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Safeguarding Statement: 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. Email: psa.sale@cdsale.org.au.



Second Sunday of Lent, Year C 12 - 13 March 2022

Dear friends,

Just a few dot-points info for us this weekend:

Mark Hughes. As you all must know by now our Seminarian, Mark Hughes, was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 12th March. I met Mark for the first time sometime in 2017 shortly after I arrived in the Traralgon parish. He was posted there for his pastoral placement while he contemplated his vocation. Within weeks of his arrival, Mark immediately swung into action helping out in the building up of the youngish youth group that we had just started. Attracted to Mark's musical talent and sociable personality, the young ones came out en masse and the youth group grew astronomically, actively singing at Mass once a month, weekly activity for the older ones, and helping out in various ministries in the parish like reading, commentating, welcoming, and so on. That was Mark's first pastoral placement and he left his mark behind. Today, I want to congratulate Mark for saying YES to the call. We are so very blessed to have Mark here with us in Sale. A passionate lover of music and the preaching of the word of God. Let us continue to pray for him, that the fire of the Spirit lit in him now may stay aglow all the days of his life in the ministry. Thank you, brother, and God bless you.

Lenten Reflections. On Wednesday night, 9th March, we began our long-anticipated Lenten Reflection. What a great turn-out. Thank you very much for promoting the night, thank you for attending the night, and thank you for your active participation. Rev Mark led us in the music, which opened up into the sharing/reflection on the Word. The most exciting part was the supper organised by the Serrans. OMG! So much food for the evening. It was very much exciting to be in the presence of God, amongst brethren, in such a relaxing way. Well done to you all. The next Lenten Reflection evening is Thursday, 17th March at 7.00 pm in the church. I look forward to seeing many more. Come let us celebrate our faith together, for God is good... all the time!

Parish WhatsApp group. In this age of technology, communication is made a lot easier. While emails and phone calls remain very vital, there are other simpler ways that we can send and push out info that everyone can reach very quickly and easily. One amongst many is the WhatsApp messaging system. I believe that a lot of us are already on WhatsApp. I am on it too. We are contemplating/exploring the creation of a Parish WhatsApp group which will enable the dissemination of info/reminders to parishioners at one go. The idea is that when there are any changes, news, reminders to events/functions, shorts messages to parishioners, we could simply send such across and everyone will have it as a text on their phones/tablets. How exciting!!! Oh Yes, for those who do not have WhatsApp, we can also send such texts/reminders/info to you as a text message via your mobile line. It is a beautiful way of keeping everyone informed at the same time.

Our Parish Facebook page also needs to be reactivated. It is another great way of keeping up with events in the parish. Looking forward to all these... whoo-hoo!!! Will let you know once it is set up.

Vaccination status. We are constantly being reminded from the Diocese that all staff and everyone who takes part in various ministries across parishes in the Diocese must, in accordance with State legislation, be fully vaccinated. This, you know, is not the making of the Diocese. It is a government regulation, and we must be seen to be compliant, since the church exists within the State. We are all caught up in this, together, and I want to thank all of you very much for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

God bless you abundantly. I'm so very glad to be among you as a brother along the path of faith. This Sunday, Scripture reminds us to "Listen to Him..." (Luke 9:35). Always be assured that God is good... all the time.

Fr Francis.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 16 Mar: PPC meeting 5pm in Chapter House
LENTE REFLECTIONS CATHEDRAL 7pm

Thursday 17 March,

Thursday 24 March,

Thursday 31 March and

Wednesday 6 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS CATHEDRAL 6pm,

Friday 11, 18, 25 March and Friday 1 & 8 April during Lent.

Thurs 7 April: Mary's Soup Kitchen each fortnight 12-1pm in the Chapter House

SYNOD 2023: SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. Due this Sunday 13 March. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

HOUSE BLESSINGS Bookings for house blessings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

INVITATION TO LENTEN REFLECTIONS here in the Cathedral:

Thursday 17 March,

Thursday 24 March,

Thursday 31 March and

Wednesday 6 April

These sessions will be led by Frs Francis and Jithin, and Mark Hughes. Great moving and reflective music, and sumptuous supper also provided. **Each evening will go from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** Please lock these dates in your diaries for a time of great catch up... spread the word.

LENTE BOOKS 'The Spirit and the Cross' a nourishing accompaniment to your Lenten journey are now available with **only 3 copies** left. Cost is \$10 each. Please call into the Parish office if you would like to obtain a copy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in St Mary's Cathedral each **Friday night at 6pm** during Lent. All are welcome to attend.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 14 - 20 March. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16 March at 5pm** in the Chapter House

PROJECT COMPASSION Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed '**For All Future Generations**'. If you don't wish to use the box/envelopes you can also donate by phoning **1800 024 413** or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. **Lives change when we all give 100%.**

COUNTERS We are going to commence counter rosters once again in the Parish. If you would like to be included and have not yet given your name please sign up by calling Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 to give your contact information. Training date to be advised.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Margot Baynes daughter of Anna & Regan, as well as Leonora Scott daughter of Joshua & Maddison. Congratulations to the families from us all.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS are available for collection in your church. Please collect these in order to save the parish money if we need to post them out. If you are a direct giver via direct debit, direct credit or credit card there will be a receipt only to collect.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022 theme of equality is central to an important Church message this year, according to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Delegate for Women. Bishop Michael Morrissey said dioceses, parishes, schools and other Catholic communities regularly find ways to mark International Women's Day. It is also an invitation to reflection and action. "The Church has an important role today in underlining our conviction that women and men, while different, are equal in the eyes of God." <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/church-backs-theme-for-international-womens-day/>

CHOIR We are very excited about rejuvenating the choir in our Parish. Rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm.** Let's smile together and use our voices to lead our congregation in praise with song. We will begin with the **9:30am Mass on Sundays** and as we grow, hopefully assist all of our services

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.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who helped make World Day of Prayer such a beautiful service and a delicious supper. A sum of \$270 was raised to help families to know God's plan of peace through Jesus and for peace to reign in Northern Ireland.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

AUSTRALIA: Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 13 Mar 9.30am: Antoni Myrdzio (A)

Sun 13 Mar 5.30pm: Marshall & John McLinden (A's)

Wed 16 Mar 10.30am AH: Neville McLeod (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:	\$1,413.00
Presbytery:	\$787.90
Credit Cards:	\$1,695.00
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Lent, Year C
12 - 13 March 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 12 March <i>No Saturday morning Masses.</i>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 14 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 15 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 16 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 17 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 18 March <i>Exposition & Reconciliation</i>	11.00am 11.30am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 19 March	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 20 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Congratulations to Mark Hughes on his Diaconate Ordination at Cranbourne on 12 March 2022.

Introducing **Deacon Mark Hughes**



MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE (MMHC)

‘Çuppa with Mary’ – When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ’s story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary’s place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a ‘Çuppa with Mary’. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Learn about the Mary MacKillop’s story and ministry through participation in a two-day program at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled Mary MacKillop “Daughter of Melbourne” in this program, you have opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure and register for this two day event here.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop – With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials - With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate on 9926 9300. Address:



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Bernard Clancy, Brian ‘Peter’ Kerr, John Mahoney (Brother of Fr Bernard)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Antoni Myrdzio, Marshall McLinden, John McLinden, Fr Alexis Dunlop**. 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, 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?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Pauls letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN **CHAPTER HOUSE**

Mary's Soup Kitchen

Each Thursday fortnight from Thursday 7 April

'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 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.