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## *Second Sunday of Easter, YEAR A - Divine Mercy Sunday 11 - 12 April 2026*

**Fr Aneesh—support:** You all must have heard that Fr Aneesh lost his dad, Mr Thannikkot Anthony George, during the week, precisely on Tuesday 7th April at about 4.30am Indian time. I am so very grateful to God that Aneesh was able to be by his dad before his transition to eternity. I have since then spoken with Fr Aneesh and he is recovering. Mr George was buried (same day in the afternoon). Here in the Cathedral, we had Mass in honour of Fr Aneesh's dad, Mr George, last Tuesday at 5.00pm. The Mass was well attended even at such a short notice. Thank you. Fr Aneesh expressed gratitude too on behalf of his family when I informed him about the Mass. This is a very emotional and difficult time for our brother, Aneesh. Thus, **next weekend at all Masses** and at all our Mass centres, we are going an extra mile by taking a leaving collection to support Fr Aneesh. He needs our support this time more than any other time. Whatever we are able to collect will be sent to him immediately. I will let you know the proceed from the collection. Thanking you heaps for your assistance, support and understanding.

**Thank you:** I want to reiterate my profound appreciation to you all for your gracious efforts to attend the several Services and Masses of the Holy Week, beginning with the Chrism Mass and up to the Holy Saturday vigil Mass. Though it is us expressing our deepest faith in God, I still thank you for your effort. Special gratitude to all those who volunteered with ministry during this very busy week. Our Sacristans were at their finest, and I do not take that for granted. The altar servers remained open to helping out at all the services/Masses. Not forgetting the particular part played by the choir who put in several days of practice in addition to being present actively at all the Masses/Service. How about the beauty and cleanliness of the Cathedral environment which was particularly managed and maintained by our garden team. To all of you, including our RCIA team and the Office staff, I say thank you. May God continue to bless you all and also continue to strengthen our community bonding.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Since the days of Pope St John Paul II, the second Sunday of Easter has been dedicated to celebrating the Mercy of God. So, this Sunday, we are celebrating God's Divine Mercy beginning at 3.00pm, the hour of Divine Mercy. I would like to invite you all to this very special and beautiful devotion. It includes adoration, Divine Mercy chaplet, reflection, and afternoon snacks (hopefully). Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Brief reflection:** On this second Sunday of Easter, we read from John 20:19-31. The incident in today's gospel occurs on the night of the Resurrection. The disciples had earlier heard from Peter and Mary Magdalene that Jesus had risen but the joy of Easter has not been able to get past their fear. Fear is that great barrier that can hold us back from God and from faith. Lucky for them and lucky for us that Jesus breaks through the barrier of fear. He comes to the disciples and his first words are 'Peace'. He then breathes upon them the gift of the Spirit and the gift of Easter, that sin is forgiven. Jesus' return to the disciples, after their disappointing desertion, is the sign that his love is greater than their failure. The disciples are then sent out to others as men and women who know failure and know the joy of forgiveness. This is the joy they are commissioned to spread. Even Thomas is not rebuked for his doubt. Jesus meets Thomas in his need—here are my hands, look at my side. Today, declares Jesus, we are blessed for believing even without seeing him. This is the core of faith. May God continue to bless and strengthen us in this faith. (Mary Coloe).

May the blessings and joy of the Resurrection continue to enrich our lives, now and forever. Alleluia! Amen!!

*Fr Francis*

## PARISH CALENDAR

**18—19 April: Collection for Fr Aneesh**

**20—24 April:** Priests on retreat: No daily Masses in the Cathedral

**25—26 April:** Good Shepherd Sunday collection, all Parish Churches

## PARISH NEWS

**PRIESTS ON RETREAT:** Our Priests will be on retreat from **Monday 20 to Friday 24 April**. There will be no weekdays Masses in the Cathedral during this week. There will be No Cathedral Mass on Thursday 16 April.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** for our Parish. You can still make a donation to our Parish page by logging in to our link:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/salecathedralparish>

**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 WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Archibald Lee** son of Michael and Ellen. Congratulations to the family from us all.

**THANK YOU** to our very generous Parishioners — we raised **\$1,114.95** for the Good Friday Holy Land collection. We also received **\$410.00** for Easter Flowers Thank you to Myriam, Lyn, Amanda and Sue who decorated the Cathedral for Easter.

**WE OFFER SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to Fr Aneesh George on the loss of his father, George, this week. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Fr Aneesh.

**31 CLUB REMINDER:** 13 - 20 April.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL** Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. You can donate at <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> or <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>. We will have a leaving collection on **25 and 26 April** to support this worthy cause.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL** – March Meeting Report. The Diocesan Mission Council held its first meeting for 2026 on **Saturday 14 March** at St Michael's Parish Centre, Traralgon. Items discussed included

- The arrival of Frs. Joy and Fr Edward
  - Several parish priest appointments and changes in January
  - The 130th anniversary celebration at Buchan Parish
  - RCIA Rite of Election at the Cathedral
  - The launch of Project Compassion
  - Ongoing vocations promotion
  - Strong parish engagement in Pastoral Plans
- The Council will meet again on **Tuesday 19 May**.

**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. 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

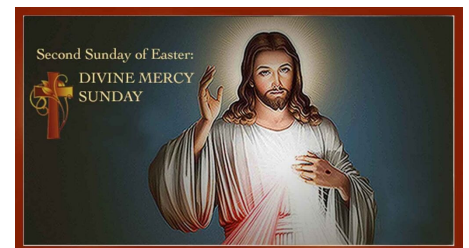
**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Live Your Best Life in Love...A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple. Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and 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>	\$1,000.00
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$2,697.00
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$40.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$1,570.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$550.00

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**Mass Timetable this week**  
**Second Sunday of Easter, Year A - Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**12 April 2026**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Divine Mercy Mass</b>	9.30am 9.30am 3.00pm 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 13 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 16 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Friday 17 April</b>		
<b>Benediction and Exposition Mass</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 18 April</b>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale Cathedral
<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

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	Len and Lyn Althaus	

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 18 April 5.30pm	Sun 19 April 9.30am	Sun 19 April 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharists</b>	Jenny G, Brenda Bur	Jennifer F, Brenda Bo	Doug & Leny Waite
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Webster	Dr Salle	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 12 April 9.30am: Michael Lazzaro (Recently deceased)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who died **Michael Lazzaro, Mr George TA Thannikkot Antony George** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Salvatore Rizza, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Wendy Adamo, 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.**

**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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE  
**HOLY HOURS**  
**FOR VOCATIONS**



**2026**

**FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 4.30 - 5.30 PM**  
ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE CHURCH,  
LEONGATHA

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 5.15 - 6.15 PM**  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WONTHAGGI

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 4.30 - 5.30 PM**  
ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, CRANBOURNE

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 4.45 - 5.45 PM**  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH,  
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*MORE DATES TO FOLLOW...*

Join us in  
praying for  
more  
vocations...

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## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

## **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am**

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Third Sunday of Easter, Year A**

1st Reading: **Acts 2:14, 22-33**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 1:17-21**

Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35**

### **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.**