

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 2 - 3 November 2024*

### REFLECTION

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Tuesday 5 November:** Parish Office Closed.  
**Sun 17 Nov 10.30:** Farewell for Chris & Anita  
**Wed 20 Nov:** 5pm PPC, 7pm Finance Comm.  
**Sat 30 Nov 10.00am:** Working bee.  
**Mon 2 Dec 6.00pm:** Parish Dinner

**MASS TIMES** will change while Fr Aneesh is away. He is away till **8 November**.  
**CHANGES:** There is no Stratford Mass this weekend. Rosedale Mass will be at 7.00pm  
**Daily Masses in the Cathedral—Normal daily Masses except Thursday is at 5.00pm for the Serra Club Mass.**

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Next weekend, **Sunday 3 November**, the Indian Community will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area after 9.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 7 November** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 4 to 10 November. Please pray for vocations.

**SERRA CLUB FUNDRAISER.** Serra Club are holding a fundraising event at the Sale Greyhound Club on Sunday 17 November. Please come along and join us, purchase a meal, buy raffle tickets and watch the dog races. It will be a fun evening, if you would like to join us please sign up next week after Mass.

**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**. Venue: The Abbey, Raymond Island. **Bookings essential to: [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)**

## PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL

**PROGRAM:** Many thanks to all who have generously pledged to support the parish financially for the next three years through the Planned Giving Renewal Program. **As we are still receiving pledges we are not in a position to provide any final figures for the program**, however, the responses received so far are very encouraging for an improved financial result. If you are not in the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute it is not too late. Pledge cards and brochures are available in the foyers of all our churches. Once again thank you for generously supporting the Parish financially. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a cash Planned Giver your envelopes & statement (Sep & Oct) will be available at your Church for collection this weekend. If you are a cash giver who has not sent in a new form your envelopes will be available with your receipt for the September/October 2024 period. **I am in the process of renumbering all envelopes and this number will be on your statement.**

**ALPHA CONFERENCE:** What is 'Every Generation'? 'Every Generation' is a two-day national Catholic Conference hosted by Alpha Australia. This Conference seeks to equip and empower Church leaders to explore Alpha as a catalyst for intergenerational renewal. Friday 8 November 2024 (9am - 9pm) - Saturday 9 November (9am - 5pm) Cathedral Hall, ACU Melbourne, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065, Australia. \$150 per person [everygeneration.com.au](http://everygeneration.com.au)

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** vacancy is being advertised and closes on 8 November 2024. The permanent part-time position is for 2.5 days per week and is based in Warragul. Please see the letter on our church noticeboards if you are interested in this position. You can apply by including a cover letter and copy of your current resume addressing the selection criteria and how your qualifications and skills align to the requirements of the Position Description should be forwarded to Mary Winter (Business Manager) by email [maryw@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:maryw@sale.catholic.org.au) by 4pm on **Friday 8 November 2024** or phone (03) 5622 6600.

## 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*

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** on Tuesday 5 November for Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH DINNER** will be held on **Monday 2 December from 6pm** in the Chapter House. If you would like to help with the function please call the Parish Office.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM** If you are interested in being part of this team, organising parish functions, please contact the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

**NOVEMBER OFFERINGS** November is the month when we offer special Masses for deceased family members and friends. Offering envelopes are available in the Cathedral or your local Church and can be made at any time

**NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES** will be held at **11.00am on Thursday 28 November** in the Cathedral. Please come along if you can.

**THANK YOU** to Kevin Woodhouse who is leading the music at **5.30pm Mass on Saturday night**.

**WORKING BEE** in the Cathedral will be held on **Saturday 30 November after 9.30am Mass**. Please bring along any implements that may assist with cleaning or gardening.

**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:	\$807.00
Presbytery:	\$913.20
Credit Cards	\$0.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,320.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$115.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
2 - 3 November 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 2 November</b> <i>All Soul's Day</i>	<b>10.00am</b> 5.30pm 7.00pm	Sale Cemetery Chapel Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 3 November</b> <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i> <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 7 November</b> <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00	Cathedral
<b>Friday 8 Nov</b> <i>Benediction &amp; Exposition Mass</i> <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Saturday 9 November</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong 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 26 October 5.30pm	Sun 27 October 9.30am	Sunday 27 October 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	John Dykun	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Brenda Bowden
<b>Eucharist</b>	Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 2 November 5.30pm	Sun 3 November 9.30am	Sunday 27 October 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Reader</b>	Joel Brayshaw	Christine Lyon	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Frank Fidge	Anna Allen	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	John Vermaelen & John Dykun		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**3 Nov 9.30am:** John Buttler (A); **5 Nov at 9.30am:** Roshanee Fernando (A);  
**6 Nov at 9.30am:** John Johnson (A) ; **7 Nov 9.30am:** Judith Gray (RD)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Pam Edgely, Judith Gray**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ern Durrant, Roshanee Fernando, John Buttler, John Johnson, Kevin Maxfield, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Cynthia Freshwater, Teresa Bennett, 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.**

**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 next **Saturday 23 November at 5.30pm** in the Cathedral

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.

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
LUKE:**

You are invited to an online evening with Fr. Francis Otobo as he guides us through the Gospel of Luke in preparation for Year C.  
Venue: Online  
Date: Thursday, 7th November 2024 @3.45pm  
RSVP: Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1312452> or use the QR Code.



**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:**

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: "If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart."

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**I love you Lord, my strength.**

I love you Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour,  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. / *R.*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. / *R.*

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests, under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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 Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes now came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'

Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.'

Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God'. And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**



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

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**  
First Reading: **1 Kings 17:10-16**  
2nd Reading: **Hebrews 9:24-28**  
Gospel: **Mark 12:38-44**

**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.*