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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C *24 - 25 May 2025*

The beginning of a new era

With the election and inauguration of Pope Leo XIV a new era in the history of the church has begun. Last Sunday, greeting well over 200,000 pilgrims, leaders from around the world, representatives of Christian denominations, and delegations from other religious bodies, including our bishop, Greg Bennet, Pope Leo XIV marked the joyous start of his Petrine Ministry, officially inaugurating it at the Mass in St Peter's Square.

In Leo's humble words: "I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family." Here Pope Leo recalls the missionary and servant-leadership spirit of St Augustine, the founder of his Religious Order (the Augustinians), who is famous for his words: "For you I am a bishop; with you I am a Christian."

The Holy Father calls the world to love, to peace, and to unity. No more war, he exhorts. Reflecting on Leo's inaugural words, a Thai Buddhist scholar (Dr Boochuay) observes: "By choosing the name Leo XIV, he signals a return to the bold social teachings of the Church — emphasising justice, dialogue, and unity to heal the global divisions of our time." Pope Leo invites all believers to embody the core value of the Christian message: love. He says: "We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people... The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters... Together... let us walk towards God and love one another."

May God bless our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and bring to pass what God wants to accomplish through Leo's pontificate. We are united in prayers with him.

Humble reminders:

On this note, as a family united in love, I'd like to bring some reminders to you about:

May Devotion: as we draw our May devotion to a close, we would like to first thank you all for walking with the parish in this month of devotion to Our Lady. To crown the devotion, I now invite you all (and a reminder) to please come and be part of the short Rosary Procession which will begin from the Chapter House at **5.00pm, this Friday 30 May** to the Cathedral. Come as a family. Invite friends. Remind other parishioners. Following the concluding benediction, we will then have a shared dinner/supper. I rely on the generosity of your "plates" to make this work. Looking forward to seeing you all. Once again, time is **5.00pm**.

Mystagogia Mass: Next Sunday, 1 June, Bishop Greg and the RCIA community of the Diocese will be celebrating the Mystagogia Mass here in the Cathedral. This is the Mass that celebrates all the recipients of the various sacraments during the Easter ceremonies. We thus welcome the Diocesan RCIA team, the various Parish teams, and our new and most cherished Catholics, to the Cathedral. We pray God's blessings on the event.

Remain blessed in the Lord.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 24 & Sun 25 May: Trinity Families special Collection

Friday 30 May: Parish office is closed

Friday 30 May 5.00pm: May Devotion to Mary, Chapter House to Cathedral

Sun 1 June 9.30am: First Sunday cuppa

Sun 1 June 2pm: Mystagogia Mass, Sale

Sun 8 June 9.30am: Confirmation

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**, 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 (at 5.00pm) and shared supper.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 1 June**, the Polish community and St Thomas' school will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 5 June** 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 26 May - 1 June. Sat morning Mass is offered for Vocations please join us to pray.

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. As our Priests are attending there will be no Mass in the Cathedral on this day.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Shavini Thumpane Gedara** son of Ishara & Bernard. Congratulations to the family from us all.

EDUCATION OF THE SEMINARIANS BURSARY FUND collection on 10 & 11 May raised **\$628.50**. Thank you to all our generous parishioners.

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 this **Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May** if you would like to donate cash to the fund.



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

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.

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 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report

Bishop Greg Bennet, and the Diocesan Mission Council, are pleased to share the 2025 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report with the people of the Diocese of Sale. This report outlines the key themes, insights, and recommendations that emerged from the two-day Assembly held at Federation University, Churchill, in February this year. You can access the full report at: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/diocesan-assembly-1>

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Friday 30 May** as Clare is attending a funeral in NSW.

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

ST PAULS ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL SERVICE

This coming Sunday we're hosting Evensong at the Cathedral for Reconciliation Week, starting at 5pm. The Venerable Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey, Provincial Archdeacon for Reconciliation, First Peoples Recognition and Treaty will be preaching. Evensong is a wonderful, gentle, beautiful and reflective service of prayers and readings and hymns. All are welcome. Following the service we'll be sharing wine and cheese in the hall.

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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Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C
24 - 25 May 2025

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 24 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 25 May	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 26 May	NO	MASS
Tuesday 27 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 28 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 29 May	NO	MASS
Friday 30 May		
Benediction & Exposition	10.00am	Cathedral
Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
May Devotion	5.00pm	Chapter House
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 31 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 1 June	9.30am	Stratford
First Sunday Cuppa	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral

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
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Susan Mattson	Lyn Althaus
Reader	Rosemary Webster	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
Counters	Sue Harvey & Clare O'Brien		
Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 31 May 5.30pm	Sunday 1 June 9.30am	Sunday 1 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Mildred Semodio	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Faye Flint	Andreena Jolly	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Len Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & Clare O'Brien		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 24 May 5.30pm: John Allman (A)

Sun 25 May 9.30am: Maurice O'Neill (A); Thomas & Eileen Henebery (A's)

Sun 25 May 5.30pm: Karen Mae & Sebastien Kyro

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 **John Allman, Maurice O'Neill, Margaret Lee, Thomas & Eileen Henebery, 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, Hurbert 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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

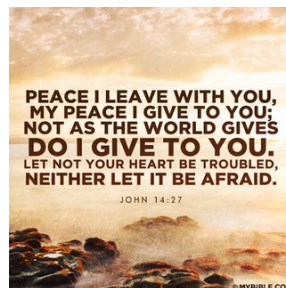
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you forever, 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:

The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year C

1st Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Luke 24:46-53**

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.