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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 28 - 29 October 2023

LET US DREAM BIG

This day my heart is full of immense joy and happiness; I actually feel like dancing... as David danced (2 Sam 6:14-22). So let me begin this piece by thanking you all in anticipation of a good Assembly. At least so far, from the indicative attendance list as shown in the blue folders, this is already a good response. Thank you. May the good Lord bless our discussion and deliberation and fill us with great wisdom and insight for our parish.

As I reflect on the call that has resulted in this Assembly, my heart is drawn to the beautiful story of Joseph and his dreams in Gen 37. Joseph dreamt that he was going to be a great figure within the Jacob/Israel family, and beyond, symbolised in the sun, moon and stars bowing down to him. Joseph not only had the dream, he gave voice to this dream of his. Ridiculous as it seemed, he believed in this dream, kept his faith in the God of the dream, maintained his focus, and so looked forward to its fulfilment. It wasn't easy. He passed through difficult and rough times. Through it all he kept his hope alive. The good news is that his dream came to pass. This is what happens when we don't let go of our dreams.

With every dream comes a particular vision for "tomorrow". Dreams envision the future and keep the mind alert as it prepares for that future. The lesson from Joseph's dream teaches us that with efforts, patience, and hope, dreams do in fact become reality. Dream requires focus, walking towards it, working for it. No matter how big a dream is, how unsustainable or impossible it might seem, with belief, patience, efforts, it surely will see the light of the day some day. It's fulfilment begins with the dream.

Today is another day for dreaming — dreaming for our parish. The parish is waiting on us for a new awakening. This is the day to chart a new pathway for our most cherished parish community here in the ancient city of Sale. It is our turn to dream. Like Joseph, let us not only dream; let us also give voice to our dream for the Parish. Hence the Assembly today. It is my prayer and hope that our dreaming would awaken our parish to greater heights, resounding hope, immense joy, deep faith, and new vitality. Do not be afraid to dream big. Just trust in the Lord.

Yes, it is true that we are living today in times of great changes, or what Pope Francis calls change of era. Yes, the old order is crumbling fast and new systems of life and activities are emerging. We are not alone; it is about society as a whole. But we have a task—to understand these changes and utilise them for human progress (Balarabe Musa). This is why this Assembly is very important and it's so great to have you on board. Thank you once again.

At this juncture I would like to echo the words of Nelson Mandela, "Our choices must reflect our hopes, not our fears." Rephrasing this, I'd like to say, our dreams must reflect our hopes and faith, not our fears and despair. I'm very optimistic of the fruits of this Assembly. So, 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)

On behalf of Frs Jithin and Aneesh, the Parish Pastoral Council, and the entire parish community, I want to thank you all for your participation in this Assembly. My heart goes out to the Assembly Committee for their relentless efforts towards making this day a success. Special thanks also to Tim, Nick, and Brett for facilitating the day. Particular thanks to John Clancy and the Lazzaro's for helping with supplies for the Assembly lunch/bbq. I can't thank you all enough. May the good Lord be your rewards.

Amen and amen. Praise the Lord!

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 29 Oct: PARISH ASSEMBLY

Thurs 2 Nov 5pm: Serra Club Mass and meeting

Sat 4 Nov 10.00am: Mass of the Souls, Rosetti Chapel

Sun 5 Nov 9.30am: Sunday Cuppa for Liz & Eric

ALL SOULS There will be Mass said at the Rossetti Chapel at Sale Cemetery at **10am on Saturday 4 November**. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on that day.

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 the Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER 30 October - 5 November. Please pray for vocations.

