

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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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).



## *Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 4 - 5 September 2021*

### *Many of us are deaf and dumb spiritually, and Jesus wants to heal us*

*A woman had a friend who was deaf. One day she asked her friend what she wanted for her birthday. Her friend made an unusual request she said:*

*"Would you write to Ann Landers and ask her to reprint a prayer she had for deaf people. She printed it once before in her column but I lost my copy of it."*

*The woman wrote to Ann Landers and on June 1, her friend's birthday, Ann reprinted the prayer in her column. Part of it reads – "O God, the trouble about being deaf is that most people find deaf people a nuisance. They sympathize with people who are blind and lame, but they get irritated and annoyed with people who are deaf. And the result of this is that deaf people are apt to avoid company, and get more and more shut in."*

*That portion of the prayer points to something about deaf people that few of us realize. Most of us think that blindness is worse than deafness. But Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf considered deafness the far greater handicap. When you can't hear, a lot of doors in the normal world slam shut. Turning on the radio is pointless. Watching TV is bland and often boring. Conversing with someone is next to impossible. After a while you feel lonely and abandoned.*

*This story of the deaf person gives us an appreciation of today's Gospel. It gives an insight into how the deaf and dumb man felt after Jesus healed him. For the first time in his life he felt a part of life. This raises the question : Why did Jesus heal the deaf and dumb man? One answer is found in today's first reading: Isaiah says... "The deaf will hear.... and those who cannot speak will shout for joy..."*

*The healing of the deaf and dumb man tells us something about Jesus: That he is compassionate - this is especially so in the way Jesus heals the man - he takes him away from the crowd. Deaf people are often embarrassed by their situation, they cannot understand the simplest questions people ask them - they feel different and out of place - by taking him away Jesus shows real sensitivity to his situation – this points to Jesus as the Messiah - the healing of the man points to Jesus as a compassionate person. Finally today's Gospel reveals the solution to the problem that many of us experience today. We are unable to pray, to speak to God, to hear him speak to us in our heart. We are spiritually deaf and dumb. Today's Gospel therefore, is inviting us to do something many of us have lost the habit of doing.*

*We are invited to set aside a few minutes for daily prayer to let Jesus do for us what he did for the deaf and dumb man. It's inviting us to let Jesus heal us of our deafness and dumbness. In doing so we give Jesus a chance to touch us, heal us and make us whole once again.*

*Let us not be blind or deaf to the needs of so many near us, made lonely through these shutdowns and covid restrictions - a kind phone call is all that is needed asking RUOK with the warmth of your concern and compassionate heart.*

*May God bless you : Love and Prayers Dean Peter*

*St Francis : MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE*

## PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change or be cancelled due to Covid Restrictions

**Sun 26 September:** 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**RETIREMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS:** Bishop Greg accepts **RETIREMENT** from formal appointments of three of our priests. **Fr Peter A Bickley**, will retire as administrator, St Mary's Cathedral Sale with effect from **12 January 2022**. He will also retire from other Diocesan appointments. **Fr Peter Kooloos** will retire as Parish Priest of Koo Wee Rup and Iona-Maryknoll with effect from **12 January 2022**. Fr Peter will retire from other Diocesan appointments as well. **Fr Bernard "Bernie" Krotwaar** will retire as Parish Priest of Trafalgar with effect from **30 August 2021**. Fr Bernie has considered the challenges of health, listened to clear advice of medical professionals and discerned his decision to seek retirement. Fr Bernie hopes to establish a pastoral presence within Andrews House Trafalgar and live his daily ministry among the residents and staff.

**APPOINTMENT:** **Fr Bernard Buckley**, Administrator (Pro Tem), St John's Trafalgar with effect from **30 August 2021 – 12 January 2022**. We are delighted that Fr Bernard is able to return to an appointment in the Diocese – let us continue to pray for his wellbeing.

**LIVESTREAM MASS** from the Cathedral this **Sunday 5 September at 9.30am**. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYTzQ>

### CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently there are no public Masses until further notice. Stay safe and check in on your friends, fellow parishioners and neighbours.

**MASS AT HOME** 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](http://www.massforyou.com.au) or <https://www.youtube.com/massforyouathome> any time from 7am AEST.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for the 6 - 12 September. Please pray for vocations.

## RCIA INFORMATION EVENING

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 of 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. Please call **Veronica Barnes at the Parish Office on 5144 4100**.

