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First Sunday of Lent, Year C 8 - 9 March 2025

My dear Parishioners,

How beautiful it is to have begun the holy season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. In 40+ days time we will enter into the Holiest of weeks in celebration of the Paschal festivities. Until then may we utilise the opportunities we have to prepare well by participating actively in the Lenten devotionals and observances. For us here in the Cathedral parish these include, but not limited to, the following:

Stations of the Cross: We have already begun this on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. It will continue every **Friday at 6.00pm** in the Cathedral. I encourage everyone to please create time for this prayer of the church and devotion which affords us the opportunity to reflect on the passion of the Lord through meditating on fourteen aspects of the pathway leading up to the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, in anticipation of the rising from the grave. Looking to seeing as many of us as possible every Friday.

Lenten reflections: This year, we thought we might include a brief reflection on our Lenten practices and texts following the Stations of the Cross. It is meant to be a brief reflection and we promise to keep it short and sweet.

Daily Masses: As you all know, Lent is a time of deepened prayer life. The highest prayer of the church is the Holy Mass. I'm sure you all know but I'd like to remind us, in the spirit of Lent, and to encourage us to please **TRY AND ATTEND daily Masses** if time/schedule permits. It is always brief, only 30 mins. We begin at 9.30am and by 10.00am it is over. When you're not working could you please give it a go; or make it a particular Lenten observance for yourself.

Adoration: Adoration takes place in the Cathedral on **Fridays at 10.00am followed by Mass at 11.00am**. It is another beautiful way to engage with the Lord.

Reconciliation: We are supposed to stay connected to the Lord every single day. However, Lent is a time when we seek particular reconciliation with the Lord and with one another by attending Confessions. This opportunity is offered **every Friday during adoration in the Cathedral**. In the other churches, please let the priest know before Mass each Sunday when he comes around. You can also ask for this sacrament anytime and whenever you're prepared. Call the parish office, talk to any of the sacristans on duty, or talk to the priest directly and make an appointment. **There will be a special reconciliation service closer to Holy Week.**

Personal prayers: The Cathedral is open daily from after Mass till **about 5.00pm**. You can choose to come in for your personal Stations of the Cross or a visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy the peace of the Lord's presence. Family prayer times will be beautiful during this season.

Project Compassion: The envelopes and boxes for this project have been placed in our churches. Our generous donations always go a long way to helping the less privileged near and far.

Thank you for all you have been for the parish. Without you there is no St Mary's Cathedral Parish. May we continue to be united in building our community and parish. God bless you all.

Fr Francis Otopo.

PARISH CALENDAR

Fridays 14, 21, 28 March, 4 & 11 April:
Stations of the Cross & Lenten reflection
Sat 15 March 5.30pm: Youth Mass, Cathedral
Sun 16 March 3.00pm: Rite of Election
Sat 29 March 5.30pm: First Communion

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM has commenced for 2025. 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.

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place next **Sunday 16 March at 3pm** in the Cathedral. Bishop Greg will meet with the Catechumens and Candidates in the Chapter House from 2pm. Please pray for our Parish RCIA participants. As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral Sale on Sunday 16th March 2025, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale. 1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal 3.00-4.00 pm Rite of Election. To register your interest, please contact Sophy Morley on Sophymorley@gmail.com or mobile No: 0413 590 007.

PROJECT COMPASSION resources are available in each Parish church from this weekend (**8 & 9 March**). Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. This Lent, we're invited to Unite Against Poverty with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your local Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling **1800 024 413**. Project Compassion finishes on Sunday **13 April 2025**.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Lent began with Ash Wednesday this week (5/3). Consequently, our Lenten Devotions will continue on **Friday 14 March** with Stations of the Cross. They will be at **6.00pm in the Cathedral** each Friday in Lent—14, 21, 28 March and 4 & 11 April. They will be followed each time by a brief Lenten Reflection and Blessing. All are very welcome.