CONGRATULATIONS Liz and Eric Tabuteau who celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary** this coming Thursday. What a magnificent achievement. We hope you have many more happy years together.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: On **Sunday 5 November**, the Indian Community 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 to celebrate **Liz and Eric**. Please bring a plate to share.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish, please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: The Sale Diocese is shedding light on Domestic Violence, an issue impacting many. Commencing next weekend, we invite you to a four-week journey of prayer and listening to raise awareness within our parish and school communities. From November 17-19, wear white to Mass as we come together against Domestic Violence. A special liturgy will be held on **November 16 at 7pm**, at St. Michael's Traralgon. Also at St Michael's Berwick, Sion House Warragul, and St. Mary's Bairnsdale & Yarram. We encourage everyone to join and make a stand. Check the Diocesan Website.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE invite interested parishioners to our Online Information Session on **Monday 30 October at 7.30pm** (AEDT). Registration is essential. Register at: https://divinity.zoom.us/join/91uc7q3dyq5#?registration=tZlvcumpqTloEte3Om3qO-AJ_9Iuc7q3dyq5# registration. In this session meet our Course Advisors and learn about study options at CTC, including the wide range of courses and units that can be undertaken online and/or face-to-face. Units can be undertaken in a course, as a single unit (with assessment), or for audit (no assessment/credit). Check out website for our 2024 timetable. Enrolments for 2024 open Wednesday **1 November 2023**. Contact us for an application package <https://divinity.edu.au/>.

Engaging Your Faith October 2023: Engaging Your Faith (EYF) is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. For more information and registration visit their website at Engaging Your Faith – Catholic Theological College (ctc.edu.au)

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MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION thanks once again to our very generous parishioners who raised **\$1,129.65** for this very worthy cause.

SYNODAL CHURCH Fr. Timothy Radcliffe's Meditative sessions: During the Synod on Synodality, attendees devoted three days to a retreat near Rome, readying themselves for the Synod. Each day, Father Timothy Radcliff, a knowledgeable English Dominican, delivered two presentations on synodality-related themes. Access these insightful meditations on our diocesan website for spiritual enrichment and a deeper understanding of the synodal church's call. (<https://www.cdsale.org.au/srm>)

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

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For further inquiries please contact Ms Selina Gaden, board secretary, at: sgaden@ccsale.catholic.edu.au.

Applications close: **17 November 2023**

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: \$1,128.00

Presbytery: \$1,133.40

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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
28 - 29 October 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 28 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 29 October	9.30am	Cathedral
PARISH ASSEMBLY	10.30am	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 30 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 31 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 1 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 2 November		
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 3 November		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 4 November	10.00am	Rosetti Chapel
Mass of the Souls	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 5 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral



Activity tubs & books are available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

NEXT YOUTH MASS: This Saturday 21 October 5:30pm

Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during 9:30am Mass (If you would like to volunteer please contact Parish Office, A WWCC & Parish Code of Conduct is required)

Family Fun & Faith Day: 2 December 2-5pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to hold a stall or family workshop please contact Shari on 0430 932 220.

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220.

Date & Time	Sat 28 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 29 Oct 9.30am
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon
Reader	Faye Flint	Nick Hall
Eucharist	Theo Smolenaars	Sue Harvey
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus	

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish of Sale will be conducting an Assembly at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, this **Sunday 29th October, 10:30am - 12:30pm, following Sunday Mass.** A Parish BBQ will follow the Assembly gathering, to be held in the Cathedral grounds.

As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly, let us open our hearts to listen to each other with humility and empathy.

Our Parish Pastoral Council would like to provide the opportunity to gather thoughts and ideas from members within our Parish who are planning to attend, or who cannot attend, and would like the opportunity to review some of the questions raised within the Assembly process.

Let us work together to make our way in these days guided by faith, so that our minds and hearts reflect our Catholic faith. Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.

Please note: THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN LOCH SPORT, ROSEDALE OR STRATFORD on the weekend of 28 & 29 October. **Masses will be 5.30pm on Saturday 28 & 9.30am on Sunday 29 October in the Cathedral.** We would like as many Parishioners as possible to attend Sunday morning Mass and the Parish Assembly.

Date & Time	Sat 4 Nov 5.30pm	Sun 5 Nov 9.30am	Sun 5 Nov 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Emma Morrison	Mildred Semodio	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Maria Smits, Pat Bourke, Doug Dyer, Jannine Balsevicius**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick Sterling, Fr William Tierney, Fr Con Donovan, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell.** 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, 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:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: **Malachi 1:14 - 2:8, 8-10**
2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13**
Gospel: **Matthew 23:1-12**

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.