

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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ST ROSE OF LIMA, ROSEDALE; ST PATRICK'S, BRIAGOLONG;  
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LOCH SPORT.

47 Foster Street, PO Box 183, Sale.

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**Safeguarding Statement:** Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. **Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Ph 5144 4100**



## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 3 - 4 February 2024*

### **REFLECTION**

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life. Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the broken-hearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the broken-hearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the broken-hearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

**INSPIRE TRIBE**

# COMMUNITY FUN DAY

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE  
47 FOSTER STREET

**SATURDAY  
10 FEB  
1PM TO 4PM**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Balloon Twisting
- Petting zoo
- Facepainting
- Plaster Painting
- Food Vans
- and much much more

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For more information contact Shari Balog (Youth Ministry Co-ordinator) 0430 932 220.

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### PARISH CALENDAR.

**Wed 7 Feb 6pm:** Parent only meeting First Communion

**Sat 10 & Sun 11 Feb:** First Communion commitment Masses.

**Sat 10 Feb 1pm:** Family, Fun & Faith day

**Wed 14 Feb:** Ash Wednesday (**Lent commences**)

**Sat 17 Feb 5.30pm:** Youth Mass

**Sun 18 Feb 12pm:** Parish Lunch, Legends

**Sun 18 Feb 3pm:** Diocesan Rite of Election

**Wed 21 Feb 5.00pm:** PPC meeting

**Wed 21 Feb 7.00pm:** Finance Committee

**WELCOME BACK** Fr Francis - you were missed. Thank you to Fr Aneesh for holding down the fort.

**GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM** meets on **Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am**. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

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

**MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS** if you are, or know of another parishioner, 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.

**ST MARY'S PARISH MAFFRA** will be holding their centenary celebrations on **Sunday 28 April** with Mass at 11.00am celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet. Please save the date.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 5 - 11 February. Please pray for vocations.

**PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION.** The Parish Cells of Evangelisation will re-commence on **Monday 5 February**. Gospel for discussion will be Mark 1: 10-15. Contact Marg Goss via the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

**PARISH LUNCH** will be held at **12pm on Sunday 18 February** at Sporting Legends. Sign up sheet will be in the Cathedral from this weekend.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP** was established in 1972 in Sydney. The aim of the Family Group Movement is to build Christian community through the development of extended families.

With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

*"Love one another as I have loved you"*

Our Aims:

To get to know other members of the Parish

To support each other sharing each others joys and sorrows and so building the Christian community as in the early Church

To involve our children in our Christian sharing directly, if possible.

If not, then indirectly by our example

Parishioners are invited to come and join our Parish Family Groups who meet socially e.g. pizza night, coffee after mass, BBQ, breakfast.

**Enquiries: Veronica & Keith 0455121949.**

**THANKSGIVING ROSARY, MASS AND MORNING TEA FOR CWL: MAFFRA parish** is celebrating the 80 years of service and commitment of the CWL ladies with a Rosary, Mass and Morning tea at the presbytery at **9am on Friday 16 February**. Rosary followed by **9.30am Mass** and morning tea at the presbytery meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION:** We are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral at **3pm on Sunday, 18 February 2024**.

Choir rehearsal from **1.30-2.30pm**. To register your interest, please contact Sophy Morley on [Sophymorley@gmail.com](mailto:Sophymorley@gmail.com) or mobile No: 0413 590 007.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on **Thursday 8 February** as Clare is attending Diocesan training

**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*

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

**FIRST COMMUNION** The Parent only meeting for First Communion candidates will be held at **6pm on 7 February in the Cathedral**. Please ensure you email your forms to the office prior to this meeting. This will be followed by the Commitment Masses which are to be held on **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February**.

**ALL SACRAMENTS FOR 2024:** **Reconciliation** is available to children in Grade 3 who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**First Communion** is available to children in Grade 4 who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

**Confirmation** is available to children in Grade 6 or older who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation.

**Enrolment information and forms** are now available at the parish office. Phone: 5144 4100. Email: [Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au) or at our Catholic Primary Schools: - St Mary's Sale, St Thomas' Sale, St Patrick's Stratford. Forms can be returned to the Parish office in Sale or to your local Catholic Primary School.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for the month of February: For the terminally ill:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**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:	\$794.00
Presbytery:	\$1,040.10
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$805.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$70.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
3 - 4 February 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 3 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 4 February	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
Monday 5 February	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 6 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 7 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 8 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 9 February		
<i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
Saturday 10 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 11 February	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral



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

**Youth Mass:** The next youth mass will be held on the **17 February 2024.**

**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:** Will be held next **Saturday 10 February 2024 from 1 to 4pm in the Cathedral grounds.** Please contact **Shari on 0430 932 220** if you would like more information.

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

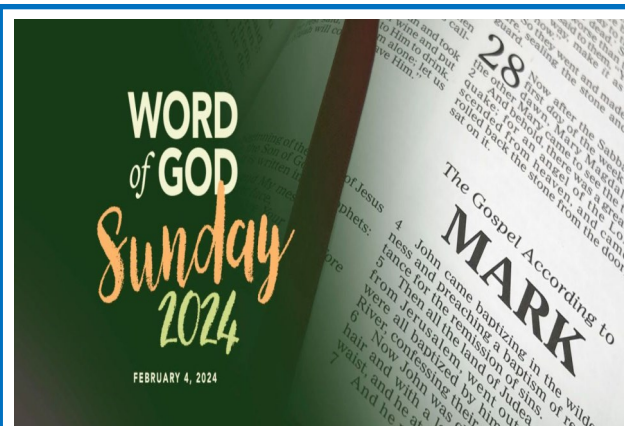
Date & Time	Sat 3 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 4 Feb 9.30am	Sun 4 Feb 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Dalia Ellison	Gweneth & Angel
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Morrison	Nick Hall	Adam Collins
<b>Reader</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Amanda & Maya	Leny Waite
<b>Eucharist</b>	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Date & Time	Sat 10 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 11 Feb 9.30am	Sun 11 Feb 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Marie & Nick C	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Emma Morrison	Christine Lyon	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Webster	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Len & Lyn Althaus		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 4 Feb at 9.30am:** John Octavio, Milagros Octavio, Teodoro Acosta & Alicia Acosta (A's)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Alice Otobo** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Christine Sullivan, John Octavio, Milagros Octavio, Teodoro Acosta & Alicia Acosta.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Cicil, Jayantha, Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal & 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.**



**Word of God Sunday**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

If you would like to join a Family Group

Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**O Come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which  
has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach  
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for  
it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put  
into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in  
my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not  
insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself  
the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the  
weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men  
in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the  
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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



### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John  
straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's  
mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him  
about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand  
and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to  
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were  
sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole  
town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who  
were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also  
cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak,  
because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the  
house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon  
and his companions set out in search of him, and when they  
found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He  
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country  
towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I  
came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their  
synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral**

Friday 10.30 - 11am

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

1st Reading: **Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Gospel: **Mark 1:40-45**

### **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.**