

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C* *27 - 28 August 2022*

### WHAT A JOYFUL DAY

“This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it,” declares the Psalmist (Ps 118:24). Today I invite you all to embrace this declaration of the Psalmist, for it is a weekend of amplified celebration and great rejoicing for us. Indeed, it is a weekend like no other, full of joy inspired by the Holy Spirit (1 Thess 1:6). I am so very blessed and excited to be celebrating with twenty (20) of our young ones who are receiving the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. From St Mary's we have 9 students; St Thomas' — 4 students; St Patrick's — 3 students (one made his last Sunday at Stratford); State School Sale (545) — 3 students; and Nambrok Primary — 1 student. Wow! What a great representation, Praise God. As I write this piece, on my lips I am singing “God is good, all the time; and indeed, God is good.” On behalf of the Pastoral Council and Community, I say congratulations to all the children who are making their First Communion this weekend; and to their friends and families for journeying with them to this point, I say thank you.

These children, having been baptised, and having received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, now willingly accept the divine invitation, in the company of their friends and families, to dine with Jesus who says: “Take and eat; take and drink” (Mark 14:22-25). Thus, to the warm and loving embrace of Jesus' extended hands, these children have come to receive this most precious “Bread of life”. It is gracious and rewarding to accept this heart-warming invitation of Jesus. For this singular reason I celebrate all the children and their families. To all the new Communicants and their families, I say bravo/brava; good on you. With great excitement and high impact anticipation, I'd like to add that this invitation is open to everyone, since “no one is excluded from the joy of the Lord” (E.G #3). I, therefore, invite everyone (adults or young ones) who feel the urge to attend to this divine invitation to please not hesitate but reach out. Nothing to worry about. Come as you are. The Lord Jesus awaits us all with open arms. How beautiful that is...

On another note, this Saturday is our Youth Mass, during which in a special way we celebrate our young ones/ children. It gladdens the heart to see so many young ones take up ministries during the Mass. One of our youths said to me a while ago, “it makes us feel like we are part of the parish community and not just guests or spectators.” Indeed, our young ones are not spectators, they are not guests; they are part of the community. It is equally their community, and we must make them see it as such. Here I want to joyfully appreciate parents and our school communities for supporting this initiative. As Pope Francis says, “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.” This is the joy that I wish for all our young ones and their families.

May we continue to create opportunities for our young ones and join them to acknowledge, celebrate, appreciate their/our faith in the community of believers. Thanks to all our young ones for your presence today, and for taking up the ministries. Thanks also to families and friends who have come to celebrate with our young ones. On this day, my joy knows no bounds; I feel like dancing like David danced... Indeed, what a joyful day!

*Fr Francis*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sat 27 August 5.30pm:** First Communion & Children's/Youth Mass, Cathedral

**Sat 27 & Sun 28 August:** CatholicCare collection. All Masses.

**Thur 1 Sep 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass

**Fri 2 Sep 7.00pm:** Bible Study Chapter House.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Next weekend, **Sunday 4 September**, Libby Byrnes and the Family Group will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral. Please bring a plate to share.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 1 September** at 4.40pm for Rosary and **5.00pm Mass** followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 29 Aug to 4 Sept. Please pray for vocations.

### SACRAMENTS:

**First Communion** will be held in the Cathedral this **Saturday 27 August at 5.30pm. We welcome all families attending.** We also welcome all of the Children/Youth and their families who are attending this Mass.

