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*Sixth Sunday of Easter, YEAR A
9 - 10 May 2026*

Happy Mother's Day

On Thursday, 7 May, I attended a Mother's Day class service held at St Thomas Primary School. The service was held for the Grade 1 students, attended also by a good number of parents and grannies. During the course of the service, the kids were to speak on why they love their mum. They were to complete the sentence: "I love my mummy because..." It was interesting to hear what those tiny tots had to say. One said: "I love my mummy because she surprises me with presents." Another said "mum's never angry even when I annoy her." On hearing this, the mother's face lit up with surprise; it's like saying: what! You noticed that...? And I can imagine the little one nodding and saying: oh yea... and a lot more. A good number of the kids referenced mummy's hugs, and kisses, and food. There was a good vibe in the room. When we came out, while the mothers were all processing the surprises from the lips of their tykes, one of the grandparents came to me and said, "Fr, I was in tears in that room... hearing what those youngsters had to say... things that you take for granted as nothing and normal... these mean a lot to them." I agreed with her, but the service taught me something interesting about acknowledgement and gratitude – it changes both people involved—the one acknowledging and the one acknowledged. Then I remembered those time whenever I tell my mum "thank you" with real feeling behind it, her face lights up in a way nothing else can match.

Today has been specially set aside for us to acknowledge and recognise our mothers; every woman in our life, whether here right now or far away: mums, grannies, wives, sisters, friends, fellow parishioners, mothers, and mother figures etc. Let them know you appreciate them in whatever way you can, while you still can, and while they can still hear you. The truth is, mums deserve our appreciation every day. Real acknowledgement expressed does a lot more than we can imagine. These aren't just words. Studies from the Journal of Positive Psychology found that expressing gratitude to parents boosts wellbeing by 15-20% for both the giver and receiver. That's a powerful return on a small investment of words.

Sometimes, the most touching words are the simplest: thank you, I love you, I forgive you, you look amazing, etc. This, at least, I got from the grandma who was in tears listening to the simple words of acknowledgment from those little angels at St Thomas. Today and now, we echo the sentiments of those Innocents and say to you all mothers and mother figures and women in our midst: thank you for being you. We, the community of St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, celebrate you today. Happy Mother's Day.

On this special day, I, on behalf of Fr Joy and the Pastoral Council, want to take a moment to truly express our deepest gratitude for everything you are and everything you do, for us personally and for the parish community. I could spend a lifetime trying to thank you all for your place in our lives and in the parish and it still wouldn't be enough. All the same, thank you! I pray that this Mother's Day brings you as much joy as you bring to others and the community. May the Lord bless you with overwhelming peace and happiness in all your days. You deserve to be pampered, celebrated, and reminded of how truly amazing you are.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 10 May: Mother's Day
Sat 16 May 5.30pm: Youth Mass by local Catholic schools
Sun 17 May 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends
Wed 27 May 5.30pm: PPC meeting

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at the Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Gracie & Otis Dixon** children of Emma & Christopher. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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.

During the time of the count our Parish will be counting people at each Mass. On the fourth weekend in May we will need to find out the age demographics for our Parish so stay tuned for more information on how we will collect this information at each Mass that weekend.

CONFIRMATION We have 24 children who have committed to be confirmed by Bishop Greg on Pentecost Sunday (**9.30am Cathedral Mass on Sunday 24 May**). Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

YOUTH MASS on Saturday 16 May at 5.30pm the local Catholic schools will be volunteering at our Youth Mass. The Catholic Education Week theme of 'Every School a home of peace' is being incorporated into the mass and all liturgical roles will be undertaken by students from our local catholic schools, and staff will fill the extraordinary Eucharistic minister roles.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am. The Garden Maintenance Group is on the lookout for able-bodied individuals to assist in the garden maintenance of the Parish Gardens. If you are able to assist in any way, please call any of the following: John Dykun 0413947352 Doug Waite 0407443274, Steve Baldwin 0428443083.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PRAY AND WORSHIP will be held on **Saturday 16 May at 9.30am to 3pm** at St Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha. Refer to the flyer on the opposite page.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS We invite you to join in supporting those newly initiated into the Catholic Church. As they reflect on their RCIA journey, we pray for the grace to deepen their Christian faith and become more fully integrated into parish life. When: **Sunday, 17 May at 2:00pm** Where: **St Joseph's, Warragul**

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2026

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 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. 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.



YEAR OF ST FRANCIS You are invited to an online presentation exploring the life of St Francis of Assisi and his story, so relevant to us today. Presenter: Joshua Lourenz
Date: **13 May 2026 Time: 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm**
Venue: Online Register: tinyurl.com/376vubez

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*

FRESH FIRE FALL Join us for Fresh Fire Fall, a special day of spiritual renewal and community. This event is hosted by the CCR Sale Diocese in conjunction with Charis Australia.

The day will feature Mass, Praise, Worship, and a Talk centered on the message of 2 Timothy 1:6: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" — 2 Timothy 1:6

Date: 30th May 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: St Ita's Church, Drouin

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.

Sunday May 31st: St Michael's, Traralgon from 5.00 – 6.00pm.

CONNECT WITH US Follow the Diocese of Sale on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on news, events, and spiritual reflections. Like and subscribe at facebook.com/dioceseofsale or find us on Instagram @dioceseofsale to stay connected with our faith community!



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:	\$973.00
Presbytery:	\$1,193.35
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$400.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
9 - 10 May 2026**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 9 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Rosedale
Sunday 10 May <i>Mother's Day</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 11 May	NO	MASS
Tuesday 12 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 13 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 14 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 8 May <i>Benediction and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 16 May <i>Youth Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 17 May	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford 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 9 May 5.30pm	Sunday 10 May 9.30am	Sunday 10 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Nick & Marie Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Susan Mattson	Please offer
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Faye Flint
Eucharists	Emma M, Claire Lyon	Doug & Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Jonathan Peckley	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 16 May 5.30pm	Sunday 17 May 9.30am	Sunday 17 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	YOUTH MASS	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	YOUTH MASS	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Reader	YOUTH MASS	Christine Lyon	Faye Flint
Eucharists	YOUTH MASS	Abi U, Margaret S	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	YOUTH MASS	Dr Salle	Please Offer
Counters	John Dykun & Sue Harvey		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 10 May 9.30am: Mary Vermaelen, Perla Nario

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Luisa Jackson** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Anne Blanks, 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.**

**Your Gift
Discern it
Receive it**

(Pursue love , but earnestly desire the Spiritual gifts)



Pray + Worship
16th May 2026
9.30am - 3.00pm

Bring Yourself + something to share (Food)

St Laurence O'Hoolie
On Oglivy and Brunley Streets
Leongatha

presented by CCR Sale Diocese

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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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 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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:

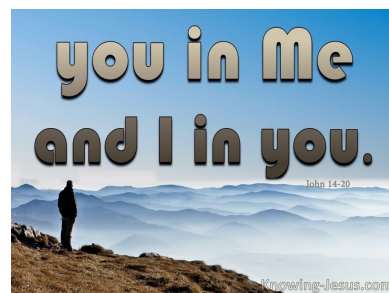
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year A

1st Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**
2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**
Gospel: **Matthew 28:16-20**

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.