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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C *12 - 13 February 2022*

One family, one love

Well, it's another weekend. Or should I rather say the beginning of another week since Sunday is actually the first day of the week. Anyway, we are used to saying "weekend Mass" so let's stick to that. It's another weekend, two weeks already in the Cathedral Parish of Sale. Wow! What a blessing!! What shall I say? What do you want to hear? Without mincing words, I must say it has been great, at least for me. Or too soon to say, right? Many people have asked me: how are you finding Sale? Are you settling in alright? All I say is: God is good, all the time. So far so good, and I hope and pray it stays this way. Praise God.

I have been able to visit the schools during the course of this week, all four schools (including Catholic College Sale). My visit opened up for me the kind gestures of the staff and students in our schools. The principals/staff were very welcoming, accommodating and receptive. Going round the classes the students were quite cordial and hilarious with their questions. Amongst many other questions, they asked how many siblings I've got. Well, to that question I always asked them to make a guess. Usually, they begin with 6, for them that is very big. When they learned eventually that I was one of fifteen, many of them left their mouths wide open for a while...it is like saying, you must be joking? Only one was not too surprised because grandpa also comes from a very big family too.

On the whole, it was fun visiting the schools. I feel very blessed to be working with our schools in the mission ahead of us. The Parish of Sale comprises of the churches (parishioners) and the schools. Though different entities, we are one body, we are one family united in love — continuously seeking ways to collaborate together cohesively. The warm reception from the principals, the staff and the students, I believe, is a sign of greater things and better collaboration to come. Thanks heaps, dearest colleagues in the ministry.

As we read in Scripture this weekend, we are called to trust in the Lord. The words from Jer 17:5-8, repeated in the Psalm (1:1-4), are very powerful. Make it your daily prayer asking the Lord to help you trust in God "today", no matter what happens. This is the call of today's texts: to trust in the Lord even when the present and/or the future appear bleak. There is something about trust that makes it very relaxing and peace-giving and rewarding. Trust invites us to look beyond our mere selves to focus on the reliability of God. Trust reminds us that it does not always depend on us. Certain things are beyond us. To acknowledge this is itself very pacifying. When we are face to face with such moments, Jeremiah reminds us: a blessing on those who trust in the Lord, with the Lord for their hope... they are like a tree planted by the waterside, that thrusts its roots to the stream," (Jer 17:5-8). The language of the Beatitude is an invitation to trust in God even in the midst of chaos. Jesus says: such are truly blessed.

As we navigate through this week, even when the going appears uncontrollable, the catch phrase for the week is: trust in the Lord.

One love! Praise the Lord.

Fr Francis.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 2 March: Ash Wednesday

Sun 6 March: Diocesan Rite of Election
3pm

Currently there are no restrictions on numbers at Mass. Masks must be worn and QR Codes are still required to be used at ALL parish Masses.

SYNOD 2023: SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you? The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – **until February 27**. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>
Synod Questions for Discussion and Reflection. Our Conversation: Genuine conversation requires patience and perseverance but leads to understanding. How good are we at both listening and sharing? Do we collaborate well in our Catholic communities AND in our broader social communities? How can we do better? Have your say by **February 27 2022**. <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

PRAY AT HOME SYNODAL LINKS:

Daily Prayer (Madonna Magazine/Australian Jesuits). Daily readings and Scripture reflections. Free subscription. <https://www.pray.com.au/>

Connect@home (Diocese of Bathurst)

A range of resources to assist parishioners with worship and prayer at home, including links prayer and Mass for You At Home. Daily emails include a link to the Scripture readings of the day, together with a short reflection and prayer. You could do this sacred reading on your own, or with members of your household. Subscription is free. Follow the links at [Connect@home](https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/) or visit <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>

Pray at Home (Australian Catholic Bishops)

A comprehensive listing of Prayer resources and Mass offerings from Dioceses around Australia. <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome>

DIACONATE ORDINATION of Mark Hughes will take place at St Agatha's Parish Church, Cranbourne on **Saturday 12 March at 11am**. If you would like to attend we are considering running a bus to Cranbourne for this special day for the Diocese. There is a sign up sheet in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:

Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place on **Sunday 6 March** (1st Sunday of Lent) at **3pm in the Cathedral**. Bishop Greg will meet with the Catechumens and Candidates in the Chapter House from 2pm. A diocesan choir will be formed prior to the event. Parish singers are invited to express interest in joining the choir by contacting Sophy Morley via email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au by **Monday 14 February**.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Spencer McDonough daughter of Casey and Marty. Congratulations to the family from us all.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16 February at 7pm**. If any parishioners have issues they would like discussed by the Council please talk to one of the Council members who are listed on the front page of the bulletin each week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 Feb 5.30pm: Ineke Nieuwenhuizen (A)

Sun 13 Feb 9.30am: Keith Best (A)

Thurs 17 Feb 9.30am: Joe Dimarco (A)

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.*

CATHEDRAL ROSTERS After our false start last year we are now in a position to reactivate our various Cathedral Rosters. We still have a need for volunteers particularly for Sunday evenings. **Please fill out a form or call the parish secretary Clare O'Brien on Ph: 5144 4100 or via email at sale@cdsale.org.au - if you are interested.** You need to indicate what time and day of Mass you prefer and for which role or roles you are willing to volunteer. **Clare hopes to have a new roster available by the weekend of 19 - 20 February, which will include all those who signed up over the last 8 months.** We will be delighted to offer training for new volunteers in any of the ministries. Please remember Parish Safeguarding expectations apply – Working with Children's check and a signed Parish code of conduct. Our parish safeguarding officers, Lorel and Bill, are available to take you through the Parish Safeguarding Module (approximately 40minutes) - your email address will be necessary. Thanks in anticipation to anyone else who wishes to sign up.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 14 - 20 February. 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,092.00
Presbytery:	\$732.40
Credit Cards:	\$120.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$20.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
12 - 13 February 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 12 February	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 13 February	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 14 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 15 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 16 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 17 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 18 February	11.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 19 February	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 20 February	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please <u>at all Masses.</u></i>		<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>

DIOCESAN SYNOD CONVERSATIONS:

We are hosting three conversations, one for each of the Synod themes of **Communion, Participation and Mission**. Join one or more conversations

Conversation on **Participation**
Thursday 17th February at 1.30 pm

Conversation on **Mission**
Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm

Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXFJB> or QR code



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS

Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

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Find Out More: Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our online forum at **5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March**, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Dorothy Rutherford, Pamela Troup** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Keith Best, Nell Dunell, Ineke Nieuwenhuizen, Joe Dimarco, Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik**. Please pray for those who are sick **Margaret Lee, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, 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:

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**They ate and had their fill;
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

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 - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: **Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:45-49**
Gospel: **Luke 6:27-38**

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 and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.