**OUR ANNUAL CATHOLICARE COLLECTION** will be held on **Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 August** at all Masses. You can donate via the collection plates or by using the appeal envelopes which are available in all Churches or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. If you are using the envelopes please post these directly to CatholicCare as this will save the parish paying postage on these envelopes.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, AUSTRALIA:

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## CONVERSATIONS ON FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Parish communities from across the Diocese of Sale have been participating in a pilot program since March 2022, which has enabled participants to attend 'Shining A Light' workshops across the six regions of the diocese. Led by Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM and auspiced by Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV), each workshop enabled key parish community participants to be better informed and equipped to respond to domestic and family violence. To date, seven workshops have been held across the diocese since March, including Sale, Traralgon, Bairnsdale, Warragul, Wonthaggi and twice in Berwick. The intention of the program is to develop capacity for an effective whole of Church response to the prevention of violence against women and children. The pilot program was funded through a grant from the Victorian Multicultural Commission. 'Both CSSV and Bishop Greg Bennet are highly concerned about the impact of domestic and family violence, so that's why these workshops have been running across every region of the diocese.' Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM. Read the full story and access useful resources at this website: <https://bit.ly/3dDaHYP> or via the 'Catholic Social Services Victoria' website. The story can also be accessed through the news section of the Diocesan website [www.cdsale.org.au/news](http://www.cdsale.org.au/news)

**BIBLE STUDY:** you are invited to our next Bible study session at **7pm in the Chapter House on Friday 2 September.** Please read 1 Thessalonians Chapters 2 and 3.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 27 Aug 9.30am:** Emilio Sessarego (A)

**Sun 28 Aug 9.30am:** Monica Best (A)

**Sun 28 Aug Briag 9:30am:** Greg McCarthy (A)

**Tue 30 Aug 9.30am:** Roshanee Fernando (Recently Deceased)

## 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.*

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADULTS (RCIA)

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 Eucharist and Confirmation?

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. To express your interest in this program please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100. Dates of the program will be announced soon.

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN** will be opening next on **Thursday 8 September** from **12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 — 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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$972.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$669.75
<b>Credit Cards 1-21/8/22:</b>	\$30.00
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<b>Cathedral EFTpos 1-21/8/22:</b>	\$270.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
27 - 28 August 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 27 August</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<i>First Communion &amp; Children's/Youth Mass</i>		
<b>Sunday 28 August</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 29 August</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 31 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 1 September</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Cathedral
<i>Serra Club Mass</i>		
<b>Friday 2 September</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</i>	11.30am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 3 September</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the children who are making their First Communion in the Cathedral this **Saturday at 5.30pm**. Congratulations to Jamieson McNichol who made his first Communion last weekend in Stratford. Thank you to Jennifer Fitzgerald, school staff, families, Fr Francis, Fr Jithin and Deacon Mark for preparing our Candidates.

Zoe Cahill	Matilda Dower
Lucas Flanagan	Indi Foster
Asher Garoni	Lachlan Gordyn
Amelia Jinesh	Erin King
Alexander Lavender	Aiden Matthew
Harvey O'Brien	Milly O'Brien
Kobi Scicluna	Alyssa Short
Aiben Saneesh	Alexander Turner
Oliver Sullivan	Robert Sullivan
Jhanelle Villanueva	



Date & Time	Sat 27 August 5.30pm	Sun 28 August 9.30am	Sun 28 August 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	First Communion	Marie Nick Centra	Please Offer
<b>Commentator</b>	First Communion	Kate Meehan-O	Ann Neville
<b>Reader</b>	First Communion	Susan Mattson	J Fitzgerald
<b>Counter</b>	John Dykun		

Date & Time	Sat 3 Sep 5.30pm	Sun 4 Sep 9.30am	Sun 4 Sep 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Claire Everard	Dalia Ellison	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Ann Neville	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Reader</b>	Damian Hogan	Lorel Donnelly	Brenda Bowden
<b>Counter</b>	Sue Harvey		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Maximino Mausisa Pinili Jr, Andrea Maple-Laws**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Emilio Sessarego, Monica Best, Greg McCarthy, Monica Chirgwin, Fr John Kavanagh**. Please pray for those who are sick Graeme O'Connor, Maria Dunell rsj, Helena Klimas, Maureen Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin 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:**

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
**Alleluia!**



### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.**



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### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**

**Friday & Saturday morning following Mass**

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

1st Reading: **Wisdom 9:13-18**

2nd Reading: **Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33**

### **MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN**

**CHAPTER HOUSE**

**Each Thursday fortnight - next 8 September 2022**

'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 - 5.30pm

**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.**