

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B 27 – 28 April 2024*

Dear friends,

Last Wednesday we had the **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting where a lot of things were discussed. Prominent among the items discussed was the “where are we now” about the Parish Assembly. I’m pleased to let you know that the Assembly Implementation Team gave a presentation on the working document they are putting together for the Parish. The PPC was pleased with the presentation. In the next week or so, a presentation will be made to the parishioners, after which everyone who wants can access a copy of the working document from the Assembly. In this way we can all see where we are heading as a community. Meanwhile, following the Assembly, and on the basis of its recommendations, the following initiatives have come forth. The Spirit indeed is alive! Alleluia!!

**MAY DEVOTION: WALKING ROSARY** - Saturday 18th May. This is the last weekend of April. By Wednesday next week, 1st May, the special devotion to our mother Mary in the month of May begins. During this month, I want to encourage everyone of us to say a daily rosary, especially as a family. There’s always a blessing when we pray the rosary. As a parish community, rosary will be recited before Mass. By the middle of the month, we will come together on **Saturday 18 May for a general Parish May Devotion**. A couple of thoughts and suggestions are coming up. Most prominent at the moment is to have Mass in the morning (9.30am), then weather permitting, we pray the walking rosary around the lake (alternatively around or in the Cathedral), then back in the Cathedral for a brief moment of reflection and blessing, followed by a shared lunch. I believe this will be a great way to go—it is prayer, evangelisation, and exercise at the same time. Let’s keep praying towards and for this day. Please mark this date and event in your calendar.

**AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:** It is always very special and spiritually enriching when brethren come together to express themselves in worship to God in unison. Our friend and brother, Fr. Mark Hughes, who is gifted in music has been invited and he is very happy to lead us in this special encounter with the Divine. The date is on **Friday night, 28 June, starting at 6.30pm**. There will be shared supper afterwards. Please save the date. More details very soon.

**ALPHA IS COMING** The time comes in every parish when the spiritual life seeks renewal and re-enlivening. Following our Parish Assembly and its recommendations, now is the time for our parish community. For this, the Alpha program is worth exploring. One may ask: what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, meaning and the Christian faith, based on Scripture, in an open and honest environment. Essentially, Alpha is about three main elements: connection, content and conversation. It is a spiritual renewal program tailored to encourage and empower us to live the mission/life that God intended for us. The program is laid out in a very friendly and welcoming environment where everyone is equally important and free to engage in an honest conversation. The most important part is the fellowship that goes with it. Very soon, the call will be made for a “come and see” session. Let us please begin to pray for the success of this program, most especially for the spiritual revitalisation that we earnestly seek. Keep an eye on this page please. It is coming soon.

As we hear in the Gospel this weekend, Jesus addresses the disciples and us saying, “I am the vine, you are the branches,” (John 15:1-8). The vine has no reality apart from its interwoven branches. This image of the vine that Jesus uses speaks of the profound intimacy and reciprocity that God desires with us. As we journey along the path of life, may we attend to the God who desires this relationship with us and may we find peace and life through our loving embrace of Jesus.

God bless us all. Amen!

*Fr Francis*

### PARISH CALENDAR.

**Sat 27 & Sun 28:** Education of the Seminarian's Bursary Fund Collection  
**Sun 28 April 11am:** St Mary's Maffra Centenary Celebrations  
**Thurs 2 May 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass  
**Sun 5 May 9.30am:** First Sunday Cuppa  
**Wed 8 May 6.00pm:** Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates  
**Wed 15 May 6.00pm:** Final practice for Confirmation  
**Sun 19 May 9.30am:** Confirmation & Youth Mass  
**Sunday 19 May 12pm:** Parish Lunch  
**Friday 28 June:** Praise & Worship evening

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** On **Sunday 5 May after 9.30am Mass**, the Filipino Community will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring along a plate to share.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE** on **Friday 28 June** we will be having an evening of praise and worship in the Cathedral featuring Fr Mark Hughes. It will be an evening of fun, fellowship and faith development. More details to come so stay tuned.

**NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT** key to improving integrity. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has unveiled a national code of conduct for people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia.

