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Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C
17 - 18 May 2025

RESURRECTION

The resurrection story can be told throughout the year, because it is always filled with a deeper meaning. The resurrection story forms the essence of our faith: we know that, Christ, by dying, defeated death and gave us everlasting life. By remembering this we can find relief from the burdens of sin and be filled with great joy for all the blessings of everyday life.

Christ's resurrection gives us a reason to live not only for today, but to sustain hope in our future, no matter how difficult the circumstances we currently live in.

Although the Easter season reminds us of Christ's remarkable sacrifice, we should never forget his willingness to give his life for our sake. That is why it is important to remember, celebrate and honour him not only during Easter-time, but throughout the year. We can do so by our regular prayers, reading the Bible, gathering with others to celebrate the Eucharist and also by thanking the Lord for the countless blessings in our lives.

Christ loves us even though we continue to sin and through His love, we are transformed. While it is impossible for us, as humans, to attain this level of unconditional love, we can do our best to imitate his example, however challenging it may be. Because that is what the Risen Lord is asking us to do: Love one another, just as I have loved you.

Fr Jithin



PARISH CALENDAR

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

Sun 1 June 2pm: Mystagogia Mass, Sale

YOUTH MASS Our next youth Mass will take place at 5.30pm on **Saturday 17 May** in the Cathedral.

PARISH LUNCH at Sporting Legends will be held on **Sunday 18 May at 12pm**. All are welcome - there is no need to book, just come along.

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.

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 **Friday 30 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 shared supper.

31 CLUB REMINDER 19 - 25 May. Saturday morning Mass is offered for Vocations please join us to pray.

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.

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**. Please keep Fr Peter in your prayers.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Leo Petrovic** son of Zachary & Laura; **Harry & Layla Ogilvie** children of Matthew & Cassie; & **Toby, Lenny & Harry Glover** children of Hayden & Molly. Congratulations to the families from us all.

FOUND HEARING AID found after the weekend of 3 - 4 May. Can be collected from the Parish Office during opening hours.

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

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GREG BENNET

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Warmest blessings of peace and joy. We have lived through an extraordinary period of Church history with the recent death and funeral of the late Pope Francis. We now share the jubilation that God has raised up for us Pope Leo XIV. How blessed we are that such a man has been identified through the Holy Spirit at the conclave to become our shepherd. As we are all learning, he brings such an extraordinary breadth of ministerial and leadership experience to the responsibilities which are now entrusted to him. Those who know him personally have spoken of his many human gifts and generous pastoral heart – "Father Bob" is now Pope Leo. His own missionary heart, gifted skills in leadership with the Augustinians, vast international experience, studies in canon law and recent role as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops have all been part of the work of the Spirit forming him for this moment: May he blessed! I have been asked as Vice President to represent the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV which is scheduled for Sunday 18th May. I will need to travel to Rome. Be assured I shall carry you in my prayers to the See of St Peter as the Church embraces Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father. With every peace in this pilgrim year of hope!
+Greg Bennet, Bishop of Sale

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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| Planned Giving: | \$670.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$1,035.25 |
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| Direct Debits & Credits: | \$2,621.00 |
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Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C
17 - 18 May 2025

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 17 May <i>Youth Mass</i> | 9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale |
| Sunday 18 May | 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Stratford Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | |
| Monday 19 May | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 20 May | | |
| Funeral Mass Rachele Stefanetti | 11.00am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 21 May | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Thursday 15 May | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Friday 16 May | | |
| Benediction & Exposition | 10.00am | Cathedral |
| Mass | 11.00am | Cathedral |
| WEEKEND MASSES | | |
| Saturday 24 May | 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm | Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale |
| Sunday 25 May | 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral |

| Cathedral Date & Time | Sat 17 May 5.30pm | Sunday 18 May 9.30am | Sunday 18 May 5.30pm |
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| Welcomer | YOUTH MASS | Margaret Shirreffs | Mary Chiller |
| Commentator | Angelina | Susan Mattson | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Reader | Calix & Dakota | Vince Beer | Andreena Jolly |
| Reader | Jenny Gunn | Sue Harvey | Doug Waite |
| Counters | Theo & Sandra Smolenaars | | |

| Cathedral Date & Time | Sat 24 May 5.30pm | Sunday 25 May 9.30am | Sunday 25 May 5.30pm |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Welcomer | Theo Smolenaars | Vince Beer | Veronica Stewart |
| Commentator | Sandra Smolenaars | Nick Hall | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| Reader | Joel Brayshaw | Susan Mattson | Lyn Althaus |
| Eucharist | Rosemary Webster | Margaret Shirreffs | Len Althaus |
| Counters | Sue Harvey & Clare O'Brien | | |

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 17 May 9.30am: Brendan O'Brien (recently deceased)

Sun 18 May 9.30am: Paul Taylor (recently deceased)

Sun 18 May 9.30am: Fred, Renato & Stephen Segafredo

Wed 21 May Ashleigh House: Harold and Vera Trew (A's)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Paul Taylor, Brendan O'Brien, Rachele Stefanetti**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fred, Renato & Stephen Segafredo, Harold and Vera Trew, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, 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.**

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



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.

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.

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!

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program ☐

If you would like to join a Family Group ☐

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance,
alleluia.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

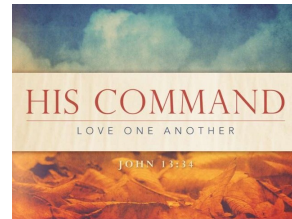
GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
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:

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

1st Reading: **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

2nd Reading: **Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23**

Gospel: **John 14:23-29**

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.