

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 17 - 18 June 2023*

### *UBUNTU*

Have you ever listened to the song, Ubuntu, before? If you haven't please search for it on YouTube, you'll enjoy it. My attention was drawn to it again after I celebrated Mass with the Grades 1 and 2 students of St Mary's Primary School on Thursday 15th June. The opening song for the Mass was Ubuntu. I had heard this song several times but this day the message of the song got me thinking, especially in the context of our community. Ubuntu is a term from the Nguni languages of Zulu and Xhosa in South Africa. The concept of Ubuntu reminds us that "I am what I am because of who we all are." "Ubuntu! I am me, we are we, because of you, Ubuntu!" The children sang out loudly, cheerfully, and demonstrated it.

Reflecting on our journey as a parish community post Covid I see the spirit of Ubuntu at work. We were looking forward to starting a new PPC, the message was put out there, and without any difficulties there were a lot of parishioners who offered themselves to serve the parish in this capacity. The PPC is up and running smoothly, with every member enthusiastic and passionate about our parish. This is possible because of the collective efforts of all of us.

Some parishioners looked at the state of the garden areas on our grounds. The observation was made that this is not a job for one person. So there was a suggestion: why don't we schedule a day within the week, put the message out there in the bulletin and invite whoever can to come together and let's get the garden tidied. Bit by bit the garden team is up and running. Every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.00 is the time, praise God.

In recent time, we have been crying out loud about the need for readers and commentators, especially during weekend Masses. We called for a meeting for both prospective and current Lectors and Commentators; again a lot of parishioners tramped out for these ministries. Today, we have a new roster with both old and new lectors and commentators on board. It is very exciting to see all these happening.

The youth ministry is once again up with lots of new energies, vibrancy and strength. Last weekend we saw some parishioners who willingly volunteered to pick up this challenge and take the ministry to another level. We are believing and trusting in God that their dream, our collective dreams, for the youth ministry and our young ones will come alive and thrive.

Currently, we are hoping to reset the visitation ministry. This is the ministry which fosters visit to our numerous parishioners who aren't able to come to Mass either due to age or illness. We are also welcoming new ministers of communion during weekend Masses. For these two ministries a few have already registered their interest. Good on you everyone. What an exciting time to be ministering among you all here at St Mary's.

There are many other areas where parishioners are doing great things for the parish quietly. The parish community, Fr Jithin, and I cannot thank you all enough. The parish is because you are. Jithin and I are here because you are. The various ministries are functional because you are. May we continue to uplift the spirit and life of our community, spreading love, spreading faith.

Ubuntu!

*Fr Francis*

### PARISH CALENDAR.

**Sat 17 Jun 4.30pm:** Altar Servers training  
**Sat 17 & Sun 18 Jun:** St Vincent de Paul winter collection  
**Sun 18 Jun 4.30pm:** Altar Servers training  
**Thu 29 Jun 10am:** Visitation team meeting  
**Thu 29 Jun 7pm:** Eucharistic Minister Training

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING** will be held at **7pm on Thursday 29 June** in the Cathedral. Please come along if you would like to learn more about this ministry. Open to all Catholics who have made their Sacraments and are aged 18 and above.

**VISITATION TEAM MEETING** will be held at **10.00am on Thursday 29 June** in the Chapter House. Those who are interested in this ministry please come along.

**FATHER SPEEKMAN'S BOOK** Things Serious, Silly and Sublime is now available at the Piety Stall, cost \$15.

**YALLOURN MADRIGAL SINGERS** is proud to present With A Song In My Heart, an Afternoon Tea Concert at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale this **Sunday 18 June at 2.00pm**. The concert will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea. \$20 per person. Bookings at Trybooking <https://trybooking.com/CIBSW> or purchase tickets at the door.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Pat's Stratford we welcome Lucy Harrington daughter of Grace & James. Congratulations to the family from us all.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: BBQ** was postponed due to lack of numbers. We will try again in the warmer months. We are also aware that one of the heaters is not working in the Cathedral but it cannot be repaired. Our finance Committee are looking at heating options for the Cathedral.

**LABOURERS FOR THE HARVEST** 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' (Mt 9:37-38)

Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Laurence's Leongatha on **Sunday 25 June at 2:00pm**, particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have questions answered. There will be similar events at Warragul and Berwick in coming months. For all of us, the invitation from Jesus remains, to keep praying for those who are called to be labourers for the harvest. Refer to the poster on the opposite page.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** exists to serve the poor and needy in our community. We are conscious of the many calls made on parishioner's generosity and appreciate this vital support. We are again appealing for help for the needy in our community. We visit people in their homes to provide for their needs which are many and varied and can be very urgent. These needs extend to assistance 7 days per week. These needs extend to food, clothing, shelter, utility bills, school expenses, medical expenses among others. These are all important needs and we give our time and attention as needed.

All of this, and much more, is achieved by the effort of hard working and generous volunteers in St Vinnies Centres who raise funds and conference volunteers who are generous with time and talents. We also rely on donations by parishioners and other benefactors. **Please give generously to our winter collection this weekend if you can.**

**SITUATION VACANT: BOOKKEEPER FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH, YARRAM and ST. JOSEPH'S PARIS FOSTER** (Parishes in Partnership). \* Casual Position 6 to 8 hours per week - negotiable \* Knowledge of MYOB bookkeeping preferable but not essential.

\* A current Working With Children Check and a current Police Check. \* For job description please contact St. Mary's Parish Office on (03) 5182 5028 (Thursday and Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm) or email [yarram@cdsale.org.au](mailto:yarram@cdsale.org.au)

### 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

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](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 02 8912 4818 - Sr Annie Bond



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 17 June 9.30am:** Ray Neville (A)  
**Sun 18 June 9.30am:** Wilhimina Patawaran (RD)  
**Thurs 22 June 9.30am:** Cathy Smyth & June Fraser (A's)  
**Fri 23 June 11.00am:** Margaret Morgan (A)

**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** 10.30-11am 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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$956.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$888.60
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$0.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$1,196.00
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
17 - 18 June 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 17 June</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 18 June</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 19 June</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 June</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 21 June</b>		
<b>Funeral Mass Harold Hopkins</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 22 June</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 23 June</b>		
<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 24 June</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 25 June</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 17 June 5.30pm	Sun 18 June 9.30am	Sun 18 June 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Reader</b>	Christine Kemp	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
<b>Counter</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Date & Time	Sat 24 June 5.30pm	Sun 25 June 9.30am	Sun 25 June 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Marietta Dykun	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Emma Morrison	Clare O'Brien	Brenda Bowden
<b>Counter</b>	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Harold Hopkins, Jenene Egan, Milo Davine (Fr John's brother), Wilhimina Patawaran** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Iris Durrant, Ray Neville, Margaret Morgan, Cathy Smyth, June Fraser, Fr Dennis O'Callaghan, Fr Frank Carroll**. We pray for those who are sick **Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Pam Edgely, Madeleine Evans, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, 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.**

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**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 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 the Catechist Formation Day refer to the Posters in each parish Church.



  
*Come and See*  
A call to the priesthood

**AN OPPORTUNITY**

- To meet our priests
- Discuss their ministry
- Prayer and contemplation

Date: Sunday, June 25th 2023  
Venue: St Laurence's Parish Centre  
Leongatha  
Time: 2:00-4:00 pm



A stirring in your heart for God?  
what this might mean for you?



Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 9:36—10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**  
**Every Friday 10 - 11am**  
**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**  
**Friday 10.30 - 11am**

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

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

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

2nd Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

#### **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.**