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Third Sunday of Easter, Year C 3 - 4 May 2025

Dear friends,

It's been a pretty busy couple of weeks, beginning with preparations for the Mass of the Oils to the celebrations of the Triduum, and then the loss of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, culminating in the celebration of the Office of the Dead for the Pope, and the eventual supper afterwards. For all these, I say thank you for your immense and unquantifiable support. I never take your assistance and support for granted; they are the pillars on which the success of parish life rests. So, to all those who participated in ministries at the Chrism Mass and also during the Easter ceremonies; to all those who were able to make themselves and their services available (despite the short notice) and also provided the sumptuous food at the Vespers for the Holy Father; to all who worked at the background, I say thank you. May God, in HIS infinite mercy, continue to bless you all and also keep us united as ever. Amen.

In the words of Bishop Greg, "The recent death and burial of late Pope Francis has captivated the attention of the world. How blessed we have been to have had such a powerful witness to the hope and mercy of God. Even the harshest critics of the Catholic Church have reflected on the manner of his Christ like leadership which has inspired so many millions of people." Following the Holy Father's transition to eternity, the conclave to elect a new Pope will begin on **7 May**. May I invite you to please keep the Cardinals charged with the responsibility of electing the new Pope in your prayers. At least say one Hail Mary everyday for this intention, or some other prayers as the Spirit may inspire you.

MAY DEVOTION: The month of May is usually marked by a special devotion to our mother Mary. I encourage you all to please recite the rosary daily for peace in the world. On the last Friday of the month, **30th May**, all things being equal, we shall draw the devotion to a close with a simple procession from the Chapter House to the Cathedral and conclude with an evening liturgy (**probably at 5.00pm**) and a shared supper.

We had our **PPC meeting** on Wednesday 30 April, and a few very important items were discussed that demands our urgent attention:

Ministers of Holy Communion: On Holy Thursday, Bishop Greg announced the return to receiving Communion under both species. As you probably know, the ministers of Communion, with limited numbers, are already stretched with the giving of the body; with the addition of the chalice, we definitely need more ministers. I'm therefore pleading with parishioners to please accept this invitation to become a minister of Holy Communion and help with the distribution of sacred body and the chalice. Once we have some volunteers come forward, a date for training will be announced for all. Thank you very much for considering service in this ministry.

Welcoming team: There are quite a few new people who have come to our Parish unnoticed, and have probably remained unwelcome. We also keep having young families who bring their young ones for baptism and who do not know what to do or where to go. Consequently, we are considering restarting the "Welcome Ministry". This ministry has always existed in our parish but for some reasons faded out. It is time to begin again, now that the Lord is blessing us with so many new parishioners, and many others passing through... Would you please consider being part of this wonderful and hospitable ministry to make people welcome in our parish... then please let me know or the parish office. A day for discussions on how this ministry will run will be fixed once we have some interests registered.

Multicultural Day/Jubilee celebration: We are hoping to build on the success of last year and make this year even more groovy. Our celebration this year will incorporate an event to mark the Jubilee year, thus having a two-day celebration. Please mark in your diaries, **Saturday/Sunday, 18/19 October 2025** for these events. Details to follow shortly.

Fr Francis Otober

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 4 May: First Sunday Cuppa
Wed 7 May 7pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Friday 9 May 6pm: Youth Planning Meeting
Sat 10 & Sun 11 May: Education of the Seminarians Bursary Fund Collection.
Sunday 11 May: Mother's Day
Mon 12 - Thurs 16 May: Clergy Retreat
Saturday 17 May 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sunday 18 May 12pm: Parish Lunch, Sporting Legends
Sat 24 & Sun 25 May: Trinity Families special Collection
Friday 30 May 5.00pm: May Devotion to Mary

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This **Sunday 4 May**, the Filipino Community will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Feel free to bring a plate to share

