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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
4 - 5 February 2023*

## REFLECTION

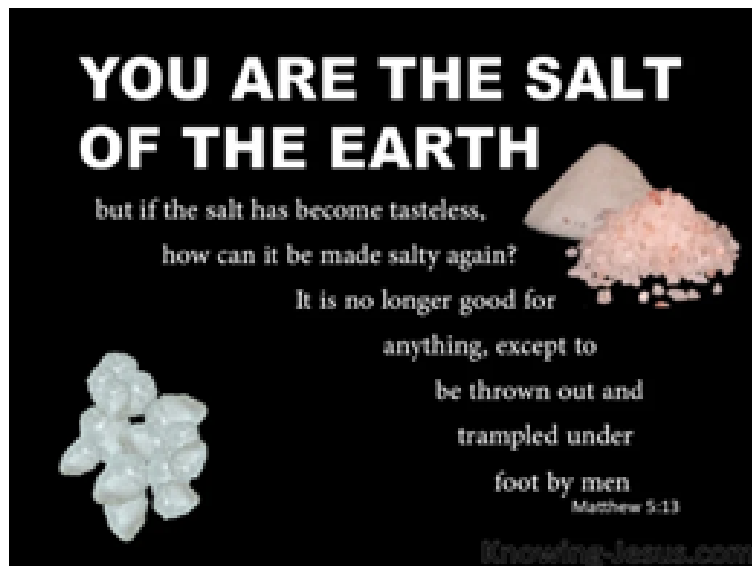
We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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### PARISH CALENDAR.

**Mon 6 Feb:** Cells of Evangelisation resume  
**Sun 12 Feb 9.30am:** Leaving collection & farewell to Fr Mark Hughes.  
**Wed 15 Feb 1.30pm:** Liturgy Group meeting  
**Wed 15 Feb 5.00pm:** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Chapter House  
**Wed 15 Feb 7.00pm:** First Communion Parent only workshop and Enrolment.  
**Sat 18 & Sun 19 Feb:** First Communion Commitment Masses  
**Wed 22 Feb:** Ash Wednesday

**PARISH OFFICE:** is now next to the Chapter House in the Old Chancery office behind the Presbytery. The opening hours are 9am to 3pm Tuesday to Friday with lunch from 12.30 - 1.30pm. 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.**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**FIRST COMMUNION** Parent only workshop with enrolments will be held on **Wednesday 15 February at 7pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. This will be followed by the Commitment Masses which are to be held on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February**. Enrolment forms for Sacraments can be obtained from the Parish Office by ringing 5144 4100 or emailing Sale@cdsale.org.au

**PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** The Parish Cells of Evangelisation will resume on **Monday 6 February**. The Reflections will be those of the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

**FAREWELL MORNING TEA & LEAVING COLLECTION** there will be a leaving collection for Fr Mark Hughes at 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 12 February**. This will be followed by morning tea in the assembly area of the Cathedral. Please bring a plate to share. We will miss you very much Fr Mark. Good luck with your priestly journey in the Bairnsdale Parish.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Mason Cini son of Adrian & Chyniah. Congratulations to the family from us all.

**WELCOME BACK** Fr Francis. We hope you are refreshed and relaxed after spending time with your family in Nigeria.

**LITURGY GROUP** Fr Francis is intending to recommence the Liturgy Group for the Parish to help plan liturgies into the future. If you believe this is an opportunity you would like to be involved in please contact the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

**LENTEN RESOURCE BOOK** If you would like a copy of the Lenten resource 'Way of the Cross' from Liturgy Brisbane please let Clare know by **Friday 3 February**. Copies are \$10 each. Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on **Wednesday 22 February 2023**.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)** First meeting for 2023 will be held at **5pm on Wednesday 15 February** in the Chapter House. The Inauguration Mass for members of the PPC will be held in the **Cathedral at 9.30am on Sunday 19 February**. If any Parishioners has issues you would like discussed by the PPC please raise them with one of the members listed in the masthead of this bulletin.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Groups around Australia have spent time in responding to the Document which reflect the voices of the People of God from over 114 countries around the world. A collation of the Australian submissions is being prepared for the Bishops from the Oceania region when they meet in Fiji in **February 2023**. Access the Document for the Continental Stage [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch).

**31ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: 11 Feb** is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. It is also the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. It calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. It also aims to raise the awareness of God's people, healthcare institutions, and civil society about a new way of moving forward together.

### 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.*

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN** If you would like to receive an emailed bulletin each week please send an email to [Sale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Sale@cdsale.org.au).

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA** World day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking: Pope Francis designated 8 February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan, South Sudan, and trafficked people, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Action Against Human Trafficking.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 Feb 5.30pm:** Emmanuel and Loida Pagatpat (A's)  
**Sun 5 Feb 9.30am:** Keith Best (A)  
**Sun 5 Feb 5.30pm:** Anthony Dignan (A)

**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:	\$1,081.00
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**Mass Timetable this week  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
4 - 5 February 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 4 February</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 5 February</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 6 February</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	9.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Friday 10 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	10.00am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 11 February</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 12 February</b>	9.30am 9.30am	Briagolong Cathedral
<i>Leaving collection &amp; farewell for Fr Mark Hughes</i>	5.30pm	Cathedral

We pray for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania  
Fiji, 5-10 February 2023

**PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY**

O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus  
as loving, merciful and just.  
Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together to  
further Pope Francis' call to  
become a listening Church.  
Open their hearts to the  
voice of the Holy Spirit,  
that they might truly discern and faithfully  
serve the needs of  
your People and your World.  
Colour our way of life and give witness to your presence  
among us.  
You who live and reign,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Date & Time	Sat 4 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 5 Feb 9.30am	Sun 5 Feb 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Please offer	Marietta Dykun	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Please offer
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
<b>Counter</b>	John Dykun (Tues)		

**JAMBEROO ABBEY**

**ONLINE RETREAT** with Theresa Ardler & Sr Antonia Curtis OSB. The retreat will be pondering the values of Silence, Listening, Reverence and Community, all three of which are integral to both Aboriginal Spirituality and Benedictine Spirituality. In bringing this retreat to you we are stretching out our hands in friendship toward each other - honouring both ways and striving to live in harmony and peace. We hope you will join us. Retreat begins **12 February 2023**. All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access. There are 6 conferences in this retreat plus a recorded conversation between Theresa and Sr Antonia at the end of the retreat. There will be one conference each Sunday as well as questions for reflection. The cost of the retreat is \$300.00. If there is a problem with the cost please do not hesitate to contact us. Register online at: [Jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://Jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats). You will also find many other online retreats on our website.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Judy Lazzaro, Toni May, Fr Tao Pham** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Keith Best, Anthony Dignan, Emmanuel & Loida Pagatpat, Fr David Quinn**. We pray for those who are sick John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Priyantha Welgama, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, Helena Klimas, Helen O'Kane, 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.**

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.**



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#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

**Every Friday** following Mass for half an hour

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**

**Friday & Saturday morning** following Mass for half an hour

#### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:17-27**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month)

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm

**Saturday:** Rosedale - 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)

**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month)

**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**