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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.



The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 14 – 15 August 2021

Reflection by Julianne Stanz

One of my favourite stained-glass windows is in St. Nicholas Cathedral in County Galway, Ireland and echoes the words of Pope John Paul II, who declared that “the future of humanity passes by way of the family” (On the Family, 86). Entitled The Window of the Holy Family, it beautifully depicts Jesus, Joseph, and Mary in a very ordinary way. Joseph is depicted as a strong protector working on a carpentry project in the background of the window. To the forefront of the window, a young Jesus with red hair (This is Ireland after all!) is bringing the Blessed Mother a cup of tea. As for the Blessed Mother, she is sitting down, knitting an item of clothing, barefoot and clad in a simple blue robe. The glasswork is exquisite, and the colours are rich and vibrant. This window shows the human and divine love of God through the witness of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary. It points to the love God our Father has for each one of us and also reminds us that, like Mary, we are called to holiness in the ordinary moments of our lives. The centrepiece of this window showcases the bond between a mother and child, pointing us to Mary’s role as our Blessed Mother, who when her earthly life concluded, was assumed into heaven.

*The Assumption of Mary was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII in the bull *Munificentissimus Deus* (“Most Bountiful God”) and declared a point of dogma in 1950. It is indeed a glorious mystery reminding us that God chose Mary, a young woman, to be the Mother of God and assumed her earthly body into heaven. The Assumption of Mary is not just a celebration of Mary but also a celebration of the whole Church, for it speaks of the meekness of humanity compared to the glory of God, while also emphasizing humanity’s capacity for greatness.*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church remarks that “the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body” (974). Jesus’ Resurrection is a victory over the darkness of death, which he too promises to his faithful disciples. It is only fitting that his beloved mother, the mother of all humanity, would be the first to receive this blessing. She is a catechist par excellence, because the Assumption of Mary into heaven echoes the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a foreshadowing of our own assumption; if we remain faithful to God, we too can look forward to sharing in that fullness of new life.

Mary was the first and best disciple of Jesus, and her life teaches us how we are to live ours. By contemplating her place in heaven, we are reminded that our earthly life is not our definitive homeland; we too are called to eternity. The Assumption of Mary emphasizes her perfect union with the destiny of Jesus. It is also a lesson for us: We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, be faithful to his promises, and always reach for heaven. The Window of the Holy Family in Ireland also reminds us that we can keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus Christ while doing the ordinary things we do, whether it is knitting, building from wood, or drinking a cup of tea. Heaven indeed!

Hail Mary....Kindest regards and best wishes through this Covid period. Please don’t hesitate to call on Dean Peter, Fr Jithin and Mark for any assistance or prayer or home blessing.

PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change or be cancelled due to Covid Restrictions

Wed 18 Aug: Pastoral Council meeting 7pm

Sun 29 Aug: Social Justice Sunday

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Religious gatherings and ceremonies:

Permitted for up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 people outdoors. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.

NO BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED. ALL ATTENDEES WILL HAVE TO WEAR MASKS, BOOK IN USING THE QR CODE, SOCIAL DISTANCE AND USE THE HAND SANITISERS PROVIDED.

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this **Sunday 15 August at 9.30am**. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAJV3nEYtZQ>

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: There's a very important celebration coming up in the diocese this month. Mass to celebrate Monsignor Allman's 70th Anniversary of Ordination will be held on **Sunday 22nd August at 2:00pm**.

Bishop Greg will preside at this Mass, along with Monsignor Allman and the priests of the Diocese. All are warmly invited to attend this Mass, which will be followed by a cuppa in the Mary MacKillop Hall afterwards. Our numbers will be in accordance with Covid restrictions. Monsignor will be celebrating two great occasions, his 70th Anniversary of Ordination on **22 July**, followed by his 96th Birthday on **18 August**. Mons' presence in St Michael's has always been a great blessing, both here and in many other areas of the Diocese. Phone 5174 2060 or Email: sec@smpt.org.au to book your place.

31 CLUB REMINDER for the 16 - 22 Aug. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 18 August**. This may be a zoom meeting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-2022:

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 August**. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

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.

'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, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: National Council of Churches is holding on **Sunday 22 August** - 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: **22 August 2021 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/

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.*

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK,

23-29 August 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/>

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 15 Aug 9.30am: Ann O'Brien (A)

Sat 21 Aug 9.30am: Humberto Gatica (A)

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: \$0.00
Presbytery: \$0.00
Credit Cards: \$0.00
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Cathedral EFTpos: \$10.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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Mass Timetable this week
The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
14 - 15 August 2021

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 14 August	11.00am 5.30pm	Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 15 August	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
Monday 16 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 17 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 18 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 19 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 20 August	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
Weekend		
Saturday 21 August	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 22 August	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong 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.



FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Plenary Snippet: Two types of members. Two types of votes. Plenary Councils are governed by Canons 439-446. At the Australian Plenary Council, the active bishops and their equivalents are deliberative members with deliberative (or decisive) votes. These votes define the outcomes of the Plenary. Other members called to the Plenary are consultative members with consultative votes. Consultative members from our Diocese are Fr Peter, Fr Denis, Lize and Katherine while Bishop Greg is a deliberative member. In relation to votes, a question that rightly concerns people is how much importance the bishops will place on the consultative vote. Looking at how the agenda has been produced may give some clues. Canon 441(4) requires the bishops to produce the agenda, but it has only been created after inviting everyone to participate in the process twice, through the Listening & Discernment and Listening & Dialogue phases. Many from our diocese joined the 220,000+ people who contributed to over 17,000 responses. The Agenda was created from listening to the voices of many, not a few. It is a hopeful beginning.

Prayers for the success of the Plenary Council are deeply appreciated. Your issues, concerns, reflections or questions about the Plenary or the agenda items are important and you are welcome to contact the **Sale Diocese Plenary Council Members:**

Bishop Greg bishop@sale.catholic.org.au
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Plenary Council Agenda: The second theme is about Prayer and there are two questions we are all asked to pray about and consider:

How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"?

How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

We are all encouraged to pray about the Plenary agenda items in the lead up to the Plenary and you are welcome to share results of your prayer with Plenary members.

Explore the Plenary Council Agenda and other resources at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Daryl Leggett, Lydia Ong (Phillipines), Mary Bailey, Pierino (Peter) Benedetti, John Buck, Brendan Drew**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ann O'Brien, Noreen Lyttle, Humberto Gatica, Kierina (Rina) Cappozzo, Fr Thomas Shearman OMI**. Please pray for those who are sick **Helen Cantwell, Francis Horne, Wes Dryden, Dixie Simpson, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliانا 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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house. **(R.)**

So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,

and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed,

for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



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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 first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1st Reading: **Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 5:21-32**

Gospel: **John 6:60-69**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN **CHAPTER HOUSE**

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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.