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The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year C *31 May - 1 June 2025*

Wisdom from our retreat: Friends, last Sunday I shared with the Cathedral community briefly about our annual clergy retreat at the Pallotti College in Milgrove. It was a very inspiring and motivating moment with the Lord, facilitated by a priest from the Ballarat Diocese. May I share with you one truth from the retreat. It goes: **"Don't be brutal, be kind, but be always truthful,"** says Fr Justin. What do you think? Can you be this? If you already are, congratulations. If not, can you begin today? Like right now? If we all take this to heart and practice it, it will go a long way to bettering our society and relationships. As we leave Mass today, in all our chats and thoughts with family, friends, and all, remember: don't be brutal. Be kind; but be truthful.

Should you find this challenging, don't worry. Only be determined to add this spice to your life's choices. In your determination, ask the Holy Spirit, who is already in you, to help you. He is not far away. He is the Promise of Father and the Son to all who trust in Jesus (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49). As we celebrate today the ascension of the Lord Jesus, may "the Father of glory give you a spirit of wisdom and perception" to behold what this spice brings to your life and relationships. Choose to "not be brutal, but kind and always truthful."

May Devotion: I want to, on behalf of the PPC, thank you immensely for your attendance at the concluding ceremonies for our May devotion and for your supplies which helped with the supper afterwards. Most cherished is your turnout. May God continue to bless us all as family as we forge ahead together, embodying Pope Leo's call to unity and love. If we are to preach this to the "world", it must begin with us, and this you have demonstrated. Truly appreciated.

Mystagogia Mass: As noted in our bulletin last week (and even before), this Sunday, at 2.00pm, Bishop Greg will preside at the Mystagogia Mass with the RCIA team and all those who received one sacraments or the other during Easter this year. We are blessed to be hosting this event this year. By this notice, I'm renewing our plea for your assistance with the afternoon tea. Your contributions have always helped in boosting our spirit of hospitality. Remember, you are deeply appreciated. Blessings and love.

Confirmation: Bishop Greg will be back next Sunday (Pentecost - 8 June) to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 23 young people. God be praised. We, as a parish community, have always offered hospitality at this Mass. May I then solicit your support for morning tea following the Mass. We are going to have heaps of young ones, their families and friends, and our school communities... Parents and families will also be asked to contribute their quota towards the morning tea. Thanking you heaps for your support always.

Two Pentecost retreats: There are two Pentecost events in the coming weeks. The first comes up on Saturday, **14 June at St Ita, Drouin, 10am to 3.30pm**; the other will take place here in **our Cathedral on Saturday, 21 June, 10am to 3.30pm**. I would personally like to invite you to please note the event taking place in Sale with details in the flyer on page three of this bulletin. Come and participate in this Spirit-led reflections, testimonies, praise and worship by Fr Mark Hughes and the Valdo family (from Bairnsdale), adoration and Holy Mass. It will be a spiritual fun moment you wouldn't want to miss. Hoping to see you there. Saturday, 21st June 2025.

Ministers of Communion: I want to thank you all who have indicated interest in assisting the Parish as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. I am truly grateful to you. The Parish Office will be in touch with you on the date set for some information and training concerning this ministry. We are hoping to have this training on a Friday evening in the coming weeks. Once again, thank you.

May God bless us all and keep us always united in God's love. *Alleluia! Amen!!*

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday 30 May: Parish office is closed

Friday 30 May 5.00pm: May Devotion to Mary

Sun 1 June 9.30am: First Sunday cuppa

Sun 1 June 2pm: Mystagogia Mass, Sale

Wed 4 June 6pm: Confirmation final practice

Thurs 5 June 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass

Sun 8 June 9.30am: Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation

Sat 21 June 10am: Pentecost Retreat, Cathedral

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.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This 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 2 - 8 June. Sat morning Mass is offered for Vocations please join us to pray.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale this **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.

