

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, Fr Mark, Margaret Shirreffs (Chair), Lorel Donnelly, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Filomena Padula, Anita Little, Carmel Kuizenga, Len Althaus, Doug Waite, Pat Carmody, Claire Everard.

**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 Officer is Tim Morrison. Email: [psa.sale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:psa.sale@cdsale.org.au).



## *First Sunday of Advent, Year A 26 - 27 November 2022*

### **REFLECTION**

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey.

As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: 'We are a pilgrim people'. Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God.

In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

*by Dianne Bergant CSA*



### PARISH CALENDAR.

**Wed 30 Nov 6pm:** Remembrance Mass, Cathedral  
**Wed 30 Nov 7pm:** Synod online meeting  
**Mon 5 Dec 6pm:** Volunteers dinner  
**Mon 5 Dec:** PPC Nominations close  
**Tues 6 Dec 7pm:** Synod online meeting

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** St Mary's Cathedral Parish would like to welcome Tim Morrison who has kindly agreed to take on this role. Tim is a teacher at Catholic College Sale with a young family. We all look forward to working with Tim on the very important role of safeguarding our at risk Parishioners.

**HOLY WATER STOUPS/FONTS** have been restored so we can now bless ourselves as we enter the Cathedral/churches.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS** will be held in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 30 November at 6.00pm** for those who lost loved ones this year or for anyone we would like to remember. Please come along to remember your loved ones. All welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS DINNER 2022** There are sign-up sheets in the open area of the Cathedral for those wishing to attend the BBQ on **Monday 5 December at 6pm** and also to record if you are able to bring something to share. **Numbers are needed by Monday 28 November 2022.**

**\*\*DON'T FORGET\*\* ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RESOURCE** is available from the Parish Office now. Advent starts **THIS WEEKEND**. This year's resource is from Liturgy Brisbane called 'heart of a disciple' Copies are available for **\$10 each**.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE** will be in the assembly area of the cathedral from **3 to 16 December**. Parishioners are invited to take tags from the tree and purchase these goods then return them to the box under the tree to be distributed to local families. There will be a leaving collection at all masses on **10 and 11 December**. Please take your tags and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL** In response to the ongoing Flood emergency in Victoria – SVDP have been conducting a Flood Appeal which you may wish to support. You can donate via the SVDP online portal.  
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):** The current Parish Pastoral Council is coming to the end of its' tenure. We will have a new Parish Pastoral Council commencing in February 2023. If you would like to nominate a parishioner you must complete the **form which can be obtained from the Parish Office, in your local Church or in the Cathedral**. You must have the signature of the parishioner you nominated to indicate their agreement to be on the Council. You can also nominate yourself. If you would like to know more about what the position entails speak to Fr Francis or a current PPC member. **Nominations close by 5 December 2022.**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN** will be opening for their Christmas Party and **final function** on **Thursday 1 December from 12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House. We are reluctantly closing the kitchen due to lack of volunteers and the small number of participants. We wish to thank Jo Jones who worked on this project from the beginning and all the many volunteers who assisted in any way for the last 12 years. Particular thanks to Rose Parkes who coordinated Mary's Soup Kitchen for the last 3 years. We thank you all for your service.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** if you would like to donate for Christmas Flowers you can either bring the money into the Parish office or place the money in an envelope on any collection plate.

**PARISH OFFICE** The opening hours of the Parish Office will change with effect from the week of **Monday 5 December**. Clare will be working **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only**. Mark will continue to work on **Wednesday's**. **This means both the office and the Cathedral will be closed on Mondays.**

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for 28 Nov to 4 Dec. Please pray for vocations

### 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 YOUTH DAY 2023** For more than 30years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. World Youth day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in the month of August. The major events of World Youth Day include Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. If you are interested, and know more about the pilgrimage, there will be an information night held at St. Agatha's parish hall, Cranbourne (129 Sladen Street) on **12 December at 7pm**. You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on [avinash.george@cdsale.org.au](mailto:avinash.george@cdsale.org.au) or call 03 5997 1510.

**INVITATION** to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for Mr Michael Manuel is on the bulletin board in each Parish church. It is being held at **St Michael's Berwick at 7pm on Friday 16 December**. RSVP's by Wednesday 7 Dec to [michael\\_manuel@hotmail.com](mailto:michael_manuel@hotmail.com)

**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:

Planned Giving:	\$987.00
Presbytery:	\$957.55
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$895.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$80.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
First Sunday of Advent, Year A  
26 - 27 November 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 26 November</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 27 November</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent, Year A</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 28 November</b>	<i>NO</i>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	9.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Rosary for Leo Dignan</i>	6.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</i>	11.30am	Cathedral
<i>Funeral Mass - Leo Dignan</i>	1.00pm	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 26 Nov 5.30pm	Sun 27 Nov 9.30am	Sun 27 Nov 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Ann Neville	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Reader</b>	Damian Hogan	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
<b>Counter</b>	Sue Harvey		

Date & Time	Sat 3 Dec 5.30pm	Sun 4 Dec 9.30am	Sun 4 Dec 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Marietta Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Brenda Bowden
<b>Reader</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Ann Neville
<b>Counter</b>	Sandra S & Libby J		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Leo Dignan, Sr Margaret Bromhead rsj** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Gerald Byrne, Fr James Hayes**. Please pray for those who are sick **Fr Peter Slater, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Neha De Alwis, Helena Klimas, Gabriel Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane**.  
**We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**The Advent Wreath**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Celebrant:** Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. As we celebrate the season of Advent, we think again of the love of God for us, endless and ever new, symbolised in this circle of greenery. The candles of the wreath signify how this eternal and all-embracing love has been manifested in time, and will be manifest forever when the Lord appears in glory. Today we light the first of the candles, looking forward to the day of the Lord.

**The Advent Candle is now lit.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world. Come that we may have life in its fullness.

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you are the flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

**All: (Sung) Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts.**

**Celebrant:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

**Collect:** Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

**DIOCESAN INFORMATION: SYNOD NEWS**

The next phase of the Synod has arrived with the publication of the Continental Document, containing the fruits of the consultation of hundreds of syntheses from countries all over the world. We are now inviting interested people to participate in one of two online meetings to respond to the Document. The Continental Document for the Synod (CDS) and information on registering your interest can be found by visiting the diocesan website [cdsale.org.au/events](http://cdsale.org.au/events) Further information: Sophy Morley [smorley@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:smorley@sale.catholic.org.au) Ph 5622 6677 Online meetings: **7.00 – 8.30 pm Wednesday 30 & 7.00 – 8.30 pm Tuesday 6 December.**

**DIOCESAN DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGER** (Part Time 4 Days per fortnight) The Diocese of Sale is seeking to appoint an experienced Digital Media Officer. Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and relevant information is available. Please email [hr@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:hr@sale.catholic.org.au) to receive this pack.

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:

To you I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace! **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**



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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:**

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year A**

1st Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

2nd Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

#### **MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN, CHAPTER HOUSE**

**Christmas Party and FINAL FUNCTION**

**Thursday 1 December 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

**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.**