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Safeguarding - Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people
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Our Safeguarding Officers are Lorel Donnelly and Bill Smolenaars who can be contacted via psale@cdsale.org.au.



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28th September 2021

Dear Monsignor, Father, Deacon, Parish Leaders



Warmest greetings of peace.

We are mindful of the particular time we are living through in the State of Victoria. Our unity in prayer and service of one another allows the light of Christ to shine amidst the shadows of Covid-19. None of us ever anticipated that our lives would be so beset by the virus and its effects for such a long period. We seek the intercession of our Diocesan Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for the sick, for those dedicated to the medical care of others, for those searching for a cure and the health of all nations. The impacts of Covid-19 are manifold and our pastoral outreach remains a priority. The invitation to be vaccinated remains a call to the common good of one another. We are mindful of those, who for a variety of reasons, are unable to participate in this medical strategy and whose care is paramount.

Sunday 3rd October 2021 will mark the formal opening of the First Session of the Plenary Council in Australia. The process of the plenary has shifted to remote engagement for the members which is not ideal; however, this will enable the Plenary to continue as scheduled. We – the Catholic Church in Australia - are all being invited into the spiritual journey of conversion and transformation through the Plenary process. Those who are members (participants) are acutely aware of the responsibility of holding the many faithful, heartfelt joys, hopes, anxieties and dreams of thousands who have participated in the processes of engagement, discernment and reflections along the way. The members who gather are being invited into engage deeply with the agenda: conversion; prayer; institutions; governance; structures and formation. We are being asked to listen deeply to the Holy Spirit in a manner which enables us to respond to Pope Francis' dream of a 'missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation' (*Evangelii Gaudium* 27).

I invite you to join us on this pilgrimage of the plenary. Sophy Morley has kindly outlined the many ways you can be part of these of days of the First Session and how you might invite your people to engage in prayerful dialogue. You are free to model your own liturgies on those prepared for the Plenary Council, and in particular, to use the readings and prayers which have been selected for 3 October 2021 which are particular to the Plenary.

Our own Diocesan Mass to mark the commencement of the Plenary will be prepared at St Mary's Cathedral Sale and uploaded for 3rd October viewing at <https://tinyurl.com/Sale-Cathedral-YouTube>. In view of current restrictions, you might bring this to the attention of your people.

Please pray for Fr Peter Slater VG PP, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV PP, Ms Lize Privitera, Ms Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofson (Cranbourne representing Religious Women) and myself as we enter this process holding the wonderful people of the Diocese of Sale with us.

Entrusting you to Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

With every peace,

Bishop Greg Bennet

Bishop of Sale

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PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions

3 - 9 October: Fifth Plenary Council
23 - 24 October: World Mission Sunday
21 - 22 Nov: First Communion Masses

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Currently there are places for **20 people** plus those needed to conduct the Mass at all Masses. Bookings will be required for all weekend Masses at the Cathedral. Livestreamed Masses will continue from the Cathedral at 9.30am every Sunday (subject to personnel availability) until we can have greater numbers.

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this **Sunday 26 September at 9.30am**. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AixPXAJVG3nEYTZQ>

EXTRA MASS EACH SUNDAY in the Cathedral for the month of October - and hopefully beyond if supported. Dean Peter and Fr Jithin want to provide an extra Mass each **Sunday at 11.00am** - two purposes for this:-

1st purpose is to provide Mass for extra number of our parishioners during Covid restrictions of 20 or less allowed to attend.

2nd to provide an extra mass time for those young people preparing for 1st communion. The second mass will allow for 1st communicants to choose either the 5.30pm Saturday, 9.30am Sunday, 11.00am Sunday or 5.30pm Sunday This Sunday 3 October will be the first 11.00am Mass at the Cathedral.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION The First Communion Program continues in the Parish. Children will attend a **Commitment Mass** with their families over the **next few weekends**. The next meeting will be a **parent/child workshop** in term four with the date and time to be advised.

FREE VIRTUAL CATHOLIC WOMENS' SUMMIT October 8 - 9 The Genius Project Catholic Women's Ministry is holding a free virtual summit on 8 - 9 October. Hundreds of Catholic women from around the world have already registered to encounter incredible speakers and workshops. Watch the video and find out more at <https://bit.ly/catholic2021>

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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY during the month of October: Via Zoom each Weds and Fri - Starting Friday 1st October. Let us pray for the deliberations of the **Plenary Council 3 - 11 October**. You are invited to join, Dean Peter and Fr Jithin, and many others **each Wednesday &/ or Friday at 4.00pm**. The Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81120502849pwd=REdiV2svY3dPc1cwUFIMbHAYUUJZUT09>. Click on the link or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app
Meeting ID: 811 2050 2849 Passcode: 032436

