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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 27 and 28 June 2026

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Parish Multicultural and Feast Day Celebration

My dear parishioners,

We have come to that time of the year when we begin earnest preparations for our Multicultural Day celebration. This year, it will be combined with the celebration of the Cathedral Dedication (**23rd September**), which will now become the annual Feast Day for the Cathedral. Bringing these two celebrations together gives us a grand celebration of parish and community.

Coming together for our Multicultural and Feast Day Celebration is however more than just a social gathering. It is a visible sign of our identity as a Catholic community, here in Sale. As you know, the word "catholic" means universal, and our parish reflects this truth through the many cultures, languages, and traditions represented in our pews.

When we gather to celebrate our diversity, we enrich our spiritual life in three distinct ways: enriching our faith, building stronger bonds, turning strangers into friends, thereby fostering true Christian unity. Above all, combining this event with our Cathedral Feast Day connects our diverse personal histories with the sacred history of our local Mother Church, our Cathedral. By bringing our unique cultural heritages to one altar and one table, we live out the words of Scripture: "Though many, we are one body in Christ."

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 13 September 2026

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Time: Mass begins at 11:00am. A grand multicultural meal and other activities will follow immediately.

Important Note for the Day:

Because of the significance of this day, there will be only one Mass in the parish that **Sunday (13/09/26)**. All regular morning and evening Masses are suspended to allow everyone to come together, enjoy each other's company, and foster further community bonding. Please note this important day in your diary. Please keep praying for the success of the celebration and for the committee organising the day.

More details will be provided soon.

2. Commissioning Announcement: Lay-Led Liturgy

Recently, four of our dedicated parishioners completed formal and specialised training to lead liturgies and distribute Holy Communion in the absence of a priest. This initiative aligns with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and recommendations from our Parish Assembly. It equally agrees with broader pastoral programs explored across the Diocese and the wider Church. Our newly trained Parish Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion are: **Jenny (Sale), Veronica (Rosedale), Catherine (Rosedale), Rose (Stratford)**

This Saturday at **St Rose of Lima Rosedale, during the 5.30pm Mass**, Veronica and Catherine will be commissioned. Following the Mass, there will be supper in the meeting hall. We extend our sincere thanks to all four parishioners for stepping forward to assist in this vital ministry. The others will be commissioned at a later date in their respective parish church communities.

Future Training

For those who are interested in joining this important ministry, please note that there will be future opportunities for training sessions. Stay tuned.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 27 & Sun 28 June: St Vincent de Paul winter appeal and leaving collection

Thurs 2 July 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass

Sat 4 July & Sun 5 July: Changes to Rosedale and Stratford Masses. See article below.

Sat 11 & Sun 12 July: Peter's Pence collection

Sunday 12 July 9.30am Mass: First Sunday Cuppa with Fr Aneesh

PARISH NEWS

CHANGES TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND on **Saturday 4 July** Rosedale will hold Liturgy of the Word with Communion but no Mass at **5.30pm**. On **Sunday 5 July** Stratford Mass will be at **11.00am**. Fr Francis will be away for the Australian Catholic Biblical Association conference.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL St Vincent de Paul 2026 WINTER APPEAL will occur on this weekend on **27–28 Jun 2026**.

The numbers of those asking for assistance are greater than ever and unfortunately the resources to help these people are inadequate. WE DESPERATELY NEED ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN GIVE US – be it a dollar..or \$50..or more? ... or be it giving some time to volunteer with us, by joining our welfare group,

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE

After each mass this weekend on **Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June** there will be a leaving collection...and an opportunity to be given a receipt for your donation and/or to ask questions about our volunteering needs. And may God bless your assistance.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 2 July** 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 For July 2026. Please pray for vocations.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA in July will be held on **Sunday 12 July** so that we can welcome Fr Aneesh who will be visiting us that weekend. Serra Club and Legion of Mary will be our hosts. Please bring a plate to share.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS are celebrating their **16th birthday** since being formed in Sale in 2010. Parishioners are invited to come and join our Parish Family Groups who meet socially e.g. pizza night, coffee after mass, BBQ, breakfast. Enquiries: **Veronica 0455121949**.

DIOCESAN NEWS

HOLY HOURS FOR VACATIONS

"A prayer today... A shepherd tomorrow..."

