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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, Rose Lee, Brenda Burditt, Cijo Kuriakose, John Dykun, Michele Wakeham, Doug Waite, Claire Everard, Tim Morrison, Carmel Kuizenga, Anita Little, Filomena Padula, Jennifer Fitzgerald.

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. Ph 5144 4100



*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 - 12 February 2023*

THANK YOU

Thank you dear Parishioners, those at the parish schools and those I visited during my time in Sale. You supported me through my Diaconate, my ordination and the beginning of my Priestly life. You have allowed me freedom to decorate the Cathedral and sing joyfully on many occasions. I have been overwhelmed at the many kind words personal and public in regards to my moving to Bairnsdale.

Thank you also to my fellow Priests and guides, Fr Francis and Fr Jithin. You have been a great support and comfort to me as I found my way as a Deacon and Priest.

I will remember my days in Sale fondly and all those who made this place so special to me. Thank you to all Parish Staff - Mark, Clare, Jennifer, Veronica and Myriam who eased my journey.

To our Sacristans - Brenda Bowden, Sue Harvey, Len Althaus, Lyn Althaus and Jenny Gunn. You prepared the altar for me so faithfully

Fr Mark Hughes



We have been saying goodbye to Fr Mark for a few weeks now since the news of his appointment came through. But this weekend, especially this Sunday there will be a celebration after the morning Mass, it will be an opportunity to express our gratitude to him for his service as a priest and his friendship.

As many of you know, among the countless works he has done for us, Fr Mark has helped us with the revival of the youth mass and the music ministry in the parish which has been a great source of strength to us.

So, on behalf of the entire parish I would like to offer a big 'Thank You' to Fr Mark. You have given so much to us and I hope and wish that you continue to do the same for God's people. I would personally like to thank Fr Mark for his positive and joyful demeanor. He is always keen to look on the bright side of life and work towards understanding and reconciliation when difficult circumstances arise in life.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (1Cor 1:4).

God bless you Fr Mark...

Jithin Anto

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 12 Feb 10.30am: Farewell to Fr Mark.

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

Sun 19 Feb 9.30am: Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Inauguration Mass

Wed 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday

Sun 26 Feb 3.00pm: Rite of Election Mass

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

FAREWELL MORNING TEA for Fr Mark Hughes will be held in the assembly area of the Cathedral this **Sunday 12 February** after 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. Good luck with your priestly journey in the Bairnsdale Parish. You will be missed!!

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.

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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN If you would like to receive and emailed bulletin each week please send an **email to Sale@cdsale.org.au**.

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 ins 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.

RITE OF ELECTION for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates. An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet at **3.00pm on Sunday 26 February** in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

2.00pm Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House.

3.00pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral

4.00pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

ATTENTION: Parish Singers and Musicians Wanted for the Rite of Election! As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral at **3.00pm on Sunday 26 February**

1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal

3.00-4.00 pm Rite of Election

To register your interest and receive the music pack and rehearsal links, please contact Sophy Morley on **smorley@sale.catholic.org.au** without delay or phone the diocesan office on **5622 6677**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11 Feb 5.30pm: Alan & Aileen Stevens, Sheila & Bill Marshall (A's)

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.*

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CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer
Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO
Chancellor of University of Divinity
Date: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

DIOCESAN CATHECHISTS ASSOCIATION An invitation is extended to all Catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy to attend: **ANNUAL GATHERING AND EUCHARIST**. All welcome.
Date: Tuesday, 21 March, 2023
Venue: Teacher's Centre, Sion House, Warragul

31 CLUB REMINDER for 13 to 19 February. Please pray for vocations

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

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 10.00am — 10.30am

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

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.00am 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:	\$1,474.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 - 12 February 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 11 February	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 12 February <i>Farewell for Fr Mark Hughes</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 13 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 14 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 15 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 16 February	9.30pm	Cathedral
Friday 17 February	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 18 February	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 19 February	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

Oceania bishops send prayers, condolences to

Syria, Turkey

February 9, 2023 | Suva, Fiji

From the other end of the world, our hearts break at the death and destruction we are seeing on our television screens and in our newspapers.

We know that God is close to those that suffer. We pray that your people sense the love and care of their brothers and sisters around the world, including from Oceania.

One of the key themes of our Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania gathering this week is the connectedness of human suffering and the suffering of our world. We have seen in your countries how natural disasters can wreak such pain and anguish, with thousands of lives lost.

The Catholic Church has established appeals to raise funds to support the ongoing efforts for rescue and recovery, and we will encourage the faithful in our region to respond generously. The Church is also providing human resources on the ground to respond to immediate needs through our aid agencies.

Be assured of our ongoing prayers and our attention as your people recover from this tragedy.



Date & Time	Sat 11 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 12 Feb 9.30am	Sun 12 Feb 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Marietta Dykun	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Date & Time	Sat 18 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 19 Feb 9.30am	Sun 19 Feb 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shirreffs	Please offer
Reader	Emma Morrison	Vince Beer	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Sue H & Mary C		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Gabrielle Mizzi, Judy Lazzaro**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Nell Dunell, Alan & Aileen Stevens, Sheila & Bill Marshall, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik**. We pray for those who are sick **Madeleine Evans, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Priyantha Welgama, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, 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:

**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 book of Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey you statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, if

your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court, if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him. "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal, But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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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:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:38-48**

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.