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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B *4 - 5 May 2024*

REFLECTION

This week we remember victims of domestic violence, and pray earnestly for an end to this menace in our society. In 2021/2022, over 4500 women aged 15 and above were hospitalised due to family and domestic violence. It is said that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence in the hands of their intimate partners in their lifetime. "Family, domestic and sexual violence is a major national health and welfare issue that can have lifelong impacts for victims and perpetrators. It affects people of all ages and from all backgrounds, but predominantly affects women and children." It is not coincidental but divine arrangement that this weekend we read about the central tenet of the Christian message—the message of love.

Last week, Jesus gave us the beautiful image of a vine to express the desired intimacy between him and his followers in every age. This weekend, Jesus gives us another image which we all can relate to: the image of a family. While Jesus draws on this image to speak of his relationship with God as a father, it also expresses Jesus' desire for his disciples to enter into this relationship with him and the father. The close love between a parent and a child is the love that Jesus desires to exist between himself and his disciples. We are his disciples today so we are called into this love. God loves Jesus, Jesus loves his disciples, the disciples are called to exemplify this love in their love for one another. In fact, the measuring stick for our relationship with God is our relationship with one another. We cannot withdraw into a pious cosy 'me and God' duet. Being at home with God requires that we open ourselves to be home with others.

God is in heaven, but God is in our families, in our workplaces, living in our streets. Love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord. This is the central tenet of the Christian message. Jesus loved to the point of giving his life. Today, we are challenged and encouraged to give one another a listening ear, a moment of our time, a card or letter, or a visit... Our response is to go out and live life lovingly. The family home is the place where our love should begin and should be most pronounced... that sacred haven with our spouse, partner, children, our nearest and dearest.

As we reflect on love this day, may we be drawn into this love circle: God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for one another. May we continue to speak out to put an end to domestic violence. May families suffering from domestic violence be healed, and victims of this menace experience love, and feel loved. Let love reign.

MAY DEVOTION: WALKING ROSARY - Saturday 18th May. From 1 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.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

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

EDUCATION OF THE SEMINARIANS Thank you to our generous Parishioners who donated \$1,013.35 for this very worthy cause.

PROJECT COMPASSION Once again we thank all Parishioners who supported this worthwhile cause. This year we raised \$1,232.20 to support the ongoing work of Caritas.

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**.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This **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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS The Diocesan Mystagoga 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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - What Jesus has to say. When Jesus says, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:9-17) there is no room for violence of any form. Yet many in our communities experience the pain of physical violence, control, and manipulation. Pretending ignorance of, or even enabling, such violence is clearly wrong and cowardly. We pray that we and our community may stand for victim survivors of domestic violence.

For information: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>

CONGRATULATIONS to Elsa and Pat Horan who celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on **Wednesday 8 May**. What an amazing achievement!

PARISH FINANCE REPORT will be presented by members of the finance committee at Masses this weekend. If you have any questions after this please call the parish office or Fr Francis.

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*

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL May 2024

Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year. He said "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area."

Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the **May 2024 Appeal** by donating. Here is the link for people to donate online:

<https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622462>

Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church.

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:	\$864.00
Presbytery:	\$1,199.45
Credit Cards	\$0.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,212.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$160.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B
4 - 5 May 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 4 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 5 May <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 6 May	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 7 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 8 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 9 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 10 May <i>Exposition & Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 11 May	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
Sunday 12 May	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 11 May 5.30pm	Sun 12 May 9.30am	Sun 12 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 5 May 9.30am: Raquel Waite (A)

Sunday 5 May 5.30pm: Cerefino & Elena Gonzales

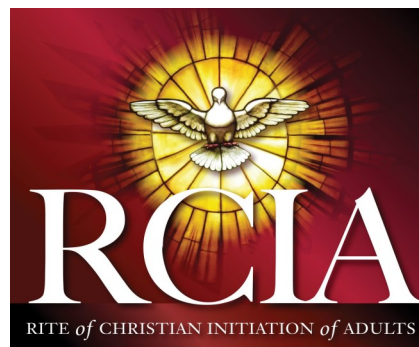
Wed 8 May 9.30am: Pat & Elsa Horan's 70th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Raquel Waite, Anita Smolenaars, Peter Hug, Anne Blanks, 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, Hubert 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.**

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.



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.



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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year B

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Mark 16:15-20**

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.