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## *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A* *30 September - 1 October 2023*

### OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY

In a couple of weeks, precisely 29th October, we shall be gathered in the Cathedral Church in Sale for our Parish Assembly. This write-up is intended to shed some light on the Assembly and its implications for us as a Parish Community. An Assembly is generally the coming together of a group of people to discuss issues and concerns that will foster the development and growth of the group. Questions/inquiries are raised, which are meant to aid discussions.

For a Parish Assembly, and particularly for us here in St Mary's Cathedral, our questions for consideration centres around our life in the parish—the living out of our Parish mission and vision statement. Such questions are around the fields of spirituality, pastoral care (for older parishioners as well as younger ones), welcoming new parishioners/visitors, liturgy and liturgical ministries, formation (both for the young and for the older), finance, parish/school relationships, ecumenical concerns, youth ministry, the prayer life of the parish, and so on. Generally, the focus is on: How are we doing? Where do we need improvement? How can we do better? What might we introduce? What's working? How can we build on this to make it even better? Any other areas of concern?

The Assembly helps to bring these concerns into perspective for every member of the parish as we encounter one another, and promoting the agreement of ideas with the recommendation of actions for implementation. A working document following the Assembly will be presented to the Parishioners—this should highlight the outcome of the Assembly. The fruits of the Assembly will hopefully take our Parish to another level of engagement, collaboration, and parish experience.

This is why we need you to please **PRIORITISE** this date (**29th October**) for the parish. We need your voice and input. The parish needs your participation and involvement. The community needs you to be part of the future of our Parish. Please come along with your suggestions, inputs, concerns, worries, and together let us discuss and find the pathway going forward, together. Even if you feel that you may have no contributions to make, please still come along and listen to what others are saying; that might prompt something from you—something that you, perhaps, have never even thought about or considered previously. Pope Francis emphasises and encourages the **CO-RESPONSIBILITY** of all parishioners in the community. The parish is ours, and our voice must be recorded for the future of our parish.

Apart from the discussion and deliberations concerning parish life, the Assembly will also be a great way of celebrating our oneness, our togetherness, our common-unity. It is a fact that some of us are accustomed to attending a particular weekend Mass and probably have no idea of other parishioners who come to other Masses. By coming together, we look beyond our usual Mass time—we rather envision and celebrate our parish, where we intermingle, we deliberate, and consolidate ideas. In unison, we sync our views and vision for our Parish, and in collaboration we jointly create a pathway for the future. However, this future begins now with you and all those around you at the table discussing the great ideas for **OUR PARISH**.

Please, begin the conversations by having a chat with others about our parish and how you would love it be. Where would you like your parish to be in the next five years? What would you like to see happen in your Parish community? Let's begin with the "what" and the "where" questions... and gradually move into the "how".

I'm looking forward to a great Assembly with practical recommendations for a vibrant, evangelising, missionary, and welcoming community. Let's come together and make this happen. Remember, with the Lord there is no impossibility (Luke 1:37). Let's dream big, let's pray for it, let's believe in it, together let's work towards it, trusting in the Holy Spirit who dwells in us (John 17), and it will come to pass. I believe in possibilities... by the grace of God. Please come on board.

God bless you all. *Fr Francis Otobo*

## PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 4 Oct 6pm: Parent only workshop  
Reconciliation  
Thurs 5 Oct 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass  
Sun 8 Oct 9.30am: 1st Sunday Cuppa & 100th  
birthday celebration for Helena Klimas  
Sun 29 Oct: PARISH ASSEMBLY

## SACRAMENTS

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will take place in term four. If you have an eligible child please enrol them before the end of term three by contacting the Parish office on 5144 4100 for an enrolment form and program dates. Parent only workshop will take place on **Wednesday 4 October at 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral

**HELENA KLIMAS - 100 YEARS LOVED:** On **Sunday 8 Oct**, Bishop Greg will celebrate Mass at **9.30am**. Following the Mass there will be morning tea, a birthday cake with a presentation to celebrate Helena's 100th Birthday with her church family. A light luncheon will be served in the Chapter House afterwards. Helena has had a full life, simple, selfless and brilliantly lived. Please join her family in celebrating this milestone with her.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Due to Helena Klimas 100th birthday celebrations our First Sunday Cuppa will be held on, **Sunday 8 October**. Parish Family Groups (Libby Byrnes & Jenny Claxton) will be our hosts in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is **invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.**

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL:** Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of **September 30-October 1** in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request, and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at: <https://together2023.net/>

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** need to be collected this weekend. Please collect yours and those of anyone who may be away.

## Come and See

A call to the priesthood



### AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Sunday, October 15th, 2023  
2:00-4:00 pm

St Michael's Parish Support Centre,  
121-123 High Street, Berwick

A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

**COME AND SEE** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street, Berwick on Sunday, 15th October 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

**DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL** Criteria for Membership: Members of the Council will have demonstrated their commitment to their faith and leadership in ministry and mission. Members will have an active and living faith, participate in parish life, respect other points of view, exercise deep listening, have a sense of the mission of the Catholic Church, demonstrate inclusiveness, and be committed to working collaboratively and with synodal processes. The minimum age for membership is 18 years of age.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 5 October 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** 25 Sep to 1 October. Please pray for vocations.

## 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

**SAVE THE DATE!** Night of the Witnesses – **22 November 2023, 7pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Thu 5 Oct 9.30am: Roshanee Fernando

Sat 7 Oct 9.30am: Leo Harkin (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:	\$1,544.00
Presbytery:	\$861.00
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$512.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$150.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
30 September - 1 October 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 30 September</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 1 October</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 2 October</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 October</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 4 October</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 5 October</b> <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Friday 6 October</b> <i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 7 October</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 30 Sept 5.30pm	Sun 1 Oct 9.30am	Sun 1 Oct 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Gweneth & Angel
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jan Slattery	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

Date & Time	Sat 7 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 8 Oct 9.30am	Sun 8 Oct 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Marietta Dykun	Christine Lyon	Sophia Kartobi
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Amanda & Maya V	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Frank Fidge	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died, **Bill Edgar** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Roshanee Fernando, Leo Harkin, Fr David Verlin, Fr William O'Brien**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, 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**

Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 21 October**.

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.

**Children's Liturgy will commence on 8 October. Thanks to all who have volunteered.** A training date for volunteers will be advised.

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**

**Prayer for the Synod**

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

**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:

ADDRESS:

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.**

**This is my comfort when I am brought low.**



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

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
1st Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**  
2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**  
Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

**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.**