

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH, SALE;  
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LOCH SPORT.

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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 [psa.sale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:psa.sale@cdsale.org.au).



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9 - 10 January 2021

### Mass Timetable this week

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 9 January	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sun 10 January	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Mon 11 January	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tues 12 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 13 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Thurs 14 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 15 January	11.00am	Cathedral
Sat 16 January	9.30am	Cathedral

**MASS** will no longer be livestreamed from the Cathedral. We sincerely thank Jeff Hobbs and Chloe Nash for their wonderful Service live streaming Masses since April 2020.

**COVID RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED** The Premier announced on 31 December that household gatherings can be no more than 15 people down from 30. That masks are to be resumed and therefore **must be worn correctly at all Masses until further notice**. Yes unfortunately people are still required to phone in their intention to attend the Mass of your choice. Mass on New Years Day is 11am. Mass times please refer to the above Mass Timetable. There is no change to numbers at Mass.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Gary Sweeney, Gaetano Zapulla**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Brendan Hall, Fr James Synnot, Fr John O'Kelly, Bishop Noel Daly, Fr Joe Flynn** We pray for those who are sick Sue Barr, Barry Lyon, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Tues 14 Jan 9.30am: Brendan Hall (A)

### FR EDWIN'S FAREWELL MASS

Dear Friends

As you know Fr Edwin Ogbuka leaves Sale for Bairnsdale to take up his new appointment on Jan 20, 2021. We will be sad to see him go, he has touched many hearts and served the people of Sale through his prayers and warm pastoral support. He will be genuinely missed. He has our thanks, our ongoing promise of prayers and love. Should you like to leave an offering in support of Fr Edwin, feel free to contact the Parish office or place your kind donation in the collection basket at any mass you may attend. Fr Edwin's farewell mass will be **Sunday 17th January at 9.30am**. Many could have returned from holidays and may like to book in for this Mass. To book, would you be so kind as to phone for Fr Edwin's **9.30am Mass** on 5144 4100 or as Clare will be away, through Fr Jithin or Dean Peter.

**PARISH OFFICE** as Clare will be out of the office from **6 to 27 January** on annual leave please call the **Presbytery on 5144 4100** or call Dean Peter or Fr Jithin on their mobile numbers, shown in the letterhead above, if you require assistance or wish to book in to a Mass in the Cathedral.

**ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL.** Thanks to all you generous benefactors. Despite the challenges brought about by Covid, the generous response to our Christmas Appeal is heart-warming. Though the food drive was down on other years, understandably so due to Mass restrictions, parishioners responded most generously. Parish contributions to the monetary appeal amounted to a total of \$1,750.00. Our Catholic Schools also joined in very generously with large quantities of food and toys to support the St Vinnies efforts. These efforts can and should be considered a joint Parish St Vinnies effort as we are all as part of humanity to reach out and provide for those who cannot do it for themselves. Thank you for being part of us and allowing us to be part of you. Thank you, Fr. Peter for your ongoing and encouraging support. God bless us as we bless others with our support. A Happy New Year to you all.

Bill Smolenaars, for St Vincent de Paul Society. Sale

**COLLECTIONS** Planned Giving - \$1,036, Presbytery - \$365.30, Direct Debit - \$769, Credit Card - \$2,665 **Christmas Offerings: \$1,120.** **Planned Giving or other offerings** can be left on the plates at the front of the Cathedral or your local Church, can be posted to the Parish postal address shown above or posted through the mail slot at the front door of the Presbytery.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are' as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is — keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult; because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

**The word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold the One of whom John said:**

**I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**



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### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Cathedral:** Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon  
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Saturdays**  
Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

#### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

First Reading: **1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19**  
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**  
Gospel: **John 1:35-42**

### **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



### **WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)  
**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am  
**Sunday:** Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm