

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 15 - 16 February 2025

My dear Parishioners,

Let me use this opportunity to thank you for your gracious and generous support of the welcome Mass and morning tea for our new principals. The day was well attended and the morning tea well catered for, courtesy of you (parishioners) and the school communities. That was a true demonstration of the spirit of oneness and solidarity and community. Truly appreciated.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: To the glory of God, the long awaited Diocesan Assembly is here. As I write this piece, it's barely hours away. By the time you read this, it would have been over (except for those who receive the bulletin electronically). We are hoping for the best and will keep you updated. Special appreciation to our delegates for their commitment and support. Continue to pray for the best outcome of the Assembly and for the fruits to continue to direct us in the right direction building a church that is more Christ-centric and synodal; where each of us recognises and plays our role in building the body of Christ.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: As you may well know, Pope Francis has declared this year a jubilee of hope for the universal church and humanity. The opening ceremonies was well attended here in the Cathedral. Thank you for your attendance and support. Now, as a community, how can we mark this extraordinary jubilee year? The theme is hope. Could you please communicate your ideas to one of our PPC members, as this will be part of the agenda for our next meeting.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: We are now into the second year since we had our Parish Assembly. So far so good. As I said to the PPC members, in the spirit of the Assembly, what initiatives would you like to prioritise this year? What would you like to see happen in our parish this year? In other words, what practical pastoral programs would you like to see come to fruition in our parish before the end of the year? Once again, if you have any suggestions or ideas could you please share them with a member of the PPC so we can discuss them further at our next meeting on Wednesday **19 Feb**.

PPC MEMBERSHIP: I'd like to, on behalf of the PPC, thank Anita Little, the former Principal of St Thomas Primary School, for her contributions to the parish as the school rep on the Council. By reason of her ceasing to be Principal of St Thomas, she has now stepped down as a member of the PPC. May God continue to bless her in her future endeavors. We are now in touch with the new Principal, Jodie Ware, who will let us know who the new school rep will be. You shall be informed in due course. Also, our minutes secretary, Clare O'Brien, is stepping down from the Council due to time constraints. We will thus need two new members. If you have any nominations please let Fr Francis know through the parish office.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY: We had a very robust celebration of this event last year. We agreed to make it an annual event. Do you have any ideas/suggestions that will foster even a better celebration this year, please share such with the PPC. The committee awaits our suggestions.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Up to the end of last year 2024, we had Shari as leader of this ministry. She shared her time, talents, and resources generously with the parish in leading the ministry. However, due to other commitments, she has stepped aside as leader, though she still remains part of the ministry. We are very grateful to Shari for the time and energy she spent leading our young ones. May God continue to bless her in her new exploits. With Shari stepping down, the youth ministry needs a new volunteer leader. Would you like to help out here, or do you know of someone who can help, please let Fr Francis know. Also, have you got any brilliant thoughts, suggestions, and ideas for revamping this all important ministry in our parish, please let Fr Aneesh know or the parish office.

Once again, thank you for all you have been for the parish. Your support means a lot and helps greatly in the smooth administration of the parish. God bless you all.

Fr Francis Otober.

PARISH CALENDAR

Fri 14 & Sat 15 Feb: Diocesan Assembly
Sun 16 Feb: First Communion commitment Masses
Wed 19 Feb 5.00pm: PPC Meeting
Wed 26 Feb 7.00pm: Finance Committee
Wed 5 March: Ash Wednesday
Fri 7 March, 6.00pm: Youth planning meeting
Sat 15 March 5.30pm: Youth Mass, Cathedral
Sat 29 March 5.30pm: First Communion

DELEGATES list for the Diocesan Assembly.

The Diocesan Assembly is being held on **14 and 15 February 2025**. Please pray for our Delegates:

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.

Fr Francis and Fr Aneesh. We hold them and the other delegates in our prayers, and pray for the success of the Assembly.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Diocesan Assembly being held on **Friday 14 and Saturday 15 February** concluding at 5pm, there are to be no Vigil Masses across the Diocese of Sale. There will be no Cathedral or Rosedale Masses at **5.30pm on Saturday 15 February**. As our Priests will be away we will have **no Friday Mass and Exposition or Saturday morning Mass**.

