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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B *21 - 22 September 2024*

Though many, yet one

Let me begin this day by welcoming you all to our beautiful Cathedral, your parish community. A warm welcome to friends who have accompanied friends, and also to family members visiting or celebrating this day with families. Special acknowledgment and welcome to the young ones and the youth leadership team from St Michael Traralgon, doubly celebrating the commissioning of the Ignite pilgrims as well as our multicultural day. It is a great opportunity, in communion with one another, to celebrate our faith within the context of the Sunday liturgy with our shepherd, Bishop Greg, presiding over the liturgy. Thank you for being here. Welcome everyone.

This is a day that we have been looking forward to for a couple of weeks now since the planning started. It is here, and we bless God. What a glorious day to be together. St Paul in 1 Cor 12:12-27, uses an analogy that speaks volumes not only to the Corinthian community but to all of humanity. Paul compares the Christian community to the human body, though made up of many parts, yet one body. While he speaks with regard to spiritual gifts in the community of the faithful, there is a sense in which that analogy applies to us today and is richly relevant to our celebration. Though we have come from varied and diverse cultural backgrounds yet we are one community, one parish, one church. When we look through the pews of the Cathedral then we come to appreciate the richness of the diversity that we celebrate today. Therein lies the beauty of our community, because in Christ there is no "Jew or Gentile... for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28-29). This is our celebration today: though many, yet one; unity in diversity.

Looking back at our Parish Assembly which was held in October last year, (omg! nearly one year ago) I cannot help but thank God for that exercise. The fruits of that assembly continue to manifest in many different ways. Our celebration today is a direct offspring of the assembly when we recommended finding ways to celebrate one another. So today is happening because of your continuous love for the parish and your great desire for seeing vitality and vibrancy activated in parish life. Yesterday it was a dream; today it is a reality - all because of your enthusiasm, dedication and commitment. You have truly shown that you are ready to partner with God in taking this community to the next level of community building. As an instance, not long ago, we mentioned about the need for a screen in the Cathedral, it was done. This Sunday, 20 young people (and their leaders) are being blessed and commissioned by Bishop Greg to attend the Ignite Youth Conference in Sydney. Among these are 6 from our Cathedral community. When we cried out, you willingly and joyfully supported the project and now it's happening. Thank you.

At this point I would like to say thank you to a lot of people who put in extra efforts to making this day happen - the committee who met regularly planning events and organising people and food; the liturgy team who took the time to prepare the sanctuary and the necessary vessels and linens for the liturgy; the music group who met several times to be sure music was appropriate; those who set up the gathering area and who will help pack up; the youth leadership team of the Cathedral and St Michael Traralgon who prepared the young ones being commissioned during the course of today's liturgy; the young ones and their families who presented themselves to be part of this pilgrimage to Sydney; the maintenance team who prepared the grounds and kept the area tidy; our most dedicated altar servers who helped on the sanctuary this day; all those who had active ministry during the liturgy today. I would like to particularly thank our humble Bishop Greg, who despite his tight schedules accepted to preside over the Mass today. My gratitude will be incomplete without appreciating all of you who contributed the food from diverse cultural settings today, and also to all of us who are going to participate in the eating. You have all done very well. To you all, on behalf of Bishop Greg and the Cathedral Pastoral Council, I say thank you. This is our parish. This is our community. This is our celebration.

Together we can continue to make our parish experience very welcoming, joyful, and meaningful. Come on! Let's make it happen.

**MULTICULTURAL
DAY**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 21 Sept 5.30pm: Baptism for older Children—NO ROSEDALE MASS
Sun 22 Sept after 9.30am Mass: Multicultural Day
Sun 22 Sept: NO BRIAGOLONG MASS & No 5.30pm Mass for the Cathedral
Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 Sept: NO WEEKDAY MASSES

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: Please note there will be no 5.30pm Rosedale Mass on Saturday 21 September. There will be no Briagolong Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 22 September and no 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 22 September. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend the 9.30am Sunday 22 September Multicultural Day Mass and celebration.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK There will be no weekday Masses next week, Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 September, as there is a Diocesan Priest's Inservice.

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 or are not confident in using the computer we are planning some training sessions for you in October. Please let the parish office on 5144 4100 know ASAP if you would like to attend the group training.**

EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP: The next praise and worship night has been scheduled for **Friday 25 October, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.** Please keep this date in your diary and prayers.

