

ST MARY'S PARISH, 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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B *10 - 11 February 2024*

THANK YOU

Last month, precisely the 5th of January, I began my holiday heading back home in Nigeria to be with mum and family. I had been informed that mum was unwell and was receiving treatment at the hospital. This made me fast forward my trip for about a week. With mixed feelings of fear, excitement and hope I embarked on the trip with an intense desire of being with her and heading home after discharge from the hospital. Unfortunately, upon my arrival I was greeted with the devastating news of my mum's transition from time to eternity. I missed catching up with her by a couple of hours. It was painful and emotionally draining. So I spent my holidays planning and executing mum's funeral (contrary to my holiday expectations). However, disappointing, disheartening, and discomfiting as it is, in all things we learn to give God the glory. May God's name be praised, who gives us life in time, and beckons us to life in eternity when he deems it perfect.

I write this piece to express my profound gratitude to you all for your show of support and concern. Thank you for the prayers, the calls, the text messages, the emails, and cards. These and other forms of your support meant a lot to me and my family. On a more special note, the thought of you gathered here in the Cathedral on Wednesday 24th January along with Bishop Greg and the clergy of the Diocese to offer prayers for mum was very consoling and spiritually strengthening. Thank you. As Bob Marley would say, "true friends are like stars. You recognise them more when it's dark around you." You guys became the shining stars in my dark moment. All I can say for now is thank you very much. My family and I truly appreciate your kindness and compassionate spirit. May God bless you and keep you in HIS peace. Amen!

ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT BEGINS

The season of Lent for 2024 begins this Wednesday 14th February with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This is the season when we are particularly reminded to reconsider our choices, attend to areas of our life that need some amendment and return to the Lord with hearts full of gratitude and graciousness. My prayer is that this year will bring us lots of blessings and peace in our world.

There will be a couple of Masses in the Cathedral and Stratford on Ash Wednesday as shown in the Mass timetable on the inside of the bulletin. Please familiarise yourself with the schedules and let's come together in worship. Inform and invite family and friends.

Also, during the season of Lent, we usually have our Stations of the Cross every Friday. This year there's been a slight change to the time and program. In line with one of our Parish Assembly recommendations (which asks for time to reflect and pray together), we thought it wise to incorporate a short time of adoration and brief reflection on Lenten themes. **This will take place on Fridays of the five weeks of Lent commencing 23 February, following the Stations. The starting time is 5.00pm.** I'm hoping to see as many as possible. Please give it some priority and let us utilise this opportunity during this Year of Prayer as declared by Pope Francis.

Thus for this year, the program will be as follows: Stations of the Cross, Reflection/adoration, and Mass, within the time frame of one hour; at the most plus 15 mins. I enjoin all of us to please come together and let us journey through this Lenten season spiritually renewed and prepared for the Easter celebrations.

God bless you. *Fr Francis*

PARISH CALENDAR.

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
Fri 23 Feb, 1, 8,15 & 22 March 5.00pm: Stations of the Cross and Lenten reflection

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Timetable:

This coming Wednesday 14 February 2024
Stratford: 9.30am
Cathedral: 9.30am, 11.30am & 5.30pm



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.

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 this 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 next Sunday, 18 February 2024**.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

FIRST COMMUNION Commitment Masses are being held this weekend 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 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

PROJECT COMPASSION resources are available in each Parish church from this weekend. More information on the program and how to donate will be in future bulletins.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held in the Chapter House from **5.00pm on Wednesday 21 February**. Any agenda items you would like discussed can be given to one of the Council Members listed in the masthead of the bulletin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 21 February**.

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Marriage Week Sale - Ends 29 February. For 50% off use coupon code: **MarriageWeek24**

31 CLUB REMINDER 12 - 18 February. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at **12pm on Sunday 18 February** at Sporting Legends. 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*

LOOKING FOR A PARISH GROUP TO JOIN?

If you are interested in volunteering in the Parish we have a number of groups that you can join:

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.

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

SERRA CLUB OR BEREAVEMENT GROUP call Brenda Burditt on **0407 441 995**.

FAMILY GROUPS call Veronica Stewart on **0455 121 949**.

YOUTH MINISTRY call Shari Balog on **0430 932 220**.

BAPTISM PREPARATION call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 and discuss your interest with Fr Francis.

PARISH CHOIR call the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

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.

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:	\$1,647.80
Presbytery:	\$1,169.65
Credit Cards	\$1,325.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,529.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$180.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
10 - 11 February 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
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
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 12 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 13 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 14 February <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	11.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 15 February	5.30pm	Cathedral
	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 16 February <i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 17 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 18 February	9.30am	Stratford
	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 10 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 11 Feb 9.30am	Sun 11 Feb 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick C	Claire Everard
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
Reader Eucharist	Emma Morrison Rosemary Webster	Christine Lyon Dalia Ellison	Lyn Althaus Len Althaus
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Date & Time	Sat 17 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 18 Feb 9.30am	Sun 18 Feb 5.30pm
Welcomer	Youth Mass	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Youth Mass	Mildred Semodio	Adam Collins
Reader Eucharist	Youth Mass Tim Morrison	Andreena Jolly Sue Harvey	Claire Everard Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 11 Feb at 9.30am: Keith Best (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Keith Best, Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik**. We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Cicil, Jayantha, Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert 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.

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has published a document on evangelisation, offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. It draws on seminal documents on evangelisation from recent decades, including the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. Evangelisation can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>



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:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all,
do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to any-
one – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try
to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own
advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that
they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

1st Reading: **Genesis 9:8-15**
2nd Reading: **1 St Peter 3:18-22**
Gospel: **Mark 1:12-15**

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.