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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A 13 - 14 May 2023

MY MOTHER, MY BEST FRIEND.

The prophet Isaiah employed the imagery of a breastfeeding mother to describe God's love for us (Isa 49:15). No wonder, Pope Francis describes the Bible as God's love story with humanity. The writer of John's Gospel captures this exquisitely in 3:16 when he writes: "God loves the world so much that he sent his only Son... not to condemn the world but to save the world." The rest of the story is God's love manifested in Jesus' ministry. Jesus gives vent to this love when he says, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love" (John 15:9). This profound love is also expressed in Jesus' plans to send "you another advocate to be with you forever" (John 14:16). He wouldn't leave the disciples as orphans. The emphasis is love and care.

True love never abandons its own. True love abides forever. This love is reflected in the love that a mother has for her child. It is thus no coincidence that as we celebrate Mothers' Day today, our texts remind us of God's ever abiding love. A million hearty cheers to all mothers and mother figures in our midst.

I once listened to a brilliant presentation by a young girl (Ene) in a competition on the topic: My Best Friend. She began by acknowledging the benevolence of God for sending what she referred to as "angels" to journey with people in their life. She was going to talk about one of these angels who became her best friend. She went on to acknowledge "my mother" who, as she put it, "chose to give birth to me..." and "nurtured me into what I have become today." After this opening introduction, Ene proceeded to recount several sweet and sour memories with this particular unnamed friend: moments of great challenges, breathtaking arguments, pleasant times, and the "NO" and "YES" moments. All these, she said, helped shape her. True love/friendship, she continues, entails giving you "thumps up" for bravery, yet challenging you into making the better choice. There is no room for "I should have told him/her..." After a brief moment of silence, Ene concluded: ladies and gentlemen, I present to you, "my mother, my best friend." At the end of her presentation, which she insisted was inspired by true life experiences with her mum, there was dead silence in the auditorium; then, a standing ovation. Her mother was in tears. She never knew that her daughter "treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:29). She was just being a mother. This is true friendship, this is love, this mothering. Since that time, I have always contemplated the phrase, "my mother, my best friend," and its meaning continue to deepen for me as the years go by.

If by "best friend" we mean the one who is always there for you through thick and thin, supports you through life, has your best interest at heart, and always has your back; who then best qualifies for this title but "my mum." Other than God who knew the exact moment of my conception, the only other person who knew was my mother. She nurtured me till I was born and cared for me, even till today.

Oh mothers! Beautiful angels with a golden heart of love!! Mothers have no equal in one's life. Cherish your mother; celebrate her while you still physically can. Do not delay in telling her a million times how much you love her. She loved and celebrated you from when you were only a tiny dot. She still does.

On this Mothers' Day weekend, please join me celebrate all mothers and mother figures in our midst. To you all, I say, happy Mothers' Day.

Francis Otobo

PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 17 May 5.15pm: PPC Meeting
Sat 20 May 10am: May Devotion, Cathedral
Sun 21 May 12pm: Parish Lunch
Sun 28 May 9.30am: Confirmation, Pentecost Sunday
Wed 31 May 7.00pm: Reader & Commentator training, Cathedral
Fri 16 June 6pm: Parish BBQ
Sat 17 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training
Sun 18 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION will be made at 9.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 28 May. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are attending this Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION Thank you to all our very generous parishioners who donated \$1,609.70 to this very worthy cause for Caritas.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION: Thank you to all who donated. We raised \$696.90.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We will be reinstating Parish Lunches in Sale. These will take place on the third Sunday of each month. Our first Luncheon will be held at Sporting Legends at 12pm on Sunday 21 May. *Please book with the Parish Office if you are attending as we need to know numbers.* There is a sign up sheet in the Cathedral too. We are also planning a Parish BBQ on **Friday 16 June at 6.00pm** in the Chapter House.

PPC MEETING will be held on **Wednesday 17 June at 5.15pm.** If you have any issues to raise please see one of those listed in the banner on the front page or Clare in the Parish Office.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will be held prior to Mass in the Cathedral at 4.30pm on **Saturday 17 June** and at 4.30pm on **Sunday 18 June.** Please let all children in Year 3 and above know about this opportunity to serve our Parish.

