

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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*Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B  
13 - 14 March 2021*

**OUR HEARTS ARE FULL OF GRATITUDE FOR THE PIONEERING SPIRIT OF THE  
SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF SION – SALE VICTORIA SISTER RAPHAELA'S MOTTO  
Fortiter et suaviter, = “strength and gentleness”**

*“Way back in July 1889 Bishop James Corbett requested M.M. Paul kindly consider sending a community of Sisters to his far-off diocese in Gippsland, Australia. Agreeing to the request, Mother Mary Paul, seeing that such an important role needed a leader with great qualities, turned to the young 30 year old Sister Raphaela whom she observed to have the qualities upon which such a request to lead the sisters to Australia to establish a schooling ethos would stand right through to this very day. M.M Paul trusted the potential in young Sister Raphaela, to accept such a challenge to go to the antipodes for this foundation. Raphaela's consent was immediate – she wrote in her journal - 'if only you knew the tumult that's going on in my heart. In order to find the strength and courage, I think of the fear and pending separation Jesus must have experienced as “he turned his face towards Jerusalem. Following his example, I too wish to follow Him in silence and in Blessing.” (Sister Patricia Watson's book Far Horizons.)*

*The rest is history – this weekend we honour and thank all Sisters of Sion whose grace and mission inspired young lives and established legendary futures still benefiting Gippsland and wider Australia – 2021.*

**WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS OF SION.**

**THE SISTERS THAT FORMED THE FIRST TEAM TO COME TO AUSTRALIA**

*Sister Sabina:- a novice. Who hoped the Australian climate would restore some of her strength. A talented sister - mistress of music. On July 10 1881 she died - the first sister of Our Lady of Sion to be buried at the Sale Cemetery, just over a year after her arrival in Sale.*

*Mother Edwardine: The first principal of Sion Secondary College which opened in Bishops House in 1890. She lived the longest of all the foundation sisters dying in Warragul in 1934.*

*Sister Martina: recognised as a saintly humble Irish Sister who did magnificent crochet- much of which still exists in the Cathedral today: She died 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1932.*

*Sister Osmond: Hard working and cheerful woman who devoted her life as cook for 34 years at Sale and Warragul. One of the first sisters to go to Bairnsdale - she died in her sleep 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1924.*

*Mother Charitas: a very peaceful and calm person who came as assistant to Mother Raphaela. She took charge of the parish school in Sale upon arrival. She died in 1923.*

*Sister Philomena: a very spiritual and hard working woman who suffered all her life from asthma. Never complained and went about her work patiently and cheerfully. She was sacristan for many years and carried out her duties with meticulous care, looking on her work as a privilege to be entrusted with such a function.*

*“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.....”*

*Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” Pope Francis:*

*We fortunate to know many Sisters of Our Lady of Sion have loved their charism of hard work, missionary spirit, sacrifice, dedication and courage to the great task of making God known to young minds and hearts that have helped us become who we are today.*

*Welcome to all past students here this weekend.*

*Dean Peter.*

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays

Cathedral 6.00pm March: 19 & 26

### HOLY HOUR: Wednesdays - Cathedral

5.00pm March: 17, 24

### PALM SUNDAY: Masses at Cathedral Sat 27

Mar 5.30pm, Sun 28 Mar 9.30am, 5.30pm

### MASS OF THE HOLY OILS: Tuesday March

30 11.00am Cathedral

### SERVICE OF SHADOWS: Wed 31 March

7.00pm Cathedral

### HOLY THURSDAY: April 1 7.30pm Mass of

the Lord's Supper, Cathedral

### GOOD FRIDAY: April 2: 9.30am Stations of

the Cross - Cathedral, Rosedale & Stratford

### Ecumenical Walk of the Cross 10.30am

Cathedral to St Pauls

### Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3.00pm Cathedral

### HOLY SATURDAY: THE EASTER VIGIL

April 3 7.30pm Cathedral

### EASTER SUNDAY: April 4

9.00am Loch Sport, 9.30am Cathedral,

9.30am Stratford, 11.15am Seaspray.

*Please note: No Mass at Rosedale on Easter Sunday*

**RECONCILIATION:** During Lent – a perfect season to really make a special effort to renew our journey with the Lord, in the Sacrament of Confession. Fr Jithin and I will be available immediately following each daily Mass for up to half an hour – at the end of daily Mass we will simply move to the confessional.

**2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** Enrolments closed on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**. If you missed the deadline and still wish to enrol your child for Confirmation or First Communion only please call Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator on 5144 4100 to discuss enrolment. **Confirmation** Parent Only meeting for those who missed it last week will be held on **Tuesday 16 March at 5pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral.

### HOLY HOUR - DURING LENT

From **Wednesday 17 March**, from **5.00 to 6.00pm** we will have a Holy Hour in the Cathedral, each Wednesday of Lent. During this time we will have a Rosary, a reflection given by one of the priests and time for personal prayer: Everyone welcome. (Please sign in as you enter) With every best good wish, Dean Peter

**IN SEARCH OF AN EASTER GIFT?** The book "Three Springtime's —Chronicles of St Mary's Cathedral Sale," by local historian Peter Synan, beautifully brings alive the history and beauty of our own Cathedral. It is an ideal Catholic gift for any occasion and is available from the Cathedral Piety stall, for \$20.00.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** will be available for collection from the Cathedral from after 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 17 March** or from the Cathedral or your local Church on the weekend of 20 and 21 March. Please collect your receipt and/or your receipt and envelopes as this saves the Parish the cost of posting these out. If you are choosing to pay your planned giving by directly crediting at your bank to the Parish please let the office know if you no longer require envelopes.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** for Easter Ceremonies will be on **Tuesday 16 March at 1.15pm** in the Cathedral Presbytery

**CATHEDRAL OPEN DAILY** from this week we recognise that Churches can be open for private prayer. Please adhere to sanitising and signing in requirements. The Cathedral will be open from after 9.30am or 11.00am Mass and closes at the normal time—usually 5.00pm unless services are being held.