THE 2025 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - "Hearts filled with joy, confidence and immense gratitude". On Friday 14th and Saturday 15th of February, 220 representatives from across the whole Diocese gathered at the Federation University Auditorium, Churchill. The two-day program engaged everyone in prayerful listening and spiritual conversations that acknowledged and affirmed the strengths and best practices of the Diocese, identified the significant challenges being faced, and discerned which pastoral priorities needed to be given priority to leverage the movement toward the Diocese becoming a more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary Church. The fruits of the two days were evident in the strong sense of communion, grace, positivity, and renewed hope expressed by the delegates. "My heart is filled with joy, confidence and immense gratitude". "A wonderful two days filled with richness, faith and friendship beyond my expectations". "The experience has given me hope that we will be moving in a direction to secure the future of the Church." "Let's walk in unity as a Diocese and bring these priorities to life through considered action." At the closing Mass, Bishop Greg urged delegates to carry forward the spirit of the Assembly, stating, "We have stood on holy ground; now it is time to put our shoes back on and go forth as pilgrims of hope to others." Bishop Greg, and the members of the Diocesan Mission Council now have the task of drafting a Diocesan Pastoral Plan based on the pastoral priorities identified at the assembly.

LEAVING COLLECTION for Sr Julie Ogbole raised a total of **\$549.65**. Thank you to all who responded so generously.

The Pope's Prayer Intention: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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*

2025 VIRTUAL LENT SERIES We are delighted to present a series of Lent talks by three Australian biblical scholar from Yarra Theological Union. WHEN: **Tuesdays: 11, 18, 25 March & 1, 8 April TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT***. WHERE: Via Zoom meeting **COST: Free REGISTRATION:** Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration. To register go to <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/virtual-lenten-series-2025>

JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering. The Diocese of Sale is pleased to announce the Jubilee of Volunteers, a special occasion to celebrate and recognise the invaluable contributions of volunteers across all our parishes. This event will take place on Saturday, **5:00pm, 29 March 2025**, at St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance. This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church. For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all. We invite all volunteers across the Diocese of Sale to join us in gratitude and celebration. More details to follow.

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:	\$878.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday of Lent, Year C
8 - 9 March 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 8 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 9 March	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 10 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 11 March		
Helena Klimas' Funeral Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
Wednesday 12 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 13 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 14 March		
Exposition and Benediction Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 15 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 16 March	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	3.00pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

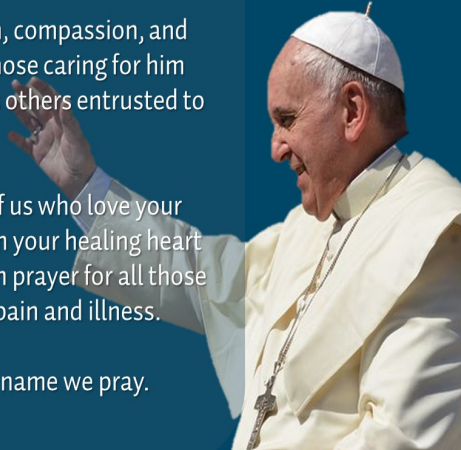
A prayer for Pope Francis

Lord, we ask that you watch over Pope Francis and grant him the courage, strength, and healing he needs.

Grant wisdom, compassion, and empathy to those caring for him and as well as others entrusted to their care.

Grant those of us who love your Church faith in your healing heart and unite us in prayer for all those experiencing pain and illness.

In Jesus' holy name we pray.
AMEN.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 8 March 5.30pm	Sun 9 March 9.30am	Sunday 9 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Please offer
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Mildred Semodio	Please offer
Reader	Brenda Bowden	Andreena Jolly	Claire Everard
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 15 March 5.30pm	Sun 16 March 9.30am	Sunday 16 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Di Austin	Andreena Jolly
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Sue Harvey	Doug Waite
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:


Sat 8 Mar 5.30pm: Marshall and John McLinden (A's)

Sun 9 Mar 9.30am: Giulio & Gina Ravagnolo (A's)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Carmel Drew, Helena Klimas, Sr Julie Ogbole SON** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Giulio & Gina Ravagnolo, Marshall and John McLinden, Michael Walsh, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Helen Cantwell, 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**

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



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL:

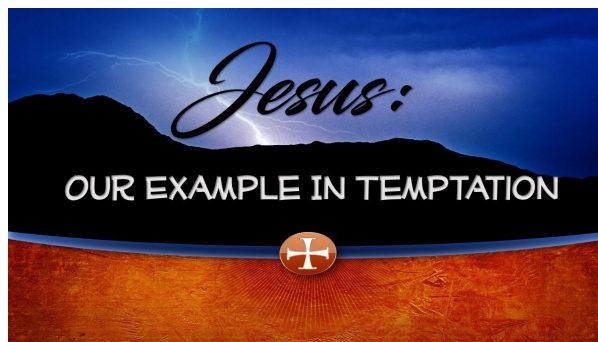
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading: **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 9:28-36**

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.