

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A 4 - 5 April 2026*

### **2026 Easter Message Bishop Greg Bennet**

From ashes to the living font is the movement of the heart of during Lent and now our arrival at Easter. How joyful it is for us to gather across the Diocese of Sale and across the Church universal to celebrate this great feast of our life, our hope and our promise.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and we sing Alleluia, Alleluia!

The promise of this feast is that in every moment of our life, whether there is struggle or anxiety, fear and even death itself, the promise is that God has sent his Son Jesus Christ who has risen beyond the tomb to embrace us wherever we are through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This promise breaks into the complexity of the world. A world that is struggling with the violence of war, the enormous devastation this brings to so many and the economic uncertainty it has brought to our shores, Easter arrives once again. The Easter proclamation assures us that God's work continues even where we can no longer see a way forward. Resurrection does not erase the wounds of the world — it transforms them. Easter reminds us, with quiet insistence, that “nothing is impossible with God” (Lk 1:37).

How wonderful it is that across Diocese of Sale at the Easter Vigil this year, 2026, 100 adults have chosen the Christian way of the Catholic Church. Our Elect will receive the water of life for the very first time poured upon them as the Father, Son and Spirit descends upon them. 2

Together with our Candidates they will come to the altar of the Lord with us for the first time to be nourished by his body and blood, his legacy, his presence to us in every age.

Their “yes” to faith renews the hope of us all, reminding us that the Spirit continues to call and to awaken hearts in every generation. This is the living water to which every Christian returns again and again to remember who we are and to whom we belong.

My dear friends we are called through this feast to be the living hope and life of the world – in our parishes, our homes, our workplaces. Jesus is our strength; it is to him we are called to be living witness.

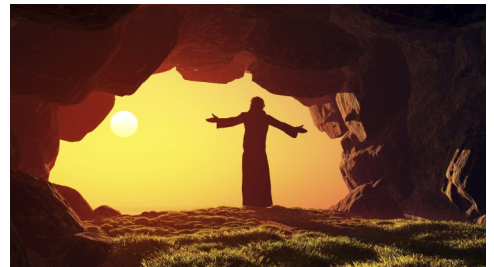
As we gather on Easter Sunday, let us pray that that the tombs across our hearts will be moved. That the Holy Spirit with the gift of Jesus' resurrection will truly bless us on our way.

May the Lord bless you, my dear brothers and sisters, Alleluia.

May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, Alleluia.

May the Lord bless you and keep you always Alleluia, Alleluia!

+Greg Bennet  
Easter 2026



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Fri 3 — Sunday 5 April:** Refer to page 3 for Holy Week Masses and Services  
**Tues 7 & Thurs Apr 9: 5.00pm** Mass  
**Friday 10 April 9.30am: Mass only**  
**Thurs 9 April 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass

## PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday and Thursday next week will be at 5.00pm. Friday will be Mass only at 9.30am.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 9 April (due to Holy Week)** 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:** 6 - 12 April. At Saturday morning Mass we pray for vocations

**PROJECT COMPASSION** for our Parish. You can make a donation to our Parish page by logging in to our link:  
<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/salecathedralparish>

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION** will take place on **Good Friday, 3 April**. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Leo XIV and every Pope before him. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM:** We are desperately in need of a team of two people who will help with preparing families and their children for the sacrament of baptism. This is mainly for infant baptisms. There's currently only one team and the work load is really heavy on them since the retirement of the second team. The requirement is that you are Catholic who is passionate about the faith, and has a WWCC. A brief training session will be provided. Please if you are keen to assist the parish in this regard, reach out to the parish office or to Fr Francis.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We congratulate and welcome into our Parish: **Nolan Smith, Rebecca Campbell, Georgia Boyle and Sarah Gumpold** our Catechumens as well as **Kobi McLachlan** our Candidate who will be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Charlotte & Harper White** daughters of Rebecca & Brad and **Hudson & Marlee McKay** children of Georgia & Jacob. Congratulations to the family from us all.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS** – Diocese of Sale The Diocese of Sale invites all parishioners to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to ask the Lord for an increase in vocations.

**April 26:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren (4:45 – 5:45 PM)  
Please join us as we unite in prayer for the future of our Church.

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – 12TH April from 1.00pm** A combined Divine Mercy Feast celebration with St. Agatha's Parish Divine Mercy and all nearby Parishes in the Diocese of Sale. Location: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Hwy, NARRE WARREN. Contact Twina 0402 077 576.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2026** comes to a close. We thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au) to donate or by calling: **1800 024 413** or refer to **our Parish link in Parish News**

## 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*

## OTHER NEWS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Live Your Best Life in Love...A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple. Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:  
**April 24 - 26th** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.  
**November 6 - 8th** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)  
**Email: [Vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:Vicbookings@wwme.org.au)**



**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100. No baptisms during Lent.  
**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:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$600.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$1,327.25
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$1,090.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$1,165.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$330.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
EASTER SUNDAY  
4 - 5 April 2026**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 4 April - EASTER VIGIL</b>	7.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 5 April</b>	9.00am	Loch Sport
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	11.15am	Seaspray
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 6 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 April</b>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 8 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 9 April</b>		
<b>Serra Club Mass</b>	5.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Friday 10 April</b>		
<b>Mass</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

**Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal  
Life.  
Amen.

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 4 April 7.30pm	Sunday 5 April 9.30am
<b>Welcomer</b>	Not required	Catherine Mackinnon
<b>Commentator</b>	Not required	Xavier Useni-Vowell
<b>Readers</b>	Emma Morrison, Clare O'Brien	Christine Lyon
<b>Readers</b>	Faye Flint,	Maya Useni-Vowell
<b>Eucharist</b>	Lyn Althaus	Please offer
<b>Eucharist</b>	Leny Waite	Please offer
<b>Counters</b>	Len & Lyn Althaus	

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 11 April 5.30pm	Sun 12 April 9.30am	Sun 12 April 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Susan Mattson	Please offer
<b>Reader</b>	Faye Flint	Andreena Jolly	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharists</b>	Jonathan P, Frank F	Doug & Leny Waite	Lyn & Len Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Emma Morrison	Abi Udiano	Veronica Stewart
<b>Counters</b>	Len and Lyn Althaus		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**



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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

### SEQUENCE:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**  
Every Friday 10 - 11am  
**Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: **Second Sunday of Easter, Year A**

1st Reading: **Acts 2:42-47**  
2nd Reading: **1 Peter 1:3-9**  
Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

### 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.**