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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
27 - 28 July 2024

Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

With the celebration of its fourth edition, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly continues to be an important occasion for the life of our ecclesial communities and is enriched with new meaning. Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and fraternal society.

The Holy Father invites us to recognise their value and to do so permanently, not just occasionally. It is not a matter of celebrating an anniversary once a year, but of making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. The successive generations of elderly people must be taken seriously, and the Church must give them appropriate pastoral attention.

This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object.

Yet, as the Holy Father reminds us, God never abandons His children. Not even when strength wanes or life seems less productive. Indeed, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing. The loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not inevitable, rather the result of wrong choices that do not recognise the infinite dignity of each and every person.

Following the example of Ruth who did not abandon her mother-in-law, Naomi, we are called to walk a new path and imagine a different future for our elderly. Our hope for the celebration of this event is, therefore, that every Church community will strive to experience 'a day without loneliness' by visiting the elderly, involving them, and listening to their stories and testimonies of faith.

Card. Kevin Farrell

Prefect

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Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life, do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

A day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Thur 1 Aug 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
Sun 4 Aug: First Sunday Cuppa - Cathedral
Sat 3 Aug & Sun 4 Aug: NO MASSES FOR ROSEDALE or STRATFORD.
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Aug: NO MASSES FOR LOCH SPORT, ROSEDALE or BRIAGOLONG.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES IN PARISH CHURCHES as Fr Francis will be taking a well deserved break till **Saturday 17 August** there will only be Cathedral Masses each weekend until he returns. **No Masses for Rosedale or Stratford on Sat 3 and Sun 4 August. No Masses for Loch Sport, Rosedale or Briagolong on Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 August. Please note weekday Mass time changes on page 3 for next week.**

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 4 August**, St Mary's Primary school will be our Mass volunteers and will be our host 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 a plate to share.

PLANNED GIVING For those not part of the program please consider joining. The simplest way of making regular payments is by the direct debit method. To do so please contact the parish secretary on 5144 4100 or Sale@cdsale.org.au who will provide you with the necessary authority forms. If you prefer to set up a recurring payment to the program via their internet banking account. Please contact the parish office to obtain the parish's bank account details.

ADORATION/MASS OF ANOINTING will commence from **6.30 - 8.00pm on Friday 26 July**. These will be held bi-monthly from 6.30 – 8pm including time for supper.

SERRA CLUB MASS will be held on **Thursday 1 August at 5.00pm**. This will be preceded by Rosary at 4.40pm. Meeting in the Chapter House to follow. Apologies to Claire Everard.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Harkin, who celebrates her **97th birthday** this Sunday, 28 July. An amazing achievement!

AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP due to the success of the last evening the next one will be held on **Friday 30 August**. A date for your diary and not to be missed!

SYNOD Australia's Catholic bishops have welcomed the release of the working tool for members of the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The document, known in Latin as the Instrumentum laboris, is not a magisterial document or a catechism, but a way to encourage prayer, dialogue, discernment and the "maturing of a consensus", according to an explanatory paper.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/43nuvy7e>

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MEMBERS invite parishioners to join them in celebrating 14 years in our Parish. This Sunday **28 July at Sporting legends York Street sale 12:00 p.m.** for lunch and birthday cake

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE the per participant cost is \$600.00 for registration, transport and accommodation. Our leaving collection raised **\$619.40** towards these expenses. Thank you to all those who gave so generously to support our Parish Youth. Our target is now **\$3,400**. To make donations or sponsor a child call the Parish Office

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE 1: **Sunday 28th July at 10.40am** Parishioners are invited to participate in the first phase of the Diocesan Consultation on **Sunday 28th July following 9.30am** Mass in the Cathedral. The aim of this first consultation is to look back over the past five years (2019 to 2024), and together, to reflect on the question: "As people of faith and mission, what has God's Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years?" The simple meeting process invites participants to be guided by God's Word and prayer, to engage in attentive listening to themselves, to each other, and to the Holy Spirit, using a method called, 'Conversations In The Spirit'. This will be explained at the meeting. It is important that everyone's stories, memories and perspectives are heard. Please use the 'Consultation and Assembly Prayer' to help prepare yourself for this exciting opportunity.

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 **George & Chloe Murphy** children of Hayley & Ben. Last weekend we welcomed for baptism **Lahnie & Milla Saddington** daughters of Melissa & Dylan. Congratulations to the families from us all.

MEN'S WEEKEND St Michael's Parish Traralgon is hosting a menALIVE Men's Weekend on **August 10 and 11 2024**. This weekend provides an opportunity for men in Traralgon and neighbouring towns to explore what makes them fully alive. The men of St Michael's Traralgon, with the encouragement of their Parish Priest, Fr Aju Varghese, are inviting and encouraging men from the Diocese of Sale to become an active force of renewal in the community and the church. This event is a part of that renewal. Mass is included in the program. **August 10 & 11 Saturday** 8:00am to 9:00pm **Sunday** 8:00am to 1:30 pm **Cost** \$50 per person (concessions available) Includes lunch & dinner (sat) Refreshments tea/coffee – both days **Venue** St Michael's Parish Hall Church Street, Traralgon.

31 CLUB REMINDER: 29 July to 4 August. Please pray for vocations.

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:	\$454.00
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Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,020.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
27- 28 July 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 27 July	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 28 July	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 29 July	NO	MASS
Tuesday 30 July	9.30am	Cathedral
John Loughheed's Funeral Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
Wednesday 31 July		
Ann Broberg's Funeral Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
Thursday 1 August		
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 2 August		
Exposition & Benediction Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
Lorna Ray's Funeral Mass	1.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 3 August	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 4 August	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 27 July 5.30pm	Sun 28 July 9.30am	Sun 28 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Christine Lyon	Adam Collins
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
Counters	Theo Smolenaars & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 3 August 5.30pm	Sun 4 August 9.30am	Sun 4 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	St Mary's Primary	Please offer
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	St Mary's Primary	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	St Mary's Primary	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	St Mary's Primary	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 28 July 9.30am: Connie Tantaró (RD)

Tues 30 July 9.30am: Joan Guyatt (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Ann Broberg, Connie Tantaró, Mary Mann, John Loughheed, Lorna Ray** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Joan Guyatt, Les Blanks, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick **Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, 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.

**Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer
2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.
May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.
May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.

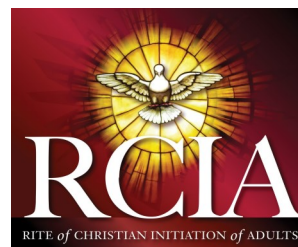
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
Pray for Us.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

"Come and see!" First meeting will be held on **Friday 23 August at 6.30pm.** 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 O'tobo 5144 4100.



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:

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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 John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: **Exodus 16:2-4**
Second Reading: **Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**
Gospel: **John 6:24-35**

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.