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## *Second Sunday of Lent, Year C* *15 - 16 March 2025*

### REFLECTION AND NOTES

In the gospel narratives about the person of Jesus and his ministry, we read about how he constantly tells the disciples to stop, take a breath, step aside, reflect awhile, and then continue. Jesus knows the importance of taking a break from the busy and bustling streets of life to make sure you are well rested and so prepared for the next chapter. As we commence the second week of Lent, we read about Jesus who invites Peter and John and James to the mountain to be with him in prayer, to get to know him better, and so to be prepared for the challenges ahead. In the same way, every Lenten season, Jesus invites us too to come up with him to the mountain top through prayer and the Lenten devotions, to accompany him, to rest with him, and to encounter him in a particular way so as to deepen our friendship and relationship with him. In other words, to grow closer to him. Like the apostles, may our encounters of Jesus through our observances and devotions this Lenten season strengthen and prepare us for the mission entrusted to us. Amen!

**SR JULIE OGBOLE, SON:** On behalf of Bishop Greg, I'd like to thank you all for your generous contributions in collection towards the cost of taking the body of Sr Julie home. As was published in the bulletin last week, we had over \$500.00. Additionally, there were a couple of parishioners who sent in personal donations towards the cause. Even up to last week, parishioners were still asking how they could make their contributions. Thank you heaps and may God bless you all abundantly. The sisters send their gratitude to you all too. Sr Julie's body has been received by her family and congregation's mother house back in Nigeria. Her funeral and final internment is now scheduled for 20/21 March.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** This Sunday (16/03/25) at 2.00pm, Bishop Greg will welcome all the Candidates and Catechumens from across the Diocese to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. The liturgy of the Rite of Election will commence at 3.00pm. Following the simple liturgy we would like to offer the attendees afternoon tea in the Narthex area. Though a short notice, if you're able could you please help with a plate. Thanking you in advance for your hospitality.

**CHRISM MASS: URGENT HELP NEEDED:** The Mass of the Oils, also known as Chrism Mass, is about a month away. It is scheduled to be celebrated on **Tuesday 15 April at 11.00am** in the Cathedral. We are in dear need of a few ministry roles to be attended to. Could you please let me know asap if you would be willing and available to assist in these roles:

**Altar servers (5 needed)**

**Welcomers and greeters (5 needed)**

**Car park directors (5 needed)**

**First aiders (doctors, nurses, trained first aiders).**

**Hospitality:** Additionally, we are hoping to organise light refreshments in the Narthex for the congregation. We are therefore appealing once again to your generosity and calling on parishioners to please assist with a plate that afternoon. This will surely help with the catering.

**YOUTH MASS:** This **Saturday 15 March at 5.30pm**, we welcome all our young ones who are coming together for the first youth Mass of 2025. Thanks to the team for organising the Mass.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** The envelopes and boxes for this project are now available 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 Otobo.*

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Fridays 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  
**Wed 19 March:** No Weekday Mass Cathedral  
**Sat 29 March 5.30pm:** First Communion  
**Tues 15 April 11.00am:** Mass of the Oils

**YOUTH MASS** our first youth Mass for 2025 will take place at 5.30pm this Saturday 15 March in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** has commenced for 2025. First Communion will take place at 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 29 March. Confirmation will take place on Sunday 8 June, Pentecost Sunday. 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 this 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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

**PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your local Church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413. You can place your donations on the Collection plates at each Mass. Project Compassion finishes on Sunday 13 April 2025.

**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.

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

**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: 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-lent-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.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Lyra McLachlan daughter of Dylan & Tamara; Victoria Beams daughter of Kevin & Sarah; and Arlo, Remy & Nia Fleming children of Dale and Holly. Congratulations to the families from us all.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 17 - 23 March. Please pray for vocations.

**NO WEDNESDAY MASS** this Wednesday as the Priests are at a Diocesan Reflection Day.

### 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*

**COME AND SEE** a call to the Priesthood. An opportunity to meet others who are discerning a vocation to Ministry, and hearing from Priests, stories of their life and call to ministry. A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

When: Sunday 30 March 3.00 - 4.00pm  
Where: St Michaels Parish, 33-35 Kay St Traralgon.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** All are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Rosary and Chaplet Prayers from 2.00pm on Sunday 27 April at St Ita's Church Drouin. There will be a special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet & Fr Brendan Hogan. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

**MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS** if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

**DAILY PRAYER** Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.prays.com.au>

**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:	\$1,040.00
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**Mass Timetable this week  
Second Sunday of Lent, Year C  
15 - 16 March 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 15 March</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<i>Youth Mass</i>	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 16 March</b>	9.30am	Stratford
<i>Diocesan Rite of Election</i>	9.30am <b>3.00pm</b> 5.30pm	Cathedral <b>Cathedral</b> Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 17 March</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 March</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 20 March</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 21 March</b>		
<i>Exposition and Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 22 March</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 23 March</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

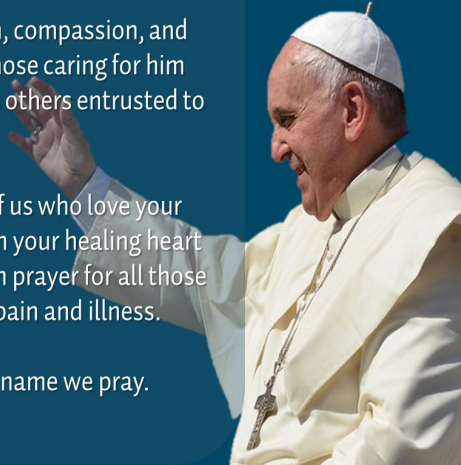
## A prayer for Pope Francis

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

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 22 March 5.30pm	Sun 23 March 9.30am	Sunday 23 March 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Joel Brayshaw	Mildred Semodio	Brenda Bowden
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		


**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 16 Mar 9.30am: Antoni Myrdzio (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 **Antoni Myrdzio, 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 sick.**

## 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:**

**Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from St Pauls letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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



### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

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

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Third Sunday of Lent, Year C**

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

### **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.**