**MASS REQUIREMENTS:** Mass can now be held for up to 140 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. Use the QR code to register your attendance or use the sign in sheet to mark your attendance. Please social distance and use the hand sanitisers' provided. **Masks are NOT required to be worn. Bookings are no longer required to attend Mass.**

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar – please encourage your children in a generous response to assist. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 15 - 21 March. Please pray for vocations.

**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.

## 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.*

### CHURCHES OF SALE GATHERINGS:

There are a number of opportunities for the churches of Sale to come together in shared prayer - this year 2021, these are:

- Ecumenical Service of Shadows (St Mary's Cathedral) **Wednesday March 31, 7.00pm. (please save the date)**
- Walk of the Cross : **Good Friday from St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am April 2**, visiting Uniting Church, Salvation Army and stopping at the Park across from St Paul's Anglican Cathedral
- Anzac Day (**Sunday 25 April**) each year – at the War Memorial

### LAUNCH OF THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Bishop Greg Bennet warmly invites you to the Diocesan Launch of the Year of St Joseph and of the new Diocesan resource for families 'Let's Connect!'. Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of St Joseph **4.00 pm Friday 19 March 2021**

St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Queen and Witton Sts, Warragul

**Registrations essential:** Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/BPIJI](http://www.trybooking.com/BPIJI). For more details please refer to the flyer in each Church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 March 9.30am: Michael Mashlak (RD)

Sun 14 March 9.30am: Antoni Myrdzio (A)

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1675.00

Presbytery: \$588.60

Credit Cards: \$160.00

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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Third Sunday of Lent, Year B  
6 - 7 March 2021**

| Day/Date   | Time                         | Place                               |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Weekend Masses</i>  |                              |                                     |
| <b>Saturday 13 March</b>   | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
|  | 11.00am                      | Loch Sport                          |
|  | 5.30pm                       | Cathedral                           |
| <b>Sunday 14 March</b><br><i>FRIENDS OF SION MASS</i>  | 9.30am                       | Rosedale                            |
|  | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
|  | 5.30pm                       | Cathedral                           |
| <i>Weekday Masses</i>  |                              |                                     |
| <b>Tues 16 March</b>   | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
| <b>Wed 17 March</b><br><i>FEAST OF ST PATRICK</i>  | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
| <i>Holy Hour</i>   | 5.00pm                       | Cathedral                           |
| <b>Thurs 18 March</b>  | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
| <b>Fri 19 March</b><br><i>FEAST OF ST JOSEPH</i><br><i>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</i><br><i>Stations of the Cross</i> | 11.00am<br>11.30am<br>6.00pm | Cathedral<br>Cathedral<br>Cathedral |
| <i>Weekend Masses</i>  |                              |                                     |
| <b>Saturday 20 March</b>   | 9.30am                       | Cathedral                           |
| <i>Use the QR Reader or the sign in sheets to record your attendance please.</i>   | <i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>    | <i>Please social distance</i>       |

**YEAR of ST JOSEPH**

**Prayer to St Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



*By Pope Francis*

**COMING TO COMMUNION – COVID RESTRICTIONS**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** It is very important dear parishioners we don't become distracted in keeping to the Covid restrictions – especially in keeping to the social distancing directions as we come forward to receive Communion. The Tapes on the floor in the centre isle are there to assist you in keeping to social distancing (1.5 metres).

A practical way of doing this would be to have communicants come forward **one row and one side of the row at a time.**

As you look to the Altar, my suggestion is the **right hand side** be the first row to come forward. The procession to communion to start from the **front seat proceeding to the back seat.** I repeat please be conscious to keep your distance in line with the Social distancing directions as per Covid 19. You will notice the tapes on the floor set there to clearly determine our correct distancing. Come to the tape, stop there until the person in front processes on, then and only then proceed in your turn to the next tape and so on, then to the Priest to receive Holy Communion.

**Once the back row of the right hand side is reached, then the back row on the left hand side falls in behind (start from the back row proceeding to the front row of the left hand side).**

I am grateful for your co-operation. Should you be available after Mass, would you be so kind as to help in the wiping down of seats and doors and windows – there will be a person to guide you in what is necessary to do – please don't wait to be asked this would be a great help to them. Let us not take their generosity in cleaning and sanitising, for granted. The best way we can show our appreciation is by offering to ease their load.

**2021 FRIENDS OF SION GATHERING**

We welcome all the Friends of Sion who are gathering this weekend to say farewell to the Sion Campus.

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE - Tours**

Parishioners, Past Students and Friends of Sion are invited to tour Catholic College Sale on Sunday 14 March 10.30am – 12.00noon (last tour leaving at 11.45am).

Please enter and leave via the Macalister Street entrance. Registration and guidance available upon entry to the College.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Lyndon Webb, Michael Mashlak, Fr Thomas (Tom) O'Connell, Denis Booth, Marjorie Lanigan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Matthew Speakman, Antoni Myrdzio, Mgr Dan McCartan, Fr Walter O'Connell, Fr Alexis Dunlop, Fr Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joe Daly.** We pray for those who are sick Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Noreen Waud, Diliana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Sue Barr, 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.**

NEW TO 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!

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
**Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the second book of Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps. **(R.)**

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! **(R.)**

**SECOND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of 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:**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 5:7-9**

Gospel: **John 12:20-30**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**

**Mary's Soup Kitchen is held each Thursday  
& serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm  
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**WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

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