

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE; ST PATRICK'S, STRATFORD;  
ST ROSE OF LIMA, ROSEDALE; ST PATRICK'S, BRIAGOLONG;  
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LOCH SPORT.

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**Safeguarding Statement:** Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Ph 5144 4100



## The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C 28 – 29 December 2024

Day/Date	Time	Place	Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 28 December	Sun 29 December	Sunday 29 Dec
<b>Saturday 28 December</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral		5.30pm	9.30am	5.30pm
<b>Sunday 29 December</b>	7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral	<b>Welcomer</b>	Ann Neville	Please offer	Claire Everard
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>			<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Please offer	
<b>Monday 30 December</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Lyn Althaus
<b>Tuesday 31 December</b>	9.30am	Cathedral	<b>Eucharist</b>	Doug Waite	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
<b>Wednesday 1 Jan 2025</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Cathedral	<b>Counters</b>	Len & Lyn Althaus		
<b>Thursday 2 January</b>	9.30am	Cathedral	<b>Cathedral Date &amp; Time</b>	Sat 4 January 5.30pm	Sun 5 January 9.30am	Sunday 5 January 5.30pm
<b>Friday 3 January</b>			<b>Welcomer</b>	Ann Neville		Claire Everard
<b>Benediction &amp; Exposition Mass</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral	<b>Commentator</b>		Christine Lyon	
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>			<b>Reader</b>	Faye Flint	Brenda Bowden	Lyn Althaus
<b>Saturday 4 January</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale	<b>Eucharist</b>		Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
<b>Sunday 5 January</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral	<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year from Fr Francis, Fr Aneesh, Clare, Mark, Jenny and Myriam.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 30 Dec to 5 January. Please pray for vocations.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from **Friday 20 December 2024 through to Tuesday 21 January 2025**. This will allow the office staff to have a well earned holiday. If you need support or assistance please call the Presbytery on 5144 4100 or call Fr Aneesh on his mobile number shown in the letterhead above if you require assistance.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE** In 2025 Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Jubilee. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Join us as we celebrate the opening of this year-long journey of hope and faith at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, will begin at **11:00am on Wednesday 1 January 2025** and all are welcome. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be available. There will be an opportunity for you to pray and reflect on the diocesan themes for the year as well as considering how you can be a pilgrim of hope in 2025. (Please note this will replace our usual 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral)



### MASS INTENTIONS:

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Maureen Thompson** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Daniel, 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, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**DELEGATES list for the Diocesan Assembly.** As you all would have already known the Diocesan Assembly for which we have been praying is scheduled for 14 & 15 February 2025 at Federation Uni in Churchill. Thanks to Nick Hall and Jenny Fitzgerald who help us with the preparatory and consultative phase. After prayers, consultations, and calls, the following parishioners will now be our Cathedral Parish delegates at the Assembly. Thanks to them for saying yes as well.

St Mary's Cathedral: **Libby Byrnes & Vince Beer**

St Rose of Lima Rosedale: **Veronica Barnes**

St Patrick's Stratford: **Nick Lee**

St Patrick's Briagolong: **Margaret Anderson.**

We hold them and the other delegates in our prayers, and the success of the Assembly.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,

is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R.)**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,

look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-44

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation:** Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### **The EPIPHANY of the LORD**

First Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

Gospel: **Matthew 2:1-12**

### 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.**