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*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 - 12 November 2023*

LOSING FR JITHIN

Well, I know by now most of us (if not all of us) must have heard that Fr Jithin is leaving us in January 2024. It was published in the bulletin last weekend, but even before the bulletin publication, wordofmouth.com had widely publicised the news. In any case, we bless God for the ability to disseminate information.

I saw this coming. We talked about it. We chatted and joked about. Now that it is looking me in the face, the feeling is different. I can't even explain to myself how I feel. You want to let go for the greater good; but you want to hold onto for the good that is eluding you. Anyway, there's nothing I or anyone could have done or say to reverse the decision. It is like what the author of Ecclesiastes says in 3:1-11, "For everything under the surface of the sun, there is a time... a time to hold onto, and a time to let go..." There was a time when we held onto Fr Jithin; now is the time to let go. All we say is glory be to God who gave him the opportunity to serve us in this part of the diocese for about four years. May the same Lord now bless and empower him for greater presence and service in his new parish.

Arriving at St Mary's Cathedral in January 2022, I met Jithin (and Mark) who immediately welcomed me into the presbytery. The next couple of weeks he had to show me how things worked in the Cathedral, ranging from the kitchen to the sacristy. A gentle, humble, vibrant, and well resourced person, he is; equally, a colleague, a brother, and a friend. He can be on the "quiet" side when he wants to... but even his quietness is sometimes loud enough to deafen the deaf. His gentle nature and friendly spirit is naturally contagious. His organisational prowess makes his love of good liturgy unprecedented. I never have to worry when we have church feasts and solemnities. The same goes for the Bishop. Jithin was always on top of everything. Hmm! Challenging times ahead!!!

I cannot forget the memories of our dear Prudence, Dorothy and Nancy. Coming home one evening, Jithin said, I have some "girls" in the house. I kept looking at him for some further details. He went ahead to tell me their names, looking really serious. He said come say hello to them. I followed behind, and he led me to the garden area. When he finally showed me his new friends, we couldn't help but laugh. The three "girls" lived with us, sharing our property till May this year when they fell out with the host just before his annual holidays. We had a good time: we fed them well, they reciprocated the kind gesture with good and precious supplies. Jithin's love of nature is equally evident in the care of our "Garden of Eden" behind the presbytery lounge room, and in the variety of vegetables in our veggie garden which greatly helped the house; and sometimes made available to parishioners.

To say that Jithin is going to be missed is an understatement: the schools (students and staff), the youth ministry team and the young ones, the residents of our age care facilities, the not-so-young parishioners that he visits weekly, the weekday Mass goers, the office staff, Aneesh and Francis (and especially the Bishop), and the parishioners at large will miss him. We thank you, Jithin, and wish you well in your new assignment.

Fr Jithin will assume his new role in the Clyde north parish on **17th January, 2024**. You all know as much as I do that in this part of the diocese, January is a very quiet month. People go away to holiday elsewhere. But we want to accord Fr Jithin a befitting sent forth. What then shall we do? Well, I think having something done on one of the Sundays of December might be the way to go. This will be discussed at the next PPC. Watch this space for further details please.

God bless you.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 12 Nov 9.30am: Mass lead by St Mary's Primary School.
Wed 15 Nov at 5.15pm: PPC Meeting
Thurs 16 Nov 6pm: First Reconciliation
Sat 18 Nov 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 19 Nov 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends
Wed 22 Nov 5.30pm: Mass for deceased loved ones
Mon 4 Dec 6.00pm: Parish Volunteers BBQ

MASS FOR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS

There will be a special November Mass for the deceased family and friends of those who have lost loved ones this year or at any time in the past. This special Mass will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 22 November** in the Cathedral. All welcome.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Harriet Centa** daughter of Lisa & Rodney; **Tahlia Ramirez** daughter of Lisa & Claudio; **Chloe & Bella Shephard** daughters of Erin & Barry; & **Oliver Stephen** son of Melanie & Robbie. Congratulations to the families from us all.

