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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B *24 - 25 August 2024*

Reflection

For the last five weeks, we have been reflecting on the sixth chapter of John's Gospel where Jesus feeds the crowd as ancient Israel was fed with manna, and then explains the deeper meaning of this sign in the long 'Bread of Life' discourse. The Gospel last week finished with the words of Jesus on the Eucharist where he spoke about eating the flesh of the "Son of Man". To those outside the experience of the Eucharist this sounds like cannibalism, and so many of the crowd reject him, even some of his disciples. The Greek word skleros, means not, hard to understand, but, hard to accept. This Sunday concludes with John 6:60-69 where a significant question is put to the community; will you follow Jesus or remain a follower of Moses and your Jewish traditions? The question calls for a decision to be made, with no room for sitting on the fence.

Finally, the question is put to Peter (and the Twelve): will you go away too? He doesn't say - 'Yes Lord, I understand all this.' No. Peter may not have had any more understanding than those who turned away; he would have been just as bewildered and puzzled as anyone else. But there was something about Jesus for which he would willingly die. So, he responds simply that he finds Jesus' message life-giving. Peter's loyalty was based on a personal relationship with Jesus.

In the final analysis, Christianity is not a philosophy which we accept, nor a theory to which we give allegiance. It is a personal response to Jesus. Many today echo Peter's sentiments in finding the good news of Jesus a source of life and hope. This ultimately is what faith is based on, the encounter with Jesus through the word and sacrament.

We may not understand nor have all the deeper theological answers, even as leaders in the church. Sometimes, life in general, and even our church experience at times, can leave us disillusioned and empty. Peter's answer remains, "Lord whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life."

What, in the depth of your heart, is your response?

A Couple of reminders:

The next "Evening of Praise and Worship" comes up next Friday, 30th August, starting at 6.30 pm and ending with a sumptuous supper at 8.00pm. Fr Mark Hughes will be leading us in the singing. It will be another moment of community gathering to express our faith in unison. Please make it a priority, and together let us praise and worship God, praying for our community, family, nation and the world. Looking forward to a great evening. Please invite family and friends. Remember to bring plate.

The Ignite Youth Conference is around the corner. The family information session was held on Friday 22 August, at St Michael Traralgon. The commissioning Mass with the Bishop will be on Sunday 22 September here in the Cathedral. The young ones and their leaders will leave for Sydney on Thursday 26 September and return on Sunday 29th September, after Mass. We hold them in our prayers for a spiritual and faith-filled experience. So far, we have been able to raise \$1000.00. Our target is \$4000.00 Thank you for your donations and support. We are still soliciting for assistance from families, parishioners, and groups to make this trip a success. We are now short of \$3000. Any assistance will be much appreciated. Please refer to the next page for details of fundraising being undertaken. We will keep you updated.

Parish multi-cultural day: Sunday, 22 September has been ear-marked for a parish multi-cultural celebration at and following the 9.30 am Mass. This will include food, dressing, prayers of the faithful in local languages, and possibly dance. It will be a very interesting and celebrated day with Bishop Greg presiding over the Mass. Please send any ideas that will make this day groovy to the parish office, or to Doug and Leny Waite, or to Brenda Burditt.

Together we can make our parish experience very interesting, joyous, and welcoming. Come on, let's make it happen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Fri 30 August 6.30pm: An evening of Praise & Worship

Sun 1 September: First Sunday Cuppa - Catholic College.

AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP due to the success of the last evening the next one will be held on **Friday 30 August**. Refer to the poster on the opposite page for details.

31 CLUB REMINDER: 26 Aug to 1 September. Please pray for vocations.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 1 September, Catholic College** 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.

SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. If you have received your training link and need any assistance please call the Parish office. For those who don't have a computer we are planning some training session for you in the next few weeks.

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. Of course, many parishioners are well versed these days in internet banking and may prefer to set up their own recurring payment to the program via their internet banking account. Please contact the parish office to obtain the parish's bank account details.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Valencia Whykes daughter of Heidi**. Congratulations to the family from us all.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) was held on Wednesday 21 August. Items discussed were:

- fundraising to send the Youth Group to Sydney
 - need for new volunteers in the Parish and ways of addressing the volunteer gaps
 - an update from our local Catholic primary schools.
 - the success of St Mary's Primary school Mass
 - introduction of new PPC member, Andrew Pagatpat
 - progress with the Parish Implementation plan
 - progress on updating the Parish website
 - progress on our readiness for the upcoming Safeguarding Audit
 - planning for our Multicultural Day which will be held on Sunday 22 June. Updates to come
- If you would like to know more about these issues please talk to one of the PPC members or one of our Priests.

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE 2 begins in September. In this phase we will be looking forward to the future of our Diocese. Did you know that:

- The Catholic population of the Diocese is 123,748
- Catholics make up 18.2 per cent of the total population
- The median age of Catholics is 43 years
- The total number of Catholic families is 50,401
- Catholics live alone 10,673
- Catholics were born overseas 35,392

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/43nuy7e?>

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.

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*

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER for St Mary's Youth Group to attend the Ignite conference which starts on **26 September**. Our Parish Pastoral Council are holding a raffle with some lovely prizes – tickets will be available in the Cathedral after each Mass from next weekend until it is drawn on **Sunday 15 September after 9.30am Mass**. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

St Mary's Youth Group Cupcake Drive

Help our youth group make it to
IGNITE youth conference 2024.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER!

Orders Close September 7th

Each box of cupcakes sold, we will donate!
4 for \$17 (\$2) 6 for \$25 (\$5) 12 for \$48 (\$8)

Cupcakes are to be collected Sunday September 15th from St Mary's Cathedral, Sale between 11am-1pm.

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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:	\$986.00
Presbytery:	\$1,104.45
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$220.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
24 - 25 August 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 24 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 25 August	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 26 August	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 27 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 28 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 29 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 30 August		
Exposition & Benediction	10.00am	Cathedral
Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 31 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 1 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 17 August 5.30pm	Sun 18 August 9.30am	Sun 18 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Emma Morrison	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Dalia Ellison	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Theo Smolenaars & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 31 August 5.30pm	Sun 1 September 9.30am	Sun 1 September 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 24 Aug 5.30pm: Greg McCarthy (A)

Sun 25 Aug 9.30am: Monica Best (A); 5.30pm: Emmanuel Pagatpat (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Greg McCarthy, Betty Bourke, Monica Best, Emmanuel Pagatpat, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick **Cynthia Freshwater, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert 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.




featuring
FR. MARK HUGHES





**THE NAME OF JESUS
(PHIL 2:9-11)**

30 August 2024 | 6:30pm-8pm



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SALE
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and Fr. Francis

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:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its

living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The earth is replete, with the fruits of your works, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Second Reading: **St James 1:17-18, 22-22, 27**

Gospel: **John 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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.