31 CLUB REMINDER 17 - 23 February. Please pray for vocations.

YOUTH MASS our first youth Mass for 2025 will take place at **5.30pm on Saturday 15 March** in the Cathedral. Planning meeting will be in the Chapter House at **6.00pm on Friday 7 March**. All are welcome.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Amelia Spencer** daughter of Aaron & Nikolina as well as **Russell Atienza** son of Leonard & Jennifer. Congratulations to the families from us all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat O'Brien who turns **90** on Saturday 15 Feb. Pat would like to thank his family group who celebrated early with him. He is recovering well from his recent operation.

JUBILEE YEAR Jubilee of Artists 23rd February What: St Joseph's Warragul and St Ita's Drouin & St Ignatius Neerim South parishes are hosting the Diocesan Jubilee of Artists. Artists are invited to submit photographs of up to three art works which speak to the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. That is a church which brings about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice. Artists are asked to include a brief profile of themselves and the impulse behind their works. Why: Our contribution to Pope Francis' Jubilee of Hope. That we may rejoice with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. That sacred art may reveal true beauty, a glimmer of the Spirit of God, which opens the human soul to a sense of the eternal. Where: Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul. **Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Joseph's 11 am, Bishop Greg's blessing of the exhibition 12pm, shared lunch at Teachers Centre 1pm.**

When: a) Photo of work(s) [and profile] submitted via email by **4pm Mon 10 Feb**, b) delivery of work to Marian Room by **2pm Fri 21 Feb**, c) Exhibition date **Sunday 23 Feb 2025** How: Exhibits of paintings, sculpture and other mediums as selected by the Committee need to be delivered to the Marian Room between **10am and 2pm on Thursday 20th Feb and Friday 21st Feb**. The Committee will mount and display one work from each contributor. (easels welcomed). Committee Contact **5623 1642 Warragul@cdsale.org.au**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 February at 5pm** in the Chapter House. If you have any issues you would like discussed or ideas for this year for the Council please talk to one of the PPC members or the Priests.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting will be held at **7.00pm on Wednesday 26 February** in the Chapter House

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM has commenced for 2025. First Communion candidates will be making their commitment to the program at Mass this weekend, **Sunday 16 February**. **First Communion will take place at 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 29 March**. If you have a child making a Sacrament this year please contact the Parish office to register.

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*

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Join Mothers Who Pray for Their Children, for the 2nd Australian Conference on **15 February 2025**, at the Catholic Leadership Centre in Melbourne. Be inspired by powerful testimonies, enriching talks, and the strength of united prayer as we gather to support one another in this beautiful vocation of motherhood. Don't miss this day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal! To book your tickets go to www.motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online by phoning **1800 024 413** or on the link www.caritas.org.au/gaza

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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:

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
15 - 16 February 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 15 February <i>NO MASS or VIGIL MASSES</i>	<i>DIOCESAN</i>	<i>ASSEMBLY</i>
Sunday 16 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral
<i>WEEKDAY MASSES</i>		
Monday 17 February	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 18 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 19 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 20 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 21 February <i>Exposition and Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>WEEKEND MASSES</i>		
Saturday 22 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 23 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 15 February 5.30pm	Sun 16 February 9.30am	Sunday 16 February 5.30pm
Welcomer	<i>NO</i>	John Dykun	Please offer
Commentator	<i>MASS</i>	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	<i>NO</i>	Nick Hall	Claire Everard
Eucharist	<i>MASS</i>	Sue Harvey	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 22 February 5.30pm	Sun 23 February 9.30am	Sunday 23 February 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Please Offer
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 16 Feb 9.30am: Roshanee Fernando & Claudeliya Fernando (A's)

Tues 18 Feb 9.30am: Joe Dimarco (A);

Wed 19 Feb 9.30am: Kevin & Mollie Hickey (A's)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mary Waitman, Adrienne Collins, Joe Dimarco, Kevin & Mollie Hickey, Roshanee Fernando, Claudeliya Fernando, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Maureen McLeod, Daniel, Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **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.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you,
denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**They ate and had their fill;
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
First Reading: **1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:45-49**
Gospel: **Luke 6:27-38**

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.