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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 4 - 5 JULY 2026

Reflection on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children" (Matthew 11:25)

A little child is always open to the other person they encounter, especially their parents who have loved them into life. For the Parents, their lives are filled with joy and hope with their little child. These encounters happen across every culture and tradition, and Jesus reminds us in the Gospel for this Sunday. Little children reveal this deep wisdom coming from God who loves us since the beginning of time. The danger of focusing only on the importance of knowledge and study can miss human gifts that can make a difference to another person's life and circumstance, being present to each other without judgement, listening, compassion, kindness and respectfulness to another human being. In this passage, we are given a glimpse into the human heart of Jesus, the faithful servant of the Father's action in the world. Little Children remind us through their actions without judgment of the Sacred Heart of Christ. AI does not recognise the human dimensions of our lives or fully understand our disappointments and aspirations for a better life for our Children. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with their intimate connection to country, the bush as we call it in Australia, remind us as the Prophet Elijah was reminded after his struggles with the priests of Baal, God was present.. "in the light sound of silence". (1 Kings 19:13) Too much activity can diminish our connection to the God we love and to each other. People can become commodities to each other when the Spirit is absent from our lives.

In his address to First Nations People in Alice Springs in 1986, Saint Pope John Paul II said "The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God's spirit. Your careful attention to the details of kinship spoke of your reverence for birth, life and human generation. You knew that children needed to be loved, to be full of joy. They need a time to grow in laughter and to play, secure in the knowledge that they belong to their people". These words by the pope suggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, even they did not know Jesus, would understand these words from Matthew's Gospel revealing an intimacy and relationship to culture and land: a gift they can share with all Australians especially for our children. If we can live with an open heart and mind in relationships with all peoples, we will know God who is love has always loved this beautiful world revealed to us in Jesus himself. The second part of today's Gospel connects us with the reality of life for many people living on the margins, peripheries of society and often excluded unintentionally because of culture and background. "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.... Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light". (Matthew 11:28-29a, 30)

The journey through life does not follow straight lines with sealed footpaths. On the journey, Matthew reminds all people we are not alone. Jesus does walk beside us through life sharing his yoke to guide us with hope. In our history, the First Australians did feel very alone, with few people walking with them through a history with little hope or light for a better way where they were separated from what gave meaning to their very existence. Great damage was done to families, culture and traditions where healing does not happen very easily. Again, Pope John Paul reminded us of the hidden history of displacement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples which impacted many generations even to today. "Christian people of good will are saddened to realize – many of them only recently – for how long a time Aboriginal people were transported from their homelands into small areas or reserves where families were broken up, tribes split apart, children orphaned and people forced to live like exiles in a foreign country". What if Christians can emulate the vision from the Prophet Zechariah in the first reading in walking besides, not ahead or behind, First Nations Peoples with humility and openness to their lives as they are to ours, Australia will be a beacon of hope and light for all the world to see. "See how your king comes to you, he is victorious, he is triumph, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey... he will proclaim peace for the nations" (Zechariah 9:9b,10b). If our vision as Australian Christians can be realized, then our country will be a place of hope, joy and peace.

Again, Pope John Paul reminds us all how this vision can be fulfilled for First Nations Pe "The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others. Christian people seek to people of hope and joy. Remember always the simple joy of the little child, remember Jesus Christ bears the same yoke guiding us to opening our hearts rejoicing in the gift of the ancient cultures and traditions that have shaped our land and country for more than 60,000 years. Our country will become a nation of hope and light in the world that is in desperate need of peace.

Bishop Michael Morrissey, Bishop of Geraldton

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Tues 14 - Thurs 16 July: NO WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CATHEDRAL.

PARISH NEWS

CHANGES TO MASSES 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.

From **Monday 13 July to Thursday 16 July** our Priests will be at an Inservice. **This means there will be no weekday Masses in the Cathedral on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 or Thursday 16 July.**

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.

PARISH WEBSITE We are currently in the process of moving to a new website. We hope to have it up and running by late July. Details of the new website will be sent to all subscribers in due course and published in the banner of the bulletin. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS stay tuned for more information on the Parish Multicultural and Feast Day for our Parish which will be held on **Sunday 13 September 2026 and commencing with 10am Mass**. A grand multicultural meal and other activities will follow immediately after Mass. This will be the only Parish Mass on this day as we would encourage all Parishioners to attend this special event.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL thank you to our very generous parishioners who donated **\$1,858.35** to the St Vincent de Paul leaving collection last weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 obolodisani Pietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html

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.

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. 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

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*

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

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN - Formation Gathering

The Mothers Who Pray for Their Children movement warmly invites you to their upcoming Formation Gathering, to be held on Sunday, 16 August 2026 at St Michael's, Traralgon.

The theme for this year's gathering is "Eucharist: God's Gift, Encounter with Christ", inspired by our formation book Eucharist: Gift of God, Place of Encounter. The day will include prayer, formation talks, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet.

This gathering is open to mothers, grandmothers, and all those interested in growing deeper in their faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 16 August 2026

Time: 8:30 am – 3:45 pm

Venue: St Michael's, Traralgon

Registration: Available via TryBooking or QR code on page 3 in the flyer.

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: \$1,292.00

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

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 4 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 5 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 6 July	NO	MASS
Tuesday 7 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 8 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 9 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 10 July		
<i>Benediction and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 11 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 12 July	9.30am	Briagolong
<i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	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 July 5.30pm	Sunday 5 July 9.30am	Sunday 5 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Christine Lyon	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		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 4 July 5.30pm	Sunday 5 July 9.30am	Sunday 5 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Lyn Althaus
Eucharists	Rosemary Webster,	Abi Udiano, Dr Salle	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Carmel W, Frank F	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Leny Waite
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 4 July 5.30pm: Paolo Chila (RD); **Sun 5 July 9.30am:** Roshanee Fernando (A), Mary Patricia Spykers (RD); **& Sun 5 July 5.30pm:** Vic Chirgwin (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Roshanee Fernando, Vic Chirgwin, 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.**



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**
2nd Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**
Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

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.