Details regarding the media release and a link to the 32-page document, Integrity in Our Common Mission can be accessed on the diocesan website/news section at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cvtsu>

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN** all parishioners who volunteer for our Parish must sign the Parish Code of Conduct forms which are available from the Parish Office. If you volunteer and have not yet signed one (or can't remember) please call the office to check. You will also need a Working with Children check or to notify VIT (if you are a teacher) that you volunteer for St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sale. If you have a Working with Children check please make sure that you have selected St Mary's Cathedral Parish as one of your volunteer organisations. You can update your record with this information online and the Parish will be notified. Please note if you have not done the online Child safe training the new modules are being rolled out this year.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### 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*

**EDUCATION OF THE SEMINARIANS** Bursary Fund Collection will take place this weekend (27 & 28 April). This helps to support our Diocesan Seminarians like Anthony, the Seminarian who was helping the Bishop with our Easter Ceremonies this Easter.

**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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** donations must be returned by **Sunday 28 April** at the latest. If you wish to pay electronically please do this at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish/>

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**CONFIRMATION** Reconciliation for the Confirmation candidates will take place in the Cathedral at **6pm on Wednesday 8 May**. Final practice for Confirmation will take place in the Cathedral at **6pm on Wednesday 15 May**. Confirmation takes place at 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on **Sunday 19 May**.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 2 May** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 29 April - 5 May Please pray for vocations.

**DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS** The Diocesan Mystagogia Mass will be held on **at 6pm on Saturday 11th May Mass** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Clyde North. This Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. Your newly baptized and those received into full communion in the church are encouraged to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Please bring a plate to share.

**BISHOPS OFFER PRAYERS** and condolences in wake of Bondi attack. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference offers its prayers and condolences in the wake of the Bondi Junction attack. For more information visit : [cdsale.org.au/news](https://cdsale.org.au/news)

**DIGNITAS INFINITA ON HUMAN DIGNITY:** Australian Catholic bishops have acknowledged the release in Rome of the document, Dignitas Infinita. "Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter." To read the media release and the full document visit [cdsale.org.au/news](https://cdsale.org.au/news)

**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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$1,413.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$1,528.60
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$30.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$992.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$180.00

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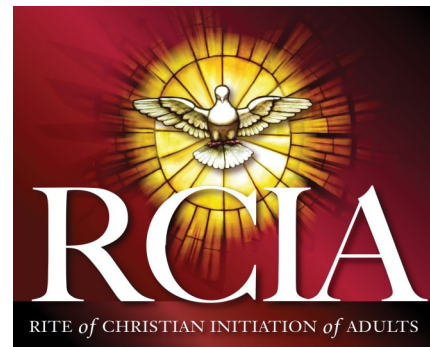
**Mass Timetable this week  
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B  
27 - 28 April 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 29 April</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>		
<b>Serra Club Mass</b>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Friday 3 May</b>		
<b>Exposition &amp; Benediction Mass</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**“Come and see!”** A time for seeing, listening and Learning. You will be welcome and made to feel at home. Usually from August each year at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

To start with, there will be: **Enquiry evenings:** A time of teaching, sharing and having your questions answered. Everyone is most welcome at these opening sessions. **Then:** subsequent evenings follow and will provide more systematic teaching about the Catholic Faith. It will also be a time to experience the life of a Christian community, and a time to know the presence of God in our lives. **Easter** is the time when those who have chosen to embrace the Faith may be fully initiated into the Church. For more information about RCIA please contact: Fr Francis Otobo 5144 4100.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 27 April 5.30pm	Sun 28 April 9.30am	Sun 28 April 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Dalia Ellison	Gweneth & Angel
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Andreena Jolly	Leny Waite
<b>Eucharist</b>	Tim Morrison	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 4 May 5.30pm	Sun 5 May 9.30am	Sun 5 May 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma Morrison	Amanda & Maya V	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Bowden	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sunday 28 April 9.30am:** Alec Casella, Angela & Alessandro Casella, Antonio & Francesca Cascianelli (A's)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Judith Jaffee, Graeme Slade** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Alec Casella, Angela Casella, Alessandro Casella, Antonio Cascianelli, Francesca Cascianelli, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O’Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, 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.**

**YOUTH CORNER:**

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

**Youth Group:** Formation session will be held prior to the Youth Mass at **3.30pm** .

**Youth Mass:** The next youth mass will be held this **Sunday 19 May 2024 at 9.30am (with Confirmation)**

**Children’s Liturgy:** Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office - a WWCC & a Parish Code of Conduct are required).

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



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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.**



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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 of Easter, Year B**

First Reading: **Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

Second Reading: **1 John 4:7-10**

Gospel: **John 15:9-17**

### 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.**