YOUTH MASS Our next youth Mass will take place at **5.30pm on Saturday 17 May** in the Cathedral. Planning meeting will be in the Chapter House at **6.00pm next Friday 9 May**. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCH at Sporting Legends will be held on **Sunday 18 May at 12pm**. All are welcome.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As part of St Agatha's Jubilee celebrations you are invited to join us if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year on **Saturday 31 May at 11.00am** Mass for a special blessing. Please contact the parish office with your details on 03 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

Jubilee of Workers – Sunday 25 May at Cowes
The Jubilee of Workers honours the essential contribution of all workers to our society — whether in trades or professions, as employees or volunteers. It also acknowledges St Joseph, the model and patron of all workers. This special Jubilee celebration will be held at St Mary's, Cowes, on **Sunday 25th May at 9:00am**.

All are warmly invited to make a pilgrimage to this celebration as part of their journey through the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

31 CLUB REMINDER 5 - 12 May. Please pray for vocations.

PROJECT COMPASSION thanks to the generosity of our wonderful Parishioners we raised **\$1,305.00** for Project Compassion in 2025. THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY St Michael's Traralgon are holding a session presented by Jane Mitchell & Mike Hansen. The session is on **Wednesday, 7 May 2025 from 7pm-8.30pm**.

Please register at tinyurl.com/45ftdsu
We look forward to seeing you online.

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL – 2025 Jubilee Year. Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. Our special collection for the Trinity Families Appeal will be taken up in all Parish Churches on **Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May** if you would like to donate cash to the fund.

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*

EDUCATION OF THE SEMINARIANS Bursary Fund Collection will take place next weekend (**Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 May**). This fund helps to support any of our Diocesan Seminarians.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on **Sunday 1 June at 2pm**. This Mass of Thanksgiving is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year and I hope you will encourage your newly baptized and those received into full communion in the church to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant. A light refreshment will be served after the Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

FR PETER SLATER will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination at St Patrick's Church Pakenham at **11am on Thursday 29 May 2025**. Parishioners are cordially invited to the Mass to celebrate with him on the day. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT our parish Priests will be on a Diocesan retreat from **Monday 12 to Friday 16 May 2025**. There will be no daily Masses in the Cathedral for this

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:	\$1,162.00
Presbytery:	\$995.75
Credit Cards	\$20.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,285.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$470.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Easter Year C
3 - 4 May 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 3 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 4 May <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 5 May <i>Funeral Mass Helen Cantwell</i>	12.00pm	Cathedral
Tuesday 6 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 7 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 8 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 9 May <i>Exposition & Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 10 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 11 May	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

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



Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 3 May 5.30pm	Sunday 4 May 9.30am	Sunday 4 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Di Austin	Claire Everard
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & Clare O'Brien		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 10 May 5.30pm	Sunday 11 May 9.30am	Sunday 11 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	John Dykun	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Di Austin	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 4 May 9.30am: Raquel Waite (A), Alec Casella, Alessandro & Angela Casella, Antonio & Francesca Cascianelli (A's)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Bill Kleynjans, Helen Cantwell, Aileen Nicholls, Pope Francis, Inge Ronchi**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Raquel Waite, Alec Casella, Alessandro & Angela Casella, Antonio & Francesca Cascianelli, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasari, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin**. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**



MAY 7TH, 2025 JOURNEYING WITH MARY

May is the month of Mary

Mary has a special place in the hearts of the faithful. It is therefore fitting that we pay special attention to her and to her role in the history of salvation. Join others from around the diocese in a special 'Zoom' gathering as we celebrate Mary's significance through Art, Music, Song, Private Reflection, Scripture and Prayer. Led by Jane Mitchell and Mike Hansen

Led in song by acclaimed singer song writer, Jane Mitchell

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See how specially chosen art pieces enhance our understanding of Mary and her role


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Spend some time in personal prayer and quiet meditation

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Link your own spiritual response to that of Mary's 'Yes'

To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/45fjdt5u>



May 7th 7pm

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:

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the

disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral -
Friday & Saturday following Mass**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading: **Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Second Reading: **Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

Gospel: **John 10:27-30**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

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.