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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C 29 - 30 March 2025



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25th March 2025

Very Rev Dean Francis Otopo
St Mary's Cathedral Parish
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Dear Fr Francis, Fr Aneesh, generous parishioners of St Mary's Cathedral Parish,

Warmest greetings from Sion House, Warragul!

I wanted to write to you to thank you for the wonderful Rite of Election you hosted on Sunday 16th March 2025 at St Mary's Cathedral.

I am, as always, aware and thankful for the hard work and attention to detail you give to the preparation of the Cathedral for this ceremony. This commitment was evident in the way everything ran so smoothly last Sunday. I am sure our Catechumens and Candidates who were able to join us at the Cathedral as part of their journey towards the Easter Ceremonies experienced a day filled with grace and joy.

I also wish to thank you all for the wonderful hospitality offered in the Narthex of the Cathedral after the ceremony. As always, this generous hospitality added to the wonderful atmosphere of joy!

With every grace and blessing as we journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Year of Jubilee.

+Greg Bennet,
Bishop of Sale

PARISH CALENDAR

Fridays 4 & 11 April: Stations of the Cross & Lenten reflection

Sat 29 March 5.30pm: First Communion

Tues 15 April 11.00am: Mass of the Oils

Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday

CCR TRIP TO ROME Fr Mark and I will be attending a CCR conference in Rome. We leave on Saturday 29 March and are back on Palm Sunday (13 April). I wanted to let you know we will be praying for everyone and we solicit prayers for us please. From Fr Francis Otobo.

MASS CHANGES While Fr Francis is away Stratford Mass will be 11.00am on **Sundays 30 March & 6 April. No Rosedale Mass Saturday 5 April.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Communion will take place at **5.30pm Mass this 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 WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Elise Brewis** daughter of Michelle & Mitchell. Also, to **Zaiden Prout** son of Georga & Dermott who is being baptised at St Patrick's Stratford. Congratulations to the families from us all.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Lent began with Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten Devotions will continue on **Friday 4 April** with Stations of the Cross. They will be at **6.00pm in the Cathedral** each Friday in Lent — 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: 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>

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 3 April 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 31 March to 6 April. Please pray for vocations.

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. We invite all volunteers across the Diocese of Sale to join us in gratitude and celebration. More details to follow.

JUBILEE of the sick & Healthcare Workers As part of the Jubilee celebrations, St. John the Baptist parish, Koo Wee Rup invites you to join us for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, a special Healing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg, where we will offer prayers for the sick members of our parish communities and their families. Date: **Sunday, April 6, 2025** Venue: **St. John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup** Time: **11:00 AM**

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.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY will be enacting Stations of the Cross in the assembly area of the Cathedral next **Friday (April 4) at 9.15am.** It will be a simple, solemn ceremony. It will go for about 30 minutes. All parishioners are welcome.

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*

PALM BRANCHES for Palm Sunday. Our usual supplier of palm branches for Palm Sunday has sold their house. Does anyone have suitable large palm branches (about 6 to 8) that they would be able to donate? Please call the office if you do on 5144 4100.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER If you would like to make a donation, please place in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you

VOLUNTEER ROSTER SHEETS FOR THE CATHEDRAL FOR EASTER WEEK have been placed in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Please volunteer if you are available during this Easter period.

CHRISM MASS – MASS OF THE OILS On **April 15** we have the Chrism Mass – Mass of the Oils. This is the day we are delighted to have most, if not all, our devoted Bishop, Priests and Deacons here at the Cathedral for celebration of this special Day of preparation of the Oils for the year. After Mass, we ask our **Parishioners to once again bring some of their delicious finger food to share together with a cuppa and some light refreshments.**

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:	\$750.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C
29 - 30 March 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29 March <i>First Communion</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 30 March	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 31 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 1 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 2 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 3 April <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 4 April <i>Exposition and Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 5 April	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 6 April	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 29 March 5.30pm	Sun 30 March 9.30am	Sunday 30 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	First Communion	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	First Communion	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader Eucharist	First Communion Jennifer Fitzgerald	Di Austin Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus Doug Waite
Counters	Sue Harvey & Clare O'Brien		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 5 April 5.30pm	Sun 6 April 9.30am	Sunday 6 April 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader Eucharist	Faye Flint Carmel Wade	Di Austin Anna Allen	Andreena Jolly Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Vermaelen & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **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, Hubert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

FIRST COMMUNION - 29 March 2025

Congratulations to the children who are making their First Communion this Saturday night. Thank you to Jennifer Fitzgerald, our Sacramental Coordinator, our Priests, our Catholic primary school teachers and Religious Education Coordinators as well as the parents and families who have so capably prepared the children for this special sacrament.



St Mary's:

Lacey Connley, Finn Hutchin,
Lily Rathnow, Mason Stephen

St Patrick's:

Clare Boyd, Charlie Sammut,
Adele Scicluna, Annalise Thomas, Lara Thomas

St Thomas':

Elsie Baynes, Spencer Brayshaw,
Abigail Glover, Amelia Glover, Franklin Heywood,
Xavier Kennedy, Addison Morelli,
Matilda Phillips, Thea Stubbe.

Zara Brewis, Olivia Cahill, Lillian Carroll,
Ruby Considine, Aaron Thomas

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?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs

were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st Reading: **Isaiah 43:16-21**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:8-14**

Gospel: **John 8:1-11**

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.