

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Third Sunday of Easter, YEAR A 18 - 19 April 2026*

Dearest parishioners,

Two very important notices on this third Sunday of Easter.

**1. St Mary's Parish, Sale – Master Planning Process** Following our last Parish Assembly (October 2023), and the Diocesan Assembly (February 2025) which has given birth to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, we (the Parish Pastoral Council in collaboration with the Parish Finance Council) have been contemplating the development of a Master Plan for the Cathedral Parish to enhance the pastoral, spiritual, social, community, and financial life of the Parish.

After a prayerful consultation with Bishop Greg, the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Parish Finance Council, it is my pleasure to let us all know that we are now ready to commence a Master Planning process to guide the future development and stewardship of St Mary's Cathedral precinct in Sale and our wider parish communities.

This work reflects the Cathedral's role as the Mother Church of the Diocese of Sale and will consider how our parish places can continue to support prayer, worship, community life, and mission for generations to come. The Master Plan will take into account our existing buildings and land, heritage responsibilities, sustainability, and how our facilities can best serve the pastoral priorities of the Parish and Diocese.

"As a pilgrim people walking together, this Master Planning process invites us to discern how our buildings and spaces can best support the pastoral vision emerging through the Diocesan Pastoral Plan." Most Rev Greg Bennet, Bishop of Sale

A Parish Master Planning Committee will lead this work in a spirit of prayerful discernment and consultation. The Committee comprises representatives from the parish, diocesan, and school communities: Mary Winter, Nick Lee, Teresa Tantaró, Brett van Berkel, Jason Panozzo-Tile, Anton Prasad Fernando, and Dermot Cannon. Parishioners and the wider community will be invited to contribute at key stages as the plan develops. Further information and opportunities for input will be shared in coming months. Please keep this important work in your prayers as we seek to listen, discern, and plan wisely for the future of our parish.

**2. Zahra's testimony, mission, and plea for help.** Zahra shares her story in brief as follows...much more to share when she visits...Hey, my name is Zahra Hanratty, and I am 19 years old, from our diocese—Sale! Precisely from St Michael, Traralgon. When I was 16 I encountered God in a really powerful way and God placed a special prompting and calling in my heart to give back through mission. Last year I served as a NET missionary in New Zealand and it honestly changed my life. I spent my year running high school retreats, youth groups, serving in church, music ministry, and just showing up for the young people. I saw a revival in the Church and witnessed so many young people who were (and still are) hungry for God and searching for more. During this maiden mission experience in New Zealand, I saw so many lives, young people, transformed; and because of this, I knew that God was calling me to something deeper. I am taking on another mission year, this time in Canada, in August this year (2026-2027). I am so excited to have experienced the transforming love of Jesus; even more excited to see myself become a radical witness of this love in Jesus Christ, and to be a part of so many young peoples' journey. To be able to serve on this new mission I have to raise a total of \$11,000 CAD. On my own I know I cannot do this mission. I am calling on you to please accompany me on this journey, through your thoughts, prayers and donations. (Zahra).

Zahra has been here in the Cathedral Parish a couple of times in the past to help with music and to assist with youth programs. She will be here again to solicit your support on the weekend of 2/3 May (assistance during Sunday evening Mass only, and the outer churches), and on the weekend of 30/31 May (assistance during Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses). Whatever support you give will go a long way toward making this mission a successful reality.

God bless and keep you all in HIS care. Amen! Alleluia!! 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**.

**COLLECTION FOR FR ANEESH** as mentioned in last weekend's bulletin there will be a **leaving collection to thank Fr Aneesh for his service to the Parish**. The collections will take place at all Masses this weekend (18 & 19 April).

**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 **Finn McMillan** son of Jordan & Emma; **Theodore Scott** son of Joshua & Maddison; & **Charles Hanratty** son of Damien & Claudia. At St Rose of Lima Rosedale we welcome for baptism **Sebastian Davidson** son of Joanna and Paul & **Thea Pawley** daughter of Jake & Ashley. At St Patrick's Stratford we welcome for baptism **Logan Wykes** son of Jake & Jessica; **Mason & Sophie Sloss** children of Sarah & Andrew; & **Oscar & Owen O'callaghan** children of Jedd & Gabrielle. Congratulations to the families from us all.

**31 CLUB REMINDER:** 21 - 26 April.. At Saturday morning Mass we pray for vocations.

**LEGION OF MARY** meet in the Chapter House at 10.30am on Wednesdays. All welcome.

**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/>. Please donate online if you would like a receipt. We will have a leaving collection on 25 and 26 April to support this worthy cause—receipts cannot be issued by the Parish.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Thank you to all those who have donated. We have donated \$1,191.30 as at this week. If you have not returned your project compassion money please return it by this weekend 18—19 April 2026.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** & your receipt will be available for collection at your church from this weekend 18-19 April.

**PARISH LUNCH** will be held at Sporting Legends at 12pm on Sunday 19 April. Please join us if you can.

## 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. 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)

## 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*

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** Two IMPACTFUL Sessions! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Check it out at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events). April Session: Discover Palms Online! Date: Thursday 30 April 2026 Time: 7—8:30 pm AEST. May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Date: Thursday 21 May 2026 Time: 4- 5:30 pm AEST Call: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

**WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU** The Catholic Church in Australia is gearing up for a nationwide measure of Mass attendance. In May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will conduct the 6th National Count of Attendance. This year marks 25 years of collecting valuable insights into long-term trends within the Catholic Church. According to the 2021 National Count, about 8.2 per cent of Australia's Catholic population attended Mass on a typical weekend in May. For more information: Visit the National Centre for Pastoral Research website.

**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:

Planned Giving:	\$1,030.00
Presbytery:	\$1,225.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$740.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Third Sunday of Easter, Year A  
19 April 2026**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 18 April</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 20 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 April</b>		
<i>Michael Lazzaro's funeral</i>	1.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 22 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 23 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 25 April</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 26 April</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral 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 18 April 5.30pm	Sunday 19 April 9.30am	Sunday 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		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 25 April 5.30pm	Sunday 26 April 9.30am	Sunday 26 April 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharists</b>	Claire L, Carmel W	Abi U, Jennifer F,	Len & Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary W	Please offer	Please offer
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 19 April 9.30am:** Mary Patricia Spykens (Remembrance)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who died **Michael Lazzaro**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Josephine Carubia**, **Margaret McDade**, **Robert McDade-Wiseman**, **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.**

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,  
NARRE WARREN

*MORE DATES TO FOLLOW...*

Join us in  
praying for  
more  
vocations...

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth: O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord:  
'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand,  
I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

### **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing. 'Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

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

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

1st Reading: **Acts 2:14, 36-41**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2:20-25**

Gospel: **John 10:1-10**

### **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.**