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PARISH OFFICE: Parish Staff: Clare O'Brien, Parish Secretary. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 3pm. Mark Durrant, Finance Manager.

Hours: Wednesday 9am - 3pm. Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator Email: Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, Rose Lee (Deputy President), Clare O'Brien (Secretary), Doug Waite (Deputy Secretary), Jennifer Fitzgerald, Brenda Burditt, Cijo Kuriakose, John Dykun, Claire Everard, Tim Morrison, Carmel Kuizenga, Anita Little, Filomena Padula.

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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 22 - 23 July 2023

REFLECTION

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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PARISH CALENDAR.

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.

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**

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

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

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

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Henry & Louie Watt sons of Olivia & Simon. Congratulations to the family from us all.

HEART OF LIFE Retreat in Everyday Life – **MOMENTS OF GRACE** – over five weeks, beginning **Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August** (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person) When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

FRIENDS of the Sale Public Cemetery will meet on **Thursday 3 August at 10.30am** in the main car park near the office. We will be working in the Billabong garden removing volunteer plants and weeds.. There aren't any specific skills required, just a love of gardening and willingness to help this historic Gippsland treasure look its best. Bring your own hot drink, safety equipment, shovels, trowels etc please. For more information please call Dianne on 0413569954.

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

SMARTLOVING FERTILITY An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 19 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week. Use NFPWEEK coupon code to claim your discount. www.smartloving.org/fertility

ROSTER FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST will be emailed out next week. If you don't have email a copy will be left in the Sacristy for you to collect. Thank you to all who attended the training with Fr Francis or volunteered to help once more. We all appreciate your service.

31 CLUB REMINDER 24 to 30 July. Please pray for vocations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 23 July 9.30am: Maria, Mietek, Marion, Janina Chiranowski (A's)
Sun 23 July 5.30pm: Eileen & Bernard Drake, Michael & Joan Carney (A's)

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:	\$722.00
Presbytery:	\$978.85
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$2,540.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$110.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
22 - 23 July 2023**


Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 22 July	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
YOUTH MASS	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 23 July	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 24 July	NO	MASS
Tuesday 25 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 26 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 27 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 28 July		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 29 July	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 30 July	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

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 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		

Date & Time	Sat 29 July 5.30pm	Sun 30 July 9.30am	Sun 30 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	John Dykun	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Emma Morrison	Marietta Dykun	Adam Collins
Counter	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars (Sue Harvey)		

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/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Ann Lawry, Elizabeth Horne** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Maria, Mietek, Marion, Janina Chirnowski, Eileen & Bernard Drake, Michael & Joan Carney, Harry Lee, Fr John Allen, Fr Michael McAlroy**. 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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**See I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul's to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind 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 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:44-52**

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.