

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Gregory Bennet. DD

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr Francis, Fr Aneesh, Rose Lee (Chairperson), John Dykun (Deputy Chairperson), Clare O'Brien (Secretary), Doug Waite (Deputy Secretary), Jennifer Fitzgerald, Brenda Burditt, Tim Morrison, Carmel Kuizenga, Anita Little, Filomena Padula.

Safeguarding Statement: Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Ph 5144 4100



The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year B 11 - 12 May 2024



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE Media Release May 3, 2024

Bishop of Sale elected Vice President of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has a new vice-president after elections in Sydney.

Bishop of Sale, Greg Bennet, will take on the role after Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, retired from the position at the end of the maximum three, two-year terms.

The Conference acknowledged Archbishop Fisher's service and leadership.

Archbishop of Perth, Timothy Costelloe, was re-elected president of the ACBC.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to be vice-president to Archbishop Costelloe whose leadership within conference and broadly across the Church has been so clearly reaffirmed by his re-election," Bishop Bennet said.

"I am humbled by my brother bishops who have elected me to this position of service to the Conference.

"And, while I am surprised, I will commit myself to the support of the important work of administration and pastoral mission supported by the conference and our various partners across the dioceses and agencies of the Church throughout Australia."

He was ordained bishop in December 2020 and appointed by Pope Francis to the Dicastery for the Clergy in March 2023.

Bishop Bennet has a Master of Science degree from Loyola College University in Baltimore (USA), undertook licentiate studies in Rome and completed a theology degree at the Melbourne College of Divinity.

He was ordained deacon in 1991 and priest in 1992 in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, serving in a number of parish and key archdiocesan roles.

In 2012 he was appointed Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Bishop Bennet chairs the national Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding.

The Sale diocese is located in the Gippsland region of south-eastern Victoria.

The election was held on the first day of the May plenary of all Catholic bishops of Australia on *Friday*.

Congratulations to Bishop Greg on his election as Vice President for ACBC.

PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 15 May 6.00pm: Final practice for Confirmation
Sat 18 May 9.30am: May Devotion: Walking Rosary - Cathedral
Sun 19 May 9.30am: Confirmation & Youth Mass
Sunday 19 May 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends
Friday 28 June: Praise & Worship evening

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION Final practice for Confirmation will take place in the Cathedral at **6pm on Wednesday 15 May.** Confirmation takes place at 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on **Sunday 19 May.**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN all parishioners who volunteer for our Parish must sign the Parish Code of Conduct forms which are available from the Parish Office. If you volunteer and have not yet signed one (or can't remember) please call the office to check. You will also need a Working with Children check or to notify VIT (if you are a teacher) that you volunteer for St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sale. If you have a Working with Children check please make sure that you have selected St Mary's Cathedral Parish as one of your volunteer organisations. You can update your record with this information online and the Parish will be notified. Please note if you have not done the online Child safe training the new modules are being rolled out this year.

DIOCESAN MYSTAGOGIA MASS The Diocesan Mystagogia Mass will be held on **at 6pm this Saturday 11th May** Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Clyde North. This Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and is a fitting conclusion to the formal journey of RCIA each year. Your newly baptized and those received into full communion in the church are encouraged to attend, with their Sponsors, parish members, families, and Team members. Please bring a plate to share.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our Parish Mothers. We hope you have a lovely day being looked after by your children.

AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP: It is always very special and spiritually enriching when brethren come together to express themselves in worship to God in unison. Our friend and brother, Fr. Mark Hughes, who is gifted in music has been invited and he is very happy to lead us in this special encounter with the Divine. The date is on **Friday night, 28 June, starting at 6.30pm.** There will be shared supper afterwards. Please save the date. More details very soon.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT was presented by members of the finance committee at Masses last weekend. If you have any questions after this or would like a copy please call the parish office or Fr Francis.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

MAY DEVOTION: WALKING ROSARY on Saturday 18th May. The special devotion to our mother Mary takes place in the month of May. During this month, I want to encourage everyone of us to say a daily rosary, especially as a family. There's always a blessing when we pray the rosary. As a parish community, rosary will be recited before Mass. By the middle of the month, we will come together on **Saturday 18 May for a general Parish May Devotion.** Mass in the morning (9.30am), then weather permitting, we pray the walking rosary around the lake (alternatively around or in the Cathedral), then back in the Cathedral for a brief moment of reflection and blessing, followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. I believe this will be a great way to go—it is prayer, evangelisation, and exercise at the same time. Let's keep praying towards and for this day. Please mark this date and event in your calendar.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Alexandra Rullan** daughter of Jherson & Jenny as well as **Norah & Joanie White** daughters of Cathryn & Jimmy. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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*

SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

MAY DEVOTION Next Saturday 18 May we will be celebrating our May Devotion in honour of Our Mother Mary, starting with Mass at 9.30am and concluding with lunch. It's also the eve of Pentecost so it's a good day to reflect on the theme: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' (Luke 1:35). Flyers are available at the back of all parish churches. Please take copies and spread the word. See you all next Saturday—it will be a great day of community celebration. Please bring a plate to share.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

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:	\$1,051.00
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Mass Timetable this week
The ASCENSION of the LORD, Year B
11 - 12 May 2024

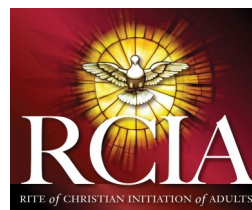
Day/Date	Time	Place
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 4 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 5 May <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 6 May	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 7 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 8 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 9 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 10 May <i>Exposition & Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 11 May	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
Sunday 12 May	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

"Come and see!" A time for seeing, listening and Learning. You will be welcome and made to feel at home. Usually from August each year at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

To start with, there will be: **Enquiry evenings:** A time of teaching, sharing and having your questions answered. Everyone is most welcome at these opening sessions.

Then: subsequent evenings follow and will provide more systematic teaching about the Catholic Faith. It will also be a time to experience the life of a Christian community, and a time to know the presence of God in our lives. **Easter** is the time when those who have chosen to embrace the Faith may be fully initiated into the Church. For more information about RCIA please contact: Fr Francis O'tobo 5144 4100.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 11 May 5.30pm	Sun 12 May 9.30am	Sun 12 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 18 May 5.30pm	Sun 19 May 9.30am	Sun 19 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	CONFIRMATION	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	CONFIRMATION	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Brenda Burditt	CONFIRMATION	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Alma Lee, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SALE

Invites you to

May Devotion in honour of our Mother Mary



The Holy Spirit will come upon you.
(Luke 1:35)

47-57 Foster Street, Sale

MAY | 18TH | 2024

9:30-1:30pm
with shared Lunch

Program
9:30-Mass
10:15-Morning Tea
10:45-Rosary
11:15-Devotional Songs
11:30-"The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35)
12:00-Exposition/Silent Prayer
12:15-Prayers of Intercession
12:30-Benediction
1:00-Lunch

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!

NAME:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Men of Galilee, why gaze at in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Act of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets from the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

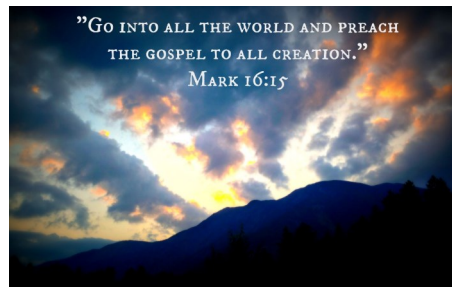
And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**



"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION."
MARK 16:15



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year B

First Reading: **Acts 2:1-11**

Second Reading: **Galatians 5:16-25**

Gospel: **John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

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.