ST MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILIES Bricked in

History Past and present families of St Mary's School are invited to purchase an engraved brick. The bricks, (featuring engraved student and family names, as well as dates/years of association) will be laid along the base of a new fence to be built between the Cathedral and the schoolgrounds, and leading in from the front gate to the administration entrance of the school. There is a limited number of bricks to be "purchased and orders close **Wednesday 6 October**. If you or someone you know (associated with St Mary's School) would like to have their family acknowledged and represented in the structure of this project, please visit St Mary's Primary School website for details. (www.stmarysale.catholic.edu.au) Alternatively, order forms may also be collected from the Parish Office and payment can be made directly to the School Office during school hours on **4, 5 & 6 October**. Bricks are \$100 each.

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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.

PASSING OF CATHY MESARIC - former principal St Mary's Primary school, Sale. We are saddened to hear of the passing of our much loved principal and friend to the priests and cathedral parish, to her teachers, to her many students and their families in the St Mary's Primary School community. Cathy was a very dedicated teacher to Catholic Education and served generously throughout the Diocese of Sale. These last 7 or 8 years gave us an appreciation of her inner strength of character, her faith and courage in facing the cross of her cancer. Never a complaint came from her. We thank Mr Brett Morris, her assistant principal, who supported her beautifully along the way, we thank the teachers of St Mary's Primary, for their love and understanding, in supporting Cathy with dignity, respect and indeed love. Cathy is a great loss, we are confident she will be greeted with that divine accolade - 'well done good and faithful servant - come into the home of my Father into eternal light, happiness and peace.' Her funeral has been postponed to Tuesday week at St Michael's Church Traralgon. May her dear soul rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs 7 Oct 9.30am: Leo Harkin (A)

Fri 8 Oct 11.00am: John & Dorothy McKee (A's)

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Planned Giving: | \$1,953.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$758.40 |
| Credit Cards: | \$30.00 |
| Direct Debits & Credits: | \$420.00 |
| Cathedral EFTpos: | \$10.00 |

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
2 - 3 October 2021**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 2 October | 5.30pm 7.00pm | Cathedral Rosedale |
| Sunday 3 October <i>Livestream Mass</i> | 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm | Stratford Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKDAYS | | |
| Monday 4 October | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 5 October | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 6 October | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thursday 7 October | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Friday 8 October <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i> | 11.00am 11.30am | Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKEND | | |
| Saturday 9 October | 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm | Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale |
| Sunday 10 October <u>Only 20 people are able to attend</u> <u>so BOOKINGS ARE required for</u> <u>all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL</u> <u>Masses.</u> | 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm | Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral |
| <i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please.</i> | <i>Use hand Sanitiser</i> | <i>Please social distance</i> |

WATCH THE PLENARY COUNCIL ONLINE

With the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia being an event for the whole Church, parts of the first general assembly will be livestreamed each day. The home page of the Plenary Council website will be the place to go to find the livestream each day. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Here are some highlights from the livestream schedule:

- October 3:** Opening Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 2.00 pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.
- October 4-9:** Daily Mass broadcast at 9.30am AEDT and on demand afterwards.
- October 4-6:** Plenary session livestream starts at 11.00 am AEDT until approx. 12.15 pm.
- October 7:** Plenary session livestream starts at 12 noon AEDT until approx. 12.45 pm.
- October 8-9:** Plenary session livestream starts at 11.00 am AEDT until approx. 12.15pm
- October 10:** Closing Mass of the First General Assembly, 11.00 am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Download daily Plenary Council Mass booklets and Morning Prayer from <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

**FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA**

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.
Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own
and to live it in our lives.
Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.
You desire justice for All
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.
As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions
may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants,
Amen.*

*A prayer used before every session of the Second
Vatican Council.*

This is to be prayed at the beginning of a Plenary Council.

Celebrate the Opening of the Plenary Council with us!

**DIOCESAN OPENING MASS
9.30 am Sunday 3rd October**

Visit St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel and watch Bishop Greg celebrate the Opening Mass of the Plenary Council from St Mary's Cathedral Sale. <https://tinyurl.com/Sale-Cathedral-YouTube>

**NATIONAL OPENING MASS
2.00 pm Sunday 3rd October**

Watch the livestream of the official Opening Mass of the Plenary Council which will be broadcast from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth via the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Cathy Mesaric, Les Ryan, Brendan Payne, Christopher Herbstreit, Olivia Stevens** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Leo Harkin, Fr William O'Brien, Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O'Leary**. Please pray for those who are sick **Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Connie Tantaró, Dawn Carroll, Sr Margaret Daly, Helen Cantwell, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliana 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: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heavens and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1st Reading: **Wisdom 7:7-11**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Gospel: **Mark 10:17-30**

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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.