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

We can all be prepared to work towards ending domestic violence by listening to people who have been abused without judging or blaming them for the harm caused by another person. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to Mass that weekend and all are invited to attend a special liturgy in one of these parishes. On Nov 16th at 7:00 pm St. Michael's Traralgon, Nov 17th at 4:00 pm Sion House Warragul, 5:00 pm St. Mary's Yarram, 6:00 pm St Mary's Bairnsdale, 7:30 pm St. Michael's Berwick

PARISH VOLUNTEER BBQ will be held in the Chapter House at **6pm on Monday 4 December**. All Parish volunteers are invited to attend. As per previous years sign up sheets will be placed in the Parish churches to indicate your attendance in the couple of weeks. If you can help by bringing a salad or dessert there will be spaces on the sign up sheets to indicate what you are bringing. Hope to see you all there!

31 CLUB REMINDER 13 - 19 November. Please pray for vocations.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MARK: You are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Obo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark in preparation of year B. **Tuesday 21 November from 7.30 - 9.00pm.** For more information and registration please visit <https://tinyurl.com/tpnewz89>

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place at **6pm on Thursday 16 November** in the Cathedral.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL next meeting will be held at **5.15pm on Wednesday 15 November** at the Chapter House.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION You are invited by Bishop Richard Treloar and Bishop Greg Bennet to the conversation. It will be held at Raymond Island once again on **Thursday 23 November from 10.00am to 3.30pm.** RSVP by 17 November. Bookings essential to info@theabbey.org.au. Refer to the Poster in your local Church for more details.

MOBILE TV SCREEN FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Thank you to those who are making enquiries about how they can contribute. For donations please consult the Parish Office. We had a new quote for about \$4,500 in total for this purchase. I'll update you on financial inflows as we travel along.

CONGRATULATIONS to Liz & Eric Tabuteau who enjoyed a lovely 60th wedding anniversary. Liz & Eric wish to give heartfelt thanks to the Priests & Parish for the wonderful celebration last weekend.



PARISH LUNCH will be held at Legends at **12pm on Sunday 19 November**. Sign up sheet is in the Cathedral.

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*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE You're invited to the 2023 Knox Public Lecture, "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins," Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ on **Tuesday 28 November at 7:30pm via zoom.** To book go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1141646>

This will mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.

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:	\$1,184.00
Presbytery:	\$1,140.60
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11 - 12 November 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 11 November	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 12 November	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 13 November	NO	MASS
Tuesday 14 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 15 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 16 November	9.30am	Cathedral
First Reconciliation	6.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 17 November	10.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 18 November	9.30am	Cathedral
Youth Mass	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 19 November	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford Cathedral



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

Youth Mass: The next youth mass is at **5.30pm on Saturday 18 November**

Children's Liturgy: Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact Parish Office, A WWCC & Parish Code of Conduct required)

Family Fun & Faith Day: 2 December 1-4pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to hold a stall or family workshop please contact Shari on 0430 932 220.

Date & Time	Sat 11 Nov 5.30pm	Sun 12 Nov 9.30am	Sun 12 Nov 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	St Mary's School	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	St Mary's School	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Brenda Burditt	St Mary's School	Sophia Kartobi
Eucharist	Marie Centra	St Mary's School	Brenda Bowden
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 18 Nov 5.30pm	Sun 19 Nov 9.30am	Sun 19 Nov 5.30pm
Welcomer	Youth Ministry	Marie & Nick Centra	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Youth Ministry	Susan Mattson	Adam Collins
Reader	Youth Ministry	Christine Lyon	Leny Waite
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Dalia Ellison	Doug Waite
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 12 Nov 9.30am: Helena Predkiewicz (A)
Tue 14 Nov 9.30am: Sebastiano 'Sammy' Tantarò (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Maria Smits**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Sheila Rouse, Helena Predkiewicz, Sammy Tantarò, Fr John Gavan, Fr Daniel O'Reilly, Fr Edward O'Malley**. We pray for those who are sick **Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert 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.



THE INSPIRE TRIBE INVITES YOU TO

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

COMMUNITY DAY

2ND DEC 2023

1-4PM

Get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities, facepainting, youth market stall and a raffle

Contact Shari Balog (Youth Ministry co-ordinator) 0430 932 220 for more details.



Creative Workshops



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Live Entertainment







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Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "Open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose, near restful waters he leads me.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**
2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**
Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

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.