

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 19 - 20 August 2023*

Dearest parishioners,

There are a couple of projects we have been exploring which are now unfolding, and I'd like to share with you.

**1. Parish Assembly:** this has been on the PPC agenda since the start of last year. After some deep and reflective discussion in the last couple of meetings, the decision was arrived at to set up a separate committee to look into the workings of an Assembly. This committee which is chaired by John Clancy, has members as follows: Tim Morison, Shari Balog, Brenda Burditt, Cijo Kuriakose, Doug Waite, Brett Morris, Fr Francis, and Fr Jithin. Following series of deliberations, the resolve for the Parish Assembly is now as follows:

**Date: Sunday 29th October, 2023 (with pre-assembly on Saturday 28).**

**Time: After the 9.30 Mass (pre-assembly meeting after the Saturday 5.30 Mass).**

**Venue: Cathedral gathering area.**

**Parish Assembly Prayer: to be recited after each Mass henceforth.**

It will be a very important assembly for us as a parish community to discern our future growth and direction together. Please note this date in your diary and make every effort to be there. The parish needs your input. Together we can discern and build a better future. In the next couple of weeks, the committee chairperson or a member will be addressing us. I'm looking forward with great excitement and enthusiasm to this Assembly and its fruits for us as a community of believers. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us, amen.

**2. Youth Ministry:** We all want a community that is receptive, welcoming and engaging with the young ones of our parish. The good news is that there is now a team that is determined to make this happen, under the inspiration, direction, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The team currently includes Jenny Fitzgerald, Shari Balog, Cijo Kuriakose, Emma Morison, Christine Kemp, Fr Jithin, and Fr Francis. As you would have noticed, several initiatives have been taken and implemented, including the activity tubs during Mass, monthly youth Masses, and now children's liturgy being discussed. There are several other ideas in the pipeline awaiting implementation—just keep an eye on the youth corner of the bulletin. The team solicits your continuous assistance, cooperation and collaboration. We welcome all the young families and all parishioners to this month's youth Mass. Please watch out for other events coming up soon.

**3. Live-streaming device:** if you look around the Cathedral you will notice that there are three cameras mounted on the walls. These are for live-streaming purposes. We are looking for anyone who is talented in this area and would like to assist the parish livestream Masses from time to time; or anyone who simply has the interest in this area and would like to be trained so as to assist the parish livestream Masses and other events as at when necessary. Please let me know, or contact the parish office and we will get back to you. Lives-streaming will sure not be every week; just on particular occasions. Set up is complete, all you may need to do is turn on devices, spell out title of event, and how to go between cameras. Please if you are interested in this ministry for the parish, even if you do not have the knowledge at the moment, just let us know and we will organise a training session. Jeff Hobbs from Catholic College who helps us currently is happy to offer training sessions. This is open to parishioners of all ages, however under 18's will need to be supervised. I guess the starting point is expression of interest. Hoping to hear from you.

Let us harken to the call of Pope Francis who stresses the co-responsibility of each and everyone of us in this mission. God bless you as we continue to work and walk together.

We are the Easter people, and alleluia is our song. Praise God.

*Fr Francis*

### PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 19 Aug 5.30pm: Youth Mass  
Sun 20 Aug 12.00pm: Parish Lunch at Legends  
Mon 21 Aug 11.00am: Betty Bourke's funeral Mass  
Sat 26 Aug 5.30pm: RCIC baptisms  
Sat 16 Sep 5.30pm: Youth Mass

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:** We are currently planning for a Parish Assembly, Adult Formation Groups and a leaders retreat. See the front page of this bulletin for the update. Our monthly Parish Lunch will take place at Sporting Legends today **Sunday 20 August at 12pm.**

**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)

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

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 21 - 27 August. Please pray for vocations.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)** program is currently running. The children will be baptised at the **5.30pm Mass on Saturday 26 August. Please bring a plate of food to share.**

**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)

**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. 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: **5169 6216** email: [morganpa@iprimus.co.au](mailto:morganpa@iprimus.co.au).

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DIOCESE OF SALE MISSION OFFICE: Its Role**  
"The role of the new Diocesan Mission Council will be to assist the Bishop in investigating, discerning, and proposing practical priorities and strategies for the development of the Diocese's pastoral life and mission. As a key body in the Diocese, the Mission Council exercises leadership and co-responsibility in a Christ-centred and mission orientated way, sharing in the proclamation of the Gospel, and serving Jesus Christ where He is present among the people of the Diocese, through unity, trust, and solidarity." (DMC Statutes)

### PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us to journey with each other as one people in this process of coming together as one family through sharing, listening and discerning the movements of the Holy Spirit.  
As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly to discern the growth of our Parish, open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.  
United as one family and one Body in Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what we ought to do and where we ought to go.  
As we make our way in these days by faith, guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect yours.  
Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.  
May the blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**ENNEAGRAM DAY** – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event) This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).  
**Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Fri 18 Aug 11.00am: Jack Henebery (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:** \$879.00  
**Presbytery:** \$1,026.70  
**Credit Cards** \$30.00  
**Direct Debits & Credits:** \$920.00  
**Cathedral EFTpos:** \$140.00  
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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
19 - 20 August 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<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
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 21 August</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Betty Bourke's funeral Mass</i>		
<b>Tuesday 22 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 23 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 24 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 25 August</b>		
<i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</i>		
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 26 August</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 27 August</b>	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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		

Date & Time	Sat 26 August 5.30pm	Sun 27 August 9.30am	Sun 27 August 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Emma Morrison	Mildred Semodio	Brenda Bowden
<b>Eucharist</b>	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died **Betty Bourke, Madeleine Evans, Robert Bailey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Jack Henebery, Fr Thomas Shearman**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert 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.**

**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 this 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**

**A SNAPSHOT OF THE DIOCESE (2021)**

Total Population: 680,681

Catholic Population: 123,748

Catholics make up 18.2 per cent of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 43 years

Total Catholic families: 50,401

10,673 Catholics live alone

35,392 Catholics were born overseas

2,155 Catholics do not speak English well

8,390 Catholics need assistance with core activities

44,469 Catholics have changed address since 2011

**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:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.**



**"O Woman, Great is your Faith"**

**The Canaanite Woman's  
Faith**

**Matthew 15:21-28**



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

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

**Twenty-First 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.**