### CALLED TO BE DANGEROUS WOMEN

**VIRTUAL EVENT** Join us for a journey of discovery as we explore the role of women in faith. Presented by Dr Janina Hiebel, Dr Rosemary Canavan, Dr Carmel Posa SGS and Dr Claire Renkin, the series will be held over four sessions. Each session involves all four speakers who will explore three women around a common theme – Old Testament, New Testament, Monastic Women, and the Artwork around them. A Q&A will follow each session. **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 SESSION ONE - Judith, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Egypt**

#### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN: September 1, 8, 22 & 29**

**TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm (AEST)**

**WHERE: Via Zoom Meeting. Zoom link will be emailed after you have registered.**

To register go to [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/k1h4t4sz1lv5cza/?ct=\(all-seg\\_REM-dangerouswomen-series-aug30-2021\)&mc\\_cid=b2ed0499b3&mc\\_eid=9f0cb984d8](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/k1h4t4sz1lv5cza/?ct=(all-seg_REM-dangerouswomen-series-aug30-2021)&mc_cid=b2ed0499b3&mc_eid=9f0cb984d8).

### ROSARY AND EVENING PRAYER FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LADY

we are inviting Parishioners to join us at **5.00pm on Wednesday 8 September**. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAjVG3nEYTzQ>

## 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.*

**THE GRIEF CENTRE** has the following webinars online: **September 1st** - The Nature of Trauma **September 8th** - The Impact of Domestic Violence **September 30th** - Living in the Shadow of Depression. . Webinars start at \$79 + GST and our online course is \$95 + GST. All our available courses and webinar sessions are verified with Certificates of Participation for those that require confirmation of CPD, OPD or in-house professional development. Our training webinars are endorsed for OPD points with the Australian Counselling Association. To register you can simply visit the booking website for more information and to self-register: <https://book.griefcentre.org.nz/grief-centre-au>.

**THE GOOD WE CAN DO** The more I am in contact with my Parishioners through phone calls asking RUOK I am saddened to hear their sense of loneliness through this time. I am inviting all Parishioners to never underestimate the value of a kind, supporting, compassionate phone call. Bishop Greg with warm compassion and care invited all the priests to a zoom sharing of just how they are going through this difficult time. The sharing was amazing as the Priests reached out to each other—hearing each others stories. The zoom meeting ended with evening prayer. We felt we were heard and cared for. Dear Parishioners your support and outreach and compassion can be so healing and uniting among our Parishioners. Please ring asking RUOK.

**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:** \$518.00  
**Presbytery:** \$55.00  
**Credit Cards:** \$1,875.00  
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**Cathedral EFTpos:** \$0.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
4 - 5 September 2021**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 4 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Sunday 5 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
<i>Livestream Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
Monday 6 September	NO	<b>MASS</b>
Tuesday 7 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Wednesday 8 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Thursday 9 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Friday 10 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Saturday 11 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
Sunday 12 September	NO	<b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
<i>Livestream Mass</i>	9.30am	Cathedral

**FATHERS' DAY PRAYER**

**God, our Father,  
 We give you thanks and praise  
 for fathers young and old.  
 We pray for young fathers,  
 newly embracing their vocation:  
 may they find courage and perseverance  
 to balance work, family and faith  
 in joy and sacrifice.  
 We pray for fathers around the world  
 Whose children are lost or suffering:  
 may they know that the God of compassion  
 walks with them in their sorrow.  
 We pray for men who are not fathers  
 but still mentor and guide us with  
 fatherly love and advice.  
 We remember fathers, grandfathers  
 and great grandfathers  
 who are no longer with us,  
 but who live forever in our memory  
 and nourish us with their love.  
 Amen.**

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY**

*We celebrate all Fathers and Guardians - you are beautifully appreciated this weekend for all you do to enhance the richness of family, the love of children and the gentle guiding of them into their futures. May Mary the Mother of God be by your side and Joseph our Guardian be ever with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**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 <https://www.cdsale.org.au/plenary-council>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Wes Dryden, Terry Pratt (Glenburn QLD), Maureen Lourey (nee: Dyer), Peter Delahunty, Christian Belde, Orland Farrugia**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Steve Wittchell**. Please pray for those who are sick **Connie Tantaró, Dawn Carroll, Sr Margaret Daly (sister of Bishop Noel), Helen Cantwell, Dixie Simpson, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliána 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 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:

**You are just, O Lord,  
and your Judgement is right,  
treat your servant in accord with merciful love.**

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

### **The Word of the Lord**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.  
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

### 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 fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50:5-9**

2nd Reading: **James 2:14-18**

Gospel: **Mark 8:27-35**

### 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.**