31 CLUB REMINDER 23 - 28 September. Please pray for vocations.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday.** New members are very welcome.

BAPTISM We are baptising 20 older children who have been working hard with their families and Jenny Fitzgerald, our Sacramental Coordinator to prepare. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as we prepare to welcome them into our Parish Community.

BAPTISM: At 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 21 September at St Mary's Cathedral, we have 17 school aged children being Baptised: **Jacob Skehan** son of Bradley & Jayne;

Kenzie & Jack Hardman children of Jesse & Miranda;

Ryan & Holly Lamb children of Damian & Jessica;

John Jewkes-Torres son of Allan & Paola;

Claudia & Raffaella Gunn children of Paul & Kate;

Ned, Lillie & Alfie McAdam children of Benjamin & Ann-Marie;

Archer & Dallas Hogan children of Joel & Nicole;

Lincoln Kerton son of Chloe;

Ameliah McLachlan daughter of Boden & Amy;

Cruz & Nash Pattinson children of Michael & Lisa. Congratulations to the families from us all.

YOUTH MASS this month will be celebrated within the context of the Commissioning Mass for the Youth attending the Ignite Conference. Bishop Greg will be presiding over this Mass which will form part of our Multicultural Day. This **Sunday 22 September at 9.30am Mass** with celebrations taking place after Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there in your national dress.

INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation. A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent Themes. This will be held from **10am - 3.30pm on Friday 29 November 2024.** Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. **Cost - \$25per person. RSVP by 22 November 2024.**

Booking essential to: info@theabbey.org.au

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*

NEW PLANNED GIVING A couple of people have been asking, especially after the Parish Assembly last year, when will a new Planned Giving be organised? Well, the Parish Finance Committee has given this a careful thought, and a program will be run in October. Details soon. 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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE As next Friday, 27 September is a public holiday the office will be closed.

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:	\$904.00
Presbytery:	\$1,250.90
Credit Cards	\$0.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
21 - 22 September 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 21 September <i>Older children baptisms</i>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 22 September <i>Multicultural day celebration & Commissioning Mass for Youth</i>	9.30am	Cathedral 
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 23 September	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 24 September	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Wednesday 25 September	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Thursday 26 September	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Friday 27 September <i>Reconciliation and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 28 September	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 29 September	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral

**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.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 21 September 5.30pm	Sun 22 September 9.30am	Sunday 22 Sep 5.30pm—NO MASS
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Dalia Ellison	
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Mildred Semodjo	
Reader	Brenda Bowden	Andreena Jolly	
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Margaret Shirreffs	
Counters	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 28 September 5.30pm	Sun 29 September 9.30am	Sunday 29 Sep 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Paul Speekman, George White, Keith Nieuwenhuizen, Rebecca Conaty** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Veronica Foxe, 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.**

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER for YOUTH GROUP

Our raffle is being held to help 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 (check out the poster in the Cathedral) – tickets will be available in the Cathedral after each Mass from until it is drawn on **Sunday 22 September after 9.30am Mass. Tickets are \$2.00 each.**

Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass in the Cathedral by Parish Pastoral Council members. If you would like to purchase tickets on line you can deposit the money to:

Account: St Mary's Cathedral Parish
BSB: 083879
Account no: 489168836

Please use your first and surname and youth raffle as the reference.

Our raffle will be drawn by Bishop Greg after **9.30am Mass on Sunday 22 September during the Multicultural Day celebration.**

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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If you would like to join a Family Group

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord or ever.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

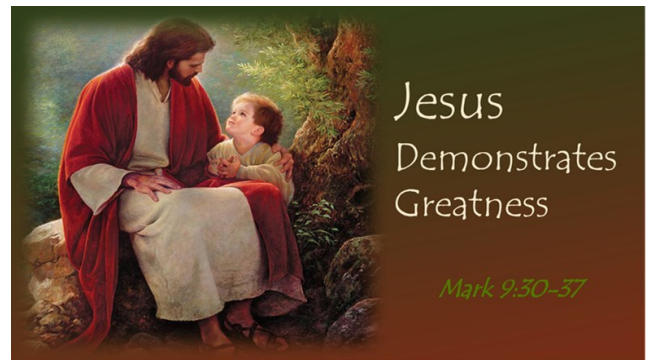
GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: **Numbers 11:25-29**

Second Reading: **St James 5:1-6**

Gospel: **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

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.