NOTICE BOARD AND CATHEDRAL GLASS

if you have notices that you would like displayed in the Cathedral permission **must** be sought from the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Francis, or the Parish Office. **Without this permission no one is allowed to display any notices or documents.**

THE GIFT AND PRESENCE OF PROFESSED WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS IN THE DIOCESE OF SALE

The Diocese of Sale is blessed by the service of clergy and religious whose commitment to the mission of the gospel enriches our life in Christ. This is exemplified by their faithful witness across our parishes, in schools and colleges, in service of Catholic Education and the pastoral life of the Diocese. Throughout Church history religious orders have been established by their founders in response to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Church by bringing both contemplative and apostolic gifts to the service of others.

The presence of consecrated and vowed religious women and men throughout our Diocesan history has been a sign of grace. Under Church Law, the bishop solely approves the presence and missionary activity of religious orders and institutes. It is the law of the Catholic Church that religious superiors or province leaders request permission of a bishop to reside in a diocese and to undertake approved ministries.

Today there are four Religious Orders who enjoy such mutual approval by Bishop Greg: Sisters of Our Lady of the Nativity (Cranbourne), Brigidine Sisters (Catholic Education), Marist Brothers (Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Office), and the Oblates of Immaculate Mary (Parish of Moe-Newborough), and other international religious clergy ministering in our parishes. Other clergy or religious visiting or residing in the Diocese must complete necessary safeguarding checks and require the permission of the bishop to undertake public ministry in any form.

The presence of professed and consecrated religious women and men in our Diocese of Sale remains a sign of hope to all of us.

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*

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL Thank you to those who gave so generously to the Trinity Families Appeal last weekend. We raised a total of **\$629.00**. Thank you also to any Parishioners who donated on line. This is now an option for any of our special collections. If you still wish to donate to Trinity Families you do so on the Diocesan webpage at any time by clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/trinityfamilies>

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. Refer to the flyer on page 3 for more details.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION final practice will take place at **6.00pm in the Cathedral on Wednesday 4 June**. Confirmation will be held at **9.30am Mass on Sunday 8 June**.

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

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Mass Timetable this week
The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year C
31 May - 1 June 2025

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 31 May	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 1 June <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 2 June	NO	MASS
Tuesday 3 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 4 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 5 June <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 6 June <i>Benediction & Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 7 June	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 8 June PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral

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
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Mildred Semodio	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Faye Flint	Andreena Jolly	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Len Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & Clare O'Brien		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 7 June 5.30pm	Sunday 8 June 9.30am	Sunday 8 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	CONFIRMATION	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	CONFIRMATION	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	CONFIRMATION	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Doug Waite
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 31 May 5.30pm: Alicia Acosta, Teodora Acosta, Ma. Milagros Octavio, John Octavio, Federico Octavio

Sun 1 June 9.30am: Ann O'Brien, George Paterson

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 **Rose Marslen, Alicia & Teodora Acosta, Ma. Milagros, John & Federico Octavio, 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



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SALE AND
REGIONAL CCR SALE DIOCESE INVITE YOU

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT

Theme: Welcome Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

Saturday 21st June 2025

10am-3:30pm
 St Mary's Cathedral Sale

Featuring: Holy Mass, spiritual teachings, adoration,
 prayer, testimony and fellowship

Come Holy Spirit!

Enquiries: Fr Francis - 0448 529 712 or
 Cathy McLure - 0438 588 195

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. /R

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. /R

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne /R.

SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

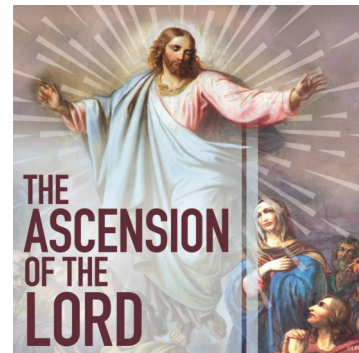
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, 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:

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year C

1st Reading: **Acts 2:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:8-17**

Gospel: **John 14:15-16, 23-26**

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.