

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A* *12 - 13 August 2023*

### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

Elijah's experience occurred on the mountain of God. Though in one tradition this mountain is Sinai (see Ex 19:1-6), this tradition identifies it as Horeb (see Dt 4:10-15a). Such a theophany was accompanied by spectacular phenomena. Perhaps the Israelites described it in this way to show that their God, not the god of the Canaanites, governed the powers of nature. Elijah witnessed the phenomena, but did not experience God within it. It was only when he heard a tiny whispering voice that he was gripped with the realisation of God's presence. No divine words were delivered. The voice itself was the experience. This suggests that the insignificant events of life can be the stage upon which God is revealed.

The psalm presumes a community waiting for a prophetic oracle that will announce peace (v.9). The people's confidence in God rests in the conviction that they are God's own people. There is great expectancy here. The people have done what they can to get God's attention. The next move is God's. Lovingkindness, truth, justice and peace (v.11) are characteristics of the covenantal relationship. When they meet and embrace each other, salvation is complete, truth springs up from the earth, and justice comes down from heaven. All of creation, from earth to sky, shares in the benefits of the salvation by God.

Paul speaks of his ardent attachment to his Jewish compatriots. Though he devoted himself to the conversion of the Gentiles, he never ceased loving the people from whom he came. Distressed that they did not accept Jesus as messiah, he is willing to be considered cursed (anáthema) and cut off from Christ for their sake. Paul was not the first leader to be willing to forfeit his future with God for the sake of his own people. Moses made the same offer (see Ex 32:32). Paul lists seven prerogatives that his people enjoy as the chosen people of God. Interestingly, the greatest boast is that the Christ, the anointed one of God, came from their line.

In the gospel account, Jesus addresses the terror that the disciples experienced in seeing him walking toward them on the water with a typical divine response: Do not be afraid! To this he adds the theophanic exclamation: It is I; I am (ego eimi)! By walking on water, Jesus assumes the role of the creator-god who alone governs chaotic waters. Peter's faith is not strong enough to overcome his fear of such waters, and so he sinks. Thus he is a model of both faith and lack of faith. Ultimately, it was faith that won out, for Peter is saved when he cries out to Jesus. Those in the boat then pay Jesus homage, identifying him as the Son of God.

The entire event was a manifestation of the extraordinary power that resided in Jesus.

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### PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 16 Aug 5.15pm: PPC Meeting  
Sat 19 Aug 5.30pm: Youth Mass  
Sun 20 Aug 12.00pm: Parish Lunch at Legends

**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 16 August at 5.15pm**. See one of the members listed in the banner of the bulletin if you have an issue to raise. Our monthly Parish Lunch will take place at Sporting Legends on **Sunday 20 August at 12pm**. Sign up sheet will be in the Cathedral for the fortnight prior to lunch.

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

**CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL** Thank you to all those who gave so generously to this appeal. We raised \$760.00 for vulnerable people.

**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](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

**The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry** has published a document on evangelisation, offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. It draws on seminal documents on evangelisation from recent decades, including the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. Evangelisation can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>.

**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

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

**A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Weekend is for YOU... "Live Your Best Married Life in Love" Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. Date: **3-5 November 2023** in Melbourne **BOOK NOW** Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

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

### 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.

### A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC

**DIOCESE:** A history of the diocese entitled A Mass Kit in the Saddle Bag, written by Patrick Morgan, is now available. Catholics were settling in Gippsland from 1837 for a half century before the diocese of Sale was set up in 1887. During this pioneering period priests were sent out from Melbourne 'on the Gippsland mission'. The first two bishops, James Corbett and Patrick Phelan, established a basic but coherent network of Catholic organizations. In recent memory Bishops Eric D'Arcy and Jeremiah Coffey coped with new issues such as increasing secularization and modernist attitudes. The book includes a bibliography, lists of parishes and priests, and over fifty photographs. The diocesan history can be purchased for \$25, plus \$5 postage, from Patrick Morgan, 610 Limonite Rd, Boolarra, Vic, 3870 phone: 51 596 216 email: [morganpa@iprimus.co.au](mailto:morganpa@iprimus.co.au).

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 14 - 20 August. Please pray for vocations.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 Aug 5.30pm: Pierina Cappazzo (A)  
Sun 13 Aug 9.30am: Ann O'Brien (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:

Planned Giving:	\$1,108.00
Presbytery:	\$1,138.50
Credit Cards	\$0.00
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**Mass Timetable this week  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
12 - 13 August 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 12 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 13 August</b>	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 14 August</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 August</b> <i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 16 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 17 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 18 August</b> <i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 19 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 20 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

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

As the ministry to our young ones continue to develop in our parish, the youth ministry team is soliciting the assistance of parishioners who are willing to help with conducting children's liturgy. This will be during the 9.30am Sunday Mass only. Interested volunteers should please contact the Parish Office. A WWCC and Parish Code of Conduct is required. Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 19 August**.

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 12 August 5.30pm	Sun 13 August 9.30am	Sun 13 August 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Morrison	Vince Beer	Adam Collins
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
<b>Eucharist</b>	Tim Morrison	Dalia Ellison	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 19 August 5.30pm	Sun 20 August 9.30am	Sun 20 August 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Gweneth & Angel
<b>Commentator</b>	:Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Christine & Larissa	Shari & Paige	Claire Everard
<b>Eucharist</b>	Marietta Dykun	Sue Harvey	Brenda Bowden
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Since the 5th Century there has been an active tradition and belief around the assumption of Mary. The tradition states that Mary was physically 'taken up' into heaven at the end of her life. It is believed that her soul and her body remained united. This ancient belief was defined as an infallible teaching of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It is one of only two infallible statements that have been defined as such and both related to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is celebrated on **August 15** and is a Holy Day of Obligation.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Madeleine Evans, Robert Bailey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ann O'Brien, Pierina Cappozzo, Bishop Patrick Lyons, Fr Donal Madigan**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, 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?

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**



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

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

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

1st Reading: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

2nd Reading: **Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

Gospel: **Matthew 15:21-28**

### **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.**