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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Jithin, Rose Lee (Deputy Chairperson), 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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 29 - 30 July 2023

Some exciting news...

This weekend we welcome our dear Felicity and her family to our midst in a special way. Felicity was prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation during the Pentecost celebration but could not attend due to some unforeseen circumstances. It is very exciting to know and to see that Felicity does cherish this sacrament and yearn for its reception. Praise God, this is happening this weekend at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass when hands will be laid on Felicity for the reception of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation (Acts 8:17). God bless Felicity and her family greatly. We continue to pray for them, that having found this "pearl of great price" they will do everything they can to keep the flame alive.

It is very inspiring and thrilling to see that the youth ministry has picked up and bubbling. Last Saturday, 22 July, we celebrated our Youth Mass. It was a great evening for, and with, our young ones, celebrated within the context of the liturgy of the Eucharist and the fellowship/supper afterwards. On behalf of the Parish Youth Team, I want to say thank you to all those who supported the young ones. By the grace God, the Youth Mass will now be a monthly event for our young ones, providing opportunities to celebrate their faith, and supporting them to grow in this faith. The youth group who came from Traralgon were so amazed to see the number of active young parishioners in Sale that they are now delighted to partner and collaborate with us—one diocese, one church, one faith. Together let us build up the future by laying a strong-spirited and Christ-centered foundation today. We need all hands on deck to make this happen. The next Youth Mass will Saturday 19 August @ 5.30pm. Let us come together and celebrate our faith.

In furtherance of the youth ministry, this weekend, a member of the youth team will be appealing to parishioners who are able to please help out in the ministry of "Children's Liturgy." This will be a group of parishioners who will assist in leading the children through the Gospel stories during Mass, explaining the text to them in a child-related language. At this point we are looking at the Sunday 9.30am Mass only. Resources will be provided. Activity packs will be made available. There will be an induction program/course on how to go about this. Right now expression of interest in this ministry is all that is asked of us. Please call the Parish office to register interest. Interested volunteers must have an active Working with Children Check and complete the Parish Code of Conduct.

Thanking you all for all you are doing for our parish community. God bless you, and please "never grow tired of doing what is right" (2 Thess 3:13).

Fr Francis



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 30 July 2pm: Stratford Ecumenical Service
Thurs 3 Aug 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass & Meeting
Sat 5 & Sun 6 Aug: Catholic Care Appeal
Sun 6 Aug 9.30am Mass: First Sunday Cuppa
Wed 16 Aug 5.15pm: PPC Meeting
Sat 19 Aug 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 20 Aug 12.00pm: Parish Lunch at Legends

STRATFORD'S NEXT Ecumenical Service is at St Patrick's in Stratford this **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. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 August at 5.15pm**. See one of the members listed in the banner of the bulletin if you have an issue to raise.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 6 August**, Catholic College Sale will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

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. Go to our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Closing Date **4 August 2023**

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.

MARK, our business Manager, is currently on leave. This means the office will not be opened on Wednesday's until **Wednesday 16 August**.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 3 August at 4.40pm** for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt
31 CLUB REMINDER 31 July to 6 August. Please pray for vocations.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL collection will be held in all Parish churches on the weekend of **5 & 6 August**. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

HEART OF LIFE Retreat in Everyday Life – **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)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 30 July 9.30am: Joan Guyatt (A)
Sun 30 July 5.30pm: Ida Labayos (BA)

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.*

ROSTER FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST have been sent. 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.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St. Joseph's Parish, Warragul on **Sunday, 13 August 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 all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE- FROM PORTLAND TO PENOLA In the Footsteps of Mary McKillop: Come on a visual pilgrimage by experiencing the images of the landscape that traces the journey that Mary herself made from her home in Portland to take up the invitation to open a school in Penola. At **St Michael's Traralgon, Mary McKillop Room, on Tuesday, 8 August 2023**. Morning tea after mass 10.00am and Wine and Cheese 7.30pm

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:

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| Planned Giving: | \$1,243.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$1,149.80 |
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**Mass Timetable this week
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
29 - 30 July 2023**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 29 July | 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral |
| Sunday 30 July | 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral |
| WEEKDAYS | | |
| Monday 31 July | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 1 August | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 2 August | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thursday 3 August <i>Serra Club Mass</i> | 5.00pm | Cathedral |
| Friday 4 August <i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i> | 10.00am 11.00am | Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKEND | | |
| Saturday 5 August | 9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale |
| Sunday 6 August | 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. A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after our 1st youth mass. It was amazing to see us all come together and support our youth. Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 19 August**. Youth Liturgy will be starting very soon. We are calling on volunteers to help run the program during Sunday Morning Mass. Volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check and sign a Parish Code of Conduct. Training will be provided. Please call the Parish office if you can help. 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 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) | | |

| Date & Time | Sat 5 August 5.30pm | Sun 6 August 9.30am | Sun 6 August 5.30pm |
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| Welcomer | John Dykun | Marie & Nick Centra | Claire Everard |
| Commentator | Veronica Stewart | Amanda & Maya V | Brenda Bowden |
| Reader | Shari & Paige | Ann Neville | Faye Flint |
| Eucharist | Carmel Wade | Anna Allen | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Counter | Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Elizabeth Horne** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Joan Guyatt, Les Blanks, Ida Labayos, Fr Reg Wilson, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Francis Feruga**. 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.**



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**God is in his holy place;
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of the Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD, Year A

1st Reading: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

2nd Reading: **2 Peter 1:16-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 17:1-9**

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.