

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 15 - 16 July 2023

14 July 2023

JOINT STATEMENT FROM

**Bishop Greg Bennet
Catholic Bishop of Sale**

&

**Mr Paul Velten
Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd**

Community Update: Our Lady of Sion Convent and former Sion Campus, Sale

In our last report to the community in December 2022, we announced that a Preliminary Proposed Masterplan had commenced to thoroughly investigate the possibilities of transforming the historic site into a state-of-the-art education facility while preserving its rich history.

Since then, extensive work has continued behind the scenes. The appointment of a heritage advisor has been made along with the appointment of consultant specialists in various fields such as structural and civil engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering, building surveying, landscape architecture, acoustic engineering, and quantity surveying. A specialist slate installer has been engaged to inspect the condition of the existing Welsh slates and a three-dimensional scan of the existing convent has been undertaken to better inform design decisions.

Consultations have been undertaken with staff at St Thomas' Primary School, Sale and the Sisters of Sion. These consultations will continue.

As a result of this work, the architects have now moved into the detailed design phase, which considers in far greater detail the impact of design and engineering decisions on the Convent and surrounding site. They have also commenced engagement with Town Planning.

While the project is still in the preliminary proposal stage and subject to further development and regulatory approval, investigations are progressing.

While much work still lies ahead, we are delighted to share some of the architect's most recent concept drawings which provide insight into the opportunities to transform the site into a contemporary learning environment with the Convent and Chapel a centrepiece.

As custodians of this heritage site, we have been very aware of the opportunity presented to us to create buildings of beauty that will enable those in our community to grow in their love of Jesus in an enriching environment.

Redeveloping the Sion site for St Thomas' Primary School would ensure that the 125-year tradition of Catholic education in this location continues. St Thomas' Primary School was led by the Sion Sisters when it opened 50 years ago so that connection would be strengthened.

We look forward to providing updates to our parish and school communities through the planning phase as we progress investigations into continuing the 125-year tradition of Catholic education on this historic site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please refer to the full media release, including site plans, which is available on the bulletin boards in your local Church and the Cathedral. The release is also on our parish web site. Go to the St Mary's Catholic Cathedral website or the link shown here <https://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 16 July 12pm: Parish Lunch, Sporting Legends
Sat 22 July 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 30 July 2pm: Stratford Ecumenical Service

STRATFORD'S NEXT Ecumenical Service is at St Patrick's in Stratford on **Sunday 30 July at 2pm**. All are very warmly welcome to join us. Please bring a plate of food to share.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We are currently planning for a Parish Assembly, Adult Formation Groups and a leaders retreat. Stay tuned for updates.

Our next Parish Lunch will be held this **Sunday 16 July at Sporting Legends from 12pm**.

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

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Closing Date **4 August 2023**

INVITATION TO A WINTER CONCERT:

Following the success, and enjoyment by so many, of last year's first Winter Concert, the St Jarlath's church community at Yarragon again invites parishioners to a second Winter Concert featuring Irish-Australian singer, songwriter, story teller Maria Forde. The venue is again at St Jarlath's Catholic Church, Rollo Street, Yarragon on **Friday, July 21st, from 7:00pm**. Space is limited so reserve a seat early at: trafalgar@cdsale.org.au or phone the Trafalgar parish office: 5633 1166. Entry is by a contribution (generous we hope!!) to the St Jarlath's Church Refurbishment Appeal. A delicious supper will be offered in the hall at interval. Everyone is welcome.

31 CLUB REMINDER 16 to 23 July. Please pray for vocations.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN 2023-2025

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, in its 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, made a commitment to develop a Laudato Si' Action Plan. This plan aligned with Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, Laudato Si', issued on May 24, 2015, which calls for an ecological conversion in response to the ecological crises faced by our planet. The Bishops Conference launched its plan on June 5, World Environment Day. Go to the link for more information <https://tinyurl.com/f49xamyf>.

MARK, PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER, is currently on leave. This means the office will not be opened on Wednesday's until **Wednesday 16 August**.

HEART OF LIFE Reflection Sessions.

Windows onto God (in-person event), **Sat 29 Jul, 10am-3pm**. The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self-acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch).

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS (in-person event), **Sat 5 Aug, 10am-4pm**. Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. During our time together, Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will consider themes that have special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities in my life now; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death—mystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch).

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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.*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED This month we are raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Savannah Dumaguin daughter of Saturnino and Nery. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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:

Planned Giving:	\$990.00
Presbytery:	\$934.20
Credit Cards	\$0.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,546.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$140.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
15 - 16 July 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 15 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 16 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 17 July	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 18 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 19 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 20 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 21 July		
<i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 22 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 23 July	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral


YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Activity tubs and books are available in the youth corner for any children attending Mass.

Our next Youth Mass: will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale at 5.30pm next Saturday 22 July. If you are attending this Mass please bring a plate of food to share after Mass in the assembly area.

If you have any questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth volunteer on 0430 932 220.

'Remember your creator in the days of your youth'
Ecclesiastes 12:1



Date & Time	Sat 15 July 5.30pm	Sun 16 July 9.30am	Sun 16 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Sophia Kartobi
Counter	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

A Voice to Parliament - A message from Bishop Charles Gauci of Darwin "As Australians we are at a very important time reflecting on the Voice to Parliament. I will not tell anyone how to vote, but it is my responsibility as Bishop to encourage you all to be reflective in the light of our faith and Catholic Social Teachings: the Common Good and the Dignity of all People." Visit <https://indigenousvoice.church/>

Date & Time	Sat 22 July 5.30pm	Sun 23 July 9.30am	Sun 23 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Marietta Dykun	Mildred Semodio	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Christine & Larissa	Amanda & Maya V	Leny Waite
Counter	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Ann Lawry, Elizabeth Horne (Christine Lyon's mother)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Gerarda Gordyn**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert 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.**

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: _____
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**



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

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30**

**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.***