

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## First Sunday of Lent, Year B 17 - 18 February 2024

Dear friends in the Lord,

Welcome to the first weekend of lent, 2024. May this Lenten season deepen our relationship with God and with one another. Last Saturday (10 February) we had our maiden Cathedral family faith and fun day. What a fabulous day! This Saturday (17 February) we have our first youth Mass for 2024. Thank you for your support of the youth ministry. We are hoping for more of God's blessings, this year, upon us as individuals, as families, and as a community.

### RITE OF ELECTION

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting the entire Diocese in a particular way: the ceremonies of the Rite of Elections. This ceremony attracts candidates and catechumens and their RCIA teams from around the Diocese. On behalf of the Bishop and the pastoral community of the Cathedral, I welcome the Diocesan RCIA Coordinator, the team from across the Diocese, and the Candidates and Catechumens from the various parishes to St Mary's Cathedral. Enjoy the beauty of our Cathedral precinct, the hospitality of the Cathedral Parishioners, and the lovely and welcoming weather of Sale, the heart of the Diocese.

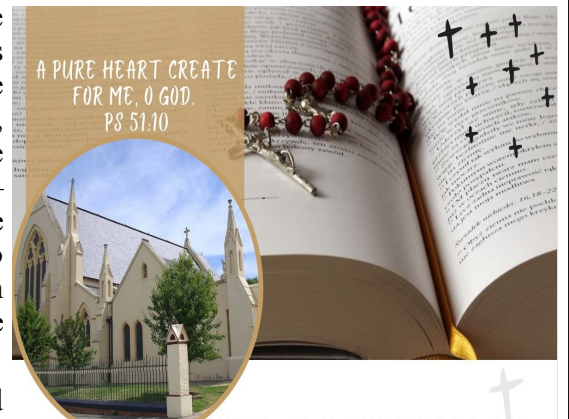
### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The season of Lent has begun. It is that time of the year when we are called upon to sit back and reflect on our journey as pilgrims in this world. In his 2024 Lenten message, Pope Francis reminds us of the freedom to which God calls us. Reflecting on the Exodus journey, Francis highlights that "Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts." The Lenten season affords us the opportunities, through the liturgies and devotions, to reflect on God's graciousness and love and our responses to this God who loves us dearly.

This year, in our Cathedral community, we are all invited and encouraged to participate in a five Fridays journey of Lenten devotion and retreat, focusing on the Biblical character called King David, the man after God's heart. The central theme for our reflection is: "A Pure Heart Create For Me, O God" (Ps 51:10). What made David so special in the sight of God? Despite all the choices he made how did he become a man after God's heart? How can we translate this into our own spiritual experiences today? Following on from Francis' reflection on the freedom to which we are called, the story of David gives us a pathway through acknowledgment, acceptance, contrition, and peace. Therein lies true freedom.

As we come together for these days of reflection, adoration, and Mass, may the Holy Spirit lead us gently through our Lenten observances to the glories of Easter. Alleluia! Amen!! God bless you.

Fr Francis



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL LENTEN Devotion's

FRIDAY 23RD FEB  
FRIDAY 1ST MAR  
FRIDAY 8TH MAR  
FRIDAY 15TH MAR  
FRIDAY 22ND MAR



5PM - 6.15PM  
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Contact Parish Office for  
inquiries - 51444100 in office  
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### PARISH CALENDAR.

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

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

#### 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 or to your local Catholic Primary School.  
**Sacramental enrolments close at the end of Term 1.**

#### 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.

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**COME AND SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 on **Sunday, 7 April 2024 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

### 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*

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Olive Mundy** daughter of Amanda & Christopher, **Charlotte Scott** daughter of Maddy & Josh, **Logan Boulton** son of Danna, **Lola & Jack Toye** children of Adam & Ashlea, **Audrey Villaneuva** daughter of Allene & John Ryan. Congratulations to the families from us all.

**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 CHURCH

**CENTENARY** Join us in celebrating the Saint Mary's Maffra Church Centenary on **Sunday, 28 April 2024, with a Mass at 11am in Maffra**, followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. Kindly RSVP to 5147 1921 for catering purposes.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 19 - 25 February. Please pray for vocations.

