Easter Offering Envelopes have been placed in the back of the churches for the use of those not in the Planned Giving Program.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:-** Please return your Project Compassion boxes at this weekend's Masses. Please bring your project compassion boxes up during the Offertory Procession of each Mass and place them in the box on the Sanctuary in front of the Altar.

**CONFIRMATION** The Confirmation program will commence this week with a **Parent Only** meeting this Thursday 27th April at 7pm in the open area of the Cathedral. Enrolments are still being accepted. Your attendance at the parent information night is very important.

Confirmation Commitment Masses will be held next weekend 29th/30th April. All children wishing to be Confirmed please come to one mass during this weekend.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the next six months, along with receipts Dean Peter's letter, are now available for collection at the back of the Churches. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your envelopes or receipts. Thank you.

**SERRA CLUB OF SALE** are starting the '31 Club' for Parishioners to offer a Mass a day for Vocations. If you wish to become a member of the '31 Club' please place your name on the sheet in the foyer.

**MEN ALIVE:** You are invited to a "Men Alive Weekend" on 6th and 7th May, 2017. at St Mary's Parish hall, Maffra. Brochures with more information are available in the Cathedral or by contacting John 03 5148 6220, Charles 0408 032 232 (contact after 5.30pm weekdays) Lindsay 0407 338 203, Bert 0427 492 351. Come and experience the faith and friendship of other Catholic men.

**ANZAC DAY** Mass of the Day this Tuesday April 25 we offer special prayers to remember and give thanks for our ANZAC dead, we remember and we give thanks for those who paid the ultimate price and because of whom we enjoy our freedom our joy and our peace. All are welcome to attend this special Mass on Tuesday 9.30am St Mary's Cathedral.

**EASTER CEREMONIES** A big thank you to our Cathedral Choir who worked hard and put long hours into their preparation. The fruits of their practice was enjoyed by all and we are grateful to Pam who conducted, to Julie on the organ and to the many choir members who combined and led our ceremonies so well.

To the special Ministers of the Eucharist, those who stepped up at the last minute to read, those who had their foot washed, the offertory procession, the fire so well presented and blessed on Holy Saturday, those who prepared our Cathedral with Palms for Palm Sunday, Flowers for the Easter Triduum and last but not least the seven Seminarians for their serving and availability in other ways during holy week. It was one great week and we were warmed by the leadership of Bishop Patrick in each of the ceremonies, the Mass of Sacred Chrism on the Tuesday followed by the Ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Thank you to one and All.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** is now law for safe parishes and safe schools. Thank you to the volunteers who have kindly signed the statement. If you have not already called into the office to sign the Code of Conduct please come to the Parish office any time during office hours to read and place name and signature on to the list. Thank you.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

##### Saturday 22nd April

Cathedral 5.30pm - Marie Geary and Jo Dougan (A's)

##### Sunday 23rd April

Cathedral 9.30am—Maria Luz Napili (A)

##### Tuesday 25th April

Cathedral 9.30am - John Pritchett (A)

##### Thursday 27th April

Cathedral 9.30am—Pat Coleman (RD), Don Lord and Brendon Lord (A's)

##### Friday 28th April

Cathedral 9.30am—Frances Broberg (A)

#### SACRISTY:

**Team 4 (30th April)** Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy

**Team 5: (7 May)** Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper

#### COUNTERS:

**This Week: Team 8:** Mary Lonsdale, Libby Johnson, Theo and Sandra Smolenaars.

**Next Week: Team 9:** Lenie and Bill Smolenaars, Nick and Maree Centra

#### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving: \$ 2,500.55**

**House: \$ 1,885.00**

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral:

Friday after Mass from 11.30am—12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am to 4.00pm

#### Reconciliation:

**Cathedral: Saturday.**

Following 9.30am Mass to 10.30am.

**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  
Divine Mercy Sunday Year A - 23rd April 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 22nd April</b>	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 23rd April.</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<b>Monday 24th</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Tuesday 25th (Anzac Day Mass)</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	9.30am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
<b>Thursday 27th</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 28th April</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
<b>Saturday 29th April</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 30th April.</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

**PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS.**

**MISSION STATEMENT.**

We the parish of Sale believe in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As a Parish, we seek to live out this belief by enriching the quality of our Parish life and providing opportunities to grow together in God's love.

**MOTTO.**

**Believe! Live! Give!**

**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.*

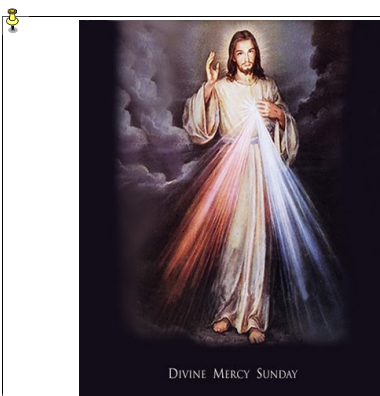
*Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.*

*May we be a welcoming and serving community,  
always discerning and doing your will for one another.*

*Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our  
lives together.*

*We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.*

**Amen.**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Taking advantage of the extraordinary graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, which the Church marks as a universal feast day on the first Sunday after Easter (also known as the Octave of Easter), the Priests will be blessing your Divine Mercy images during the 9.30am Mass today.

We remember those who have died especially **Darren McInnes (T'gon), Michele Minchella, Bernard Saunders, Pat Coleman, Maria Luz Napili, Tony Hurley, Tom Rigg, Pat Phelan and Sam Rizza** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne, Fr Timothy O'Brien, Fr Walter Silvester (SAG), Frances Broberg, Marie Geary, Jo Dougan, John Pritchett, Molly Bateson, Peter Duggan, Pat Lord and Brendon Lord.** We pray for those who are sick including **Eric Tabuteau, Luke Packham, George Gatica, Rosa Maria Santos, Liz Gross, Sr Teresa Lyne, Bill Harkin, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd and Rosie Carroll.**  
**We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 7/05/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
7.00pm Saturday		Jan Slattery	Brenda Burditt Margaret Shirreffs		Will Smits, Rosemary Webster, Ann Neville
9.30am Sunday	Dalia Ellison	Jeff Hobbs	John Vermaelan Veronica Barnes	Clare & Lilli O'Brien	Peter Centra, John Cooper, Pam Edgely
5.00pm Sunday		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Andrea Elgueta		Anna Allen, Lisa Durrant, Kath Telling

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:**

***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47***

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**SECOND READING :**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

***A reading from the gospel of John 20:19-31***

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were

closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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**READINGS NEXT WEEK:  
Second Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47;**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9;**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

**Saturday:** Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th )

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am

**Sunday:** Briagolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th)

**Sunday:** Stratford -9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.00pm (EST) 6.00pm (DST)

**NEW IN 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! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.

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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program ☐

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