Parishioners are warmly invited to gather for a special morning of prayer, devotion, and community as we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Date: Saturday, July 4th, 2026

8:45 AM: Rosary

9:30 AM: Mass and Holy Hour

Location: St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance
Light refreshments will follow immediately after the Holy Hour. Please join us for prayer and fellowship. More dates for upcoming Holy Hours will be announced soon.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION 2026 on the weekend of **11 and 12 July**, we will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. Your generous offerings directly support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry, providing vital assistance to those suffering from war, poverty, and natural disasters around the world.

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" — 1 Thess. 3:12
Please give generously to support the Pope's global mission of charity. For more information obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html

CENSUS 2026: Help Us Count and Plan for Our Community. On **Tuesday, 11 August**, Australia will hold its national Census. We encourage everyone in our faith community to actively fill out the optional religion question and stand up for their beliefs.

Why it matters: The data collected from the Census is invaluable for pastoral planning. It helps our parishes, schools, dioceses, and social service organisations understand the changing demographics of our regions. This information ensures we can accurately plan for ministry, mission work, and essential community services like healthcare, schooling, and welfare support. No matter how often you are able to attend Mass, your faith is a vital part of who you are.

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

Please make sure you are counted.

For more information and to read the full media release from the National Centre for Pastoral Research, please visit: cdsale.org.au/news

MARY MACKILLOP: A Saint of our Time.

Explore Saint Mary MacKillop's legacy and learn how to draw inspiration from her life to make a meaningful difference today.

Presenter: Sr Rita Malavasi RSJ (over 30 years in ministry and prominent refugee advocate).

Date & Time: Thursday 6 August 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Venue: Online.

Registration: **Web: cdsale.org.au/events**

Phone: 61 3 5614 5163

Email: newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

OTHER NEWS

INVITATION: You are warmly invited to **Follow the Light**, a sacred space to reconnect, reflect, and share how God has been moving in your life.

'I Am the Light of the World'

Together we will: Share stories and insights about the Light of Jesus in our lives. Enter into prayer through a guided "Light" exercise. Engage in meaningful small-group conversations. This gathering offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, and encourage one another as we continue walking in the Light.

Date: June 25, 2026 Time: 10.00-11.30 am OR 7.00-8.30pm This cost is free. If you could make a donation, it would be most welcome.

<https://jisa.org.au/follow-the-light/>

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:	\$505.00
Presbytery:	\$1,132.10
Credit Cards	\$20.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$260.00

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Mass Timetable this week
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
27 - 28 June 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 27 June	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 28 June	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 29 June	NO	MASS
Tuesday 30 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 1 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 2 July		
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 3 July		
Benediction and Exposition Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 4 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Liturgy of the Word with Communion	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 5 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Stratford
	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 27 June 5.30pm	Sunday 28 June 9.30am	Sunday 28 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Please offer
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Andreena Jolly
Eucharists	Jenny G, Brenda Bur	Abi U, Margaret S	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Rosemary Webster	Dr Salle	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Sue Harvey and John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 4 July 5.30pm	Sunday 5 July 9.30am	Sunday 5 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Vince Beer	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Maya Useni-Vowell	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Tim & Emma M	Margaret S, Dr Salle	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Claire Lyon	Brenda Bowden	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 28 June 9.30am: Connie TantarA)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Connie TantarA, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Georgia Jones, Brendan Lee, Helen O'Kane, 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.**



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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

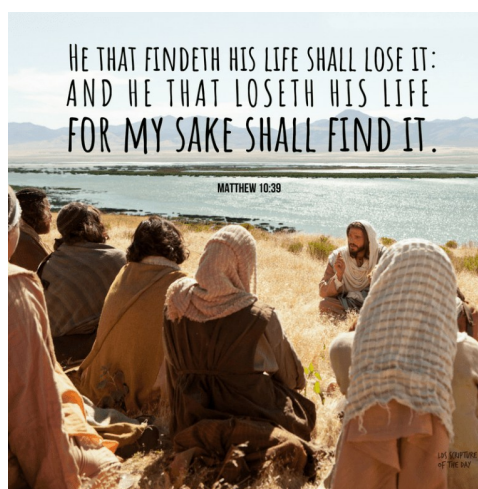
'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Zechariah 9:9-10**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Gospel: **Matthew 11:25-30**

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: Briargolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.