READER AND COMMENTATOR TRAINING for all readers and commentators at the Cathedral, Briagolong, Loch Sport, Rosedale and Stratford will be held in the Cathedral at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 31 May.** We encourage all those interested in reading or commenting, even your school age children, to come along to this training. We are in desperate need of volunteers at 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to our roster.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING will be held at a date to be confirmed in June. Stay tuned!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to Pat and Elsa Horan who celebrated 69 years of marriage last week.

31 CLUB REMINDER 15 - 22 May. Please pray for vocations.

VALE DR THERESE D'ORSA Concelebrated Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church Warragul on **Monday 15 May at 11am.** Dr Therese was Director of Catholic Education and Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Sale from 1997 - 2007 among many other lifetime achievements.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on **Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am.** When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 14 May 9.30am: Fred Segafredo (A)

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.*

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of Saint

Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality.

The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

Participating in 10 days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded.

'God is truly good to us all.' Mary MacKillop, 9.7.1873
The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information see the notice on the bulletin boards in our churches. I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 02 8912 4818 - Sr Annie Bond

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

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$930.00
Presbytery:	\$1,101.45
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,406.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$90.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
13 - 14 May 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 13 May	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
Sunday 14 May	5.30pm 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 15 May	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 16 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 17 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 18 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 19 May		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 20 May	9.30am	Cathedral
May Devotion	10.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 21 May	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 13 May 5.30pm	Sun 14 May 9.30am	Sun 14 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Christine Kemp	Vince Beer	Brenda Bowden
Counter	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Date & Time	Sat 20 May 5.30pm	Sun 21 May 9.30am	Sun 21 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Emma Morrison	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Brenda Bowden
Counter	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Dr Therese D'Orsa, Kevin Prestney**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Raquel Waite, Anita Smolenaars, Fred Segafredo, Fr Robert Mead**. We pray for those who are sick **Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, 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?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

If you would like to join a Family Group

Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

DIOCESAN NEWS

MAY DEVOTION: Bishop Greg and the Catholic Diocese of Sale community invite you to attend the diocesan May devotion themed "Mary arose and went with haste" Lk 1:39, to be held at St Mary's Cathedral at **10am on Saturday 20 May 2023**. In addition, there will be two reflection sessions by Very Rev Francis Otobo, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome. BYO Lunch. See poster below for details.

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: Father Elio Capra will conduct a formation day for catechists and others who are interested in Sacraments at St. Jarlath's Hall, Yarragon on **Saturday 17 June at 9.30 am to 3.30 pm**. Cost is \$10 per head and catering is provided. Please contact Barbara J Durand on 0414965079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses. The link to our website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospelreflections> and the link to our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

For more information about May Devotion or the Catechist Formation Day refer to the Posters in each parish Church.

"The Catholic Diocese of Sale cordially invites you to the 2023 Diocesan May Devotion"



**MARY AROSE AND
WENT WITH HASTE**
(Lk 1:39)

Date: Saturday 20th May 2023
Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Sale

Program

10:00- 10:30	Arrival/Reconciliation
10:30-11:00	Rosary Recitation
11:00- 11:45	Holy Mass
11:45 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 12:30	1st Reflection (Fr Francis Otobo)
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15 - 1:30	Devotional Songs of Praise
1:30 - 2:00	2nd Reflection (Fr Francis Otobo)
2:00 - 3:00	Adoration / Divine Mercy Prayers/ Benediction
3:00	Closing and Departure.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help continue to intercede for us, Amen.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

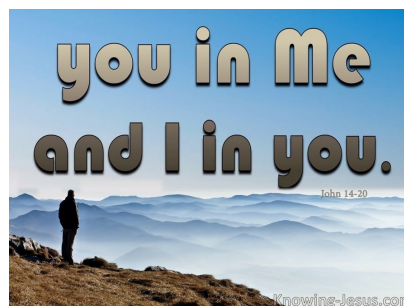
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia**



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The ASCENSION of the LORD, YEAR A

1st Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 28:16-20**

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.