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

**RITE OF ELECTION:** Rite of Election will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at **3pm this Sunday, 18 February 2024**. Choir rehearsal from 1.30-2.30pm.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held in the Chapter House from **5.00pm this 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 this Wednesday 21 February**.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your local Church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling **1800 024 413**.

**STRATFORD** An Ecumenical BBQ will be held at **6.00pm on Sunday 18 February** at St Andrew's Uniting Church in Stratford. Please come along and enjoy an evening of Fellowship. BYO Meat and drinks. Tea and Coffee provided.

**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:	\$1,123.00
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**Mass Timetable this week  
First Sunday of Lent Time, Year B  
17 - 18 February 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 17 February</b> <i>Youth Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 18 February</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 19 February</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 23 February</b> <i>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross, Mass &amp; Reflections</i>	10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral



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

**Youth Mass:** The next youth mass will be held on this Saturday 17 February 2024 at 5.30pm.

**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)

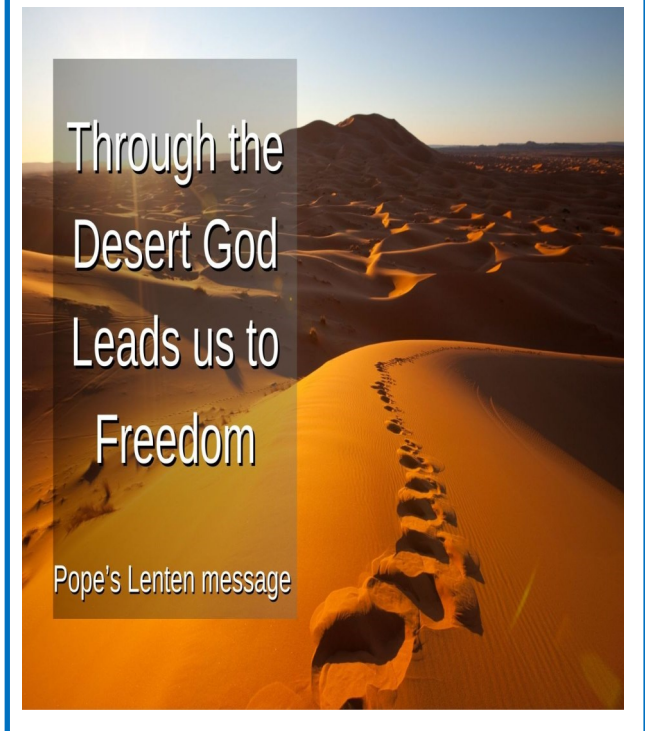
If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220

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

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2024 is titled "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom". In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "pause" for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities.

To read the full message visit <http://tinyurl.com/4vahetan>

Date & Time	Sat 24 Feb 5.30pm	Sun 25 Feb 9.30am	Sun 25 Feb 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Gweneth & Angel
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Morrison	Amanda & Maya V	Sophia Kartobi
<b>Reader</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Leny Waite
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 18 Feb at 9.30am:** George Waks (A)  
**Tues 20 Feb at 9.30am:** Joe DiMarco (A)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Jasmine Fernando, Cicil** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Dave Rebbechi, George Waks, Joe DiMarco, Fr Gerard Coffey**. We pray for those who are sick **Teolinda Barrera, 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.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?  
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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.**

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.**

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.  
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 first letter of St Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

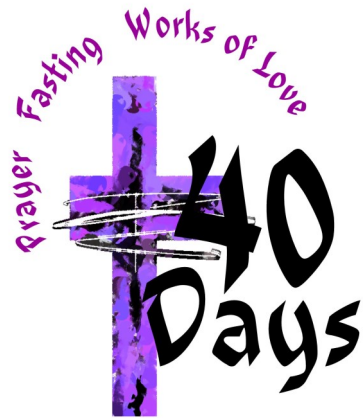
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral**

Friday 10.30 - 11am

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

**Second Sunday of Lent, Year B**

1st Reading: **Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:31-34**

Gospel: **Mark 9:2-10**

### 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.**