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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B *7 - 8 September 2024*

REFLECTION

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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Other tit bits:

Ignite Youth Conference fundraising. I can't thank you enough for the support you all are giving to this initiative to assist our young ones. A parishioner who can't attend Masses regularly any more sent in a note over the week saying: "I read in the bulletin that you are looking to raise funds for the youth of the parish. I have enclosed the amount of \$550 to add to your fundraising effort. I do hope that you manage to reach your target amount as I admire the work that is being done in the community to encourage the youth of our parish. Best of luck with your fundraising efforts." Isn't that beautiful? God bless her greatly. During the week also, parishioners dropped in 2 \$200 amounts as well as \$100 to the parish office. Then another sent in \$450. The raffle tickets and the youth stall also raised some funds last Sunday. It is really overwhelming the immense support that the youth ministry has received for this project. Thank you. We are currently sitting at \$3,346.40 raised. I am now very hopeful that we will get to our target amount. God bless you all for continuous support and prayers.

Cathedral Parish Multi-Cultural Day. It is barely two weeks away. The date is **Sunday 22 September** for a parish multi-cultural celebration. This will be a one day event following the **9.30am Mass** in the Cathedral gathering area. We are hoping to have variety of food from different cultural backgrounds. Parishioners will be expected to please dress up in traditional attires as much as possible... It will be a great celebration for our community. Invite family, friends and neighbours to this event. Bishop Greg will preside over the Mass. Please send any ideas that will make this day a huge success to the parish office, or to Brenda Burditt, or to Doug and Leny Waite. Please keep this day in your prayers.

**MULTICULTURAL
DAY**

Together we can make our parish experience very welcoming, joyful, and meaningful. Come on! Let's make it happen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 7 & Sun 8 Sept: PWF leaving collection

NEW PLANNED GIVING A couple of people have been asking, especially after the Parish Assembly last year, when will a new Planned Giving be organised? Well, the Parish Finance Committee has given this a careful thought, and a program is hoped to be run in October. Details soon. Envelopes are still available for collection in each of the parish churches this weekend. For any other giver who wants a receipt please call the Parish office and one can be emailed or posted. Once we have the new program up and running we will provide those parishioners who are cash givers with their six month supply of envelopes. For those not part of the program please consider joining. The simplest way of making regular payments is by the direct debit method. To do so please contact the parish secretary on 5144 4100 or Sale@cdsale.org.au who will provide you with the necessary authority forms. Of course, many parishioners are well versed these days in internet banking and may prefer to set up their own recurring payment to the program via their internet banking account. Please contact the parish office to obtain the parish's bank account details.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. By going to <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish. Any donations by cheque must be sent in the envelope to Warragul for processing as they cannot be processed by our Parish.

31 CLUB REMINDER: 9 - 15 September. Please pray for vocations.

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. If you have received your training link and need any assistance please call the Parish office. **For those who don't have a computer or are not confident in using the computer we are planning some training sessions for you in the next few weeks. Please let the parish office on 5144 4100 know if you would like to attend the group training.**

WEDDING OF PATRICK BEER AND AMY PAYETTE

On Saturday 14 Sept the wedding of Patrick and Amy will take place in St Marys Cathedral at 11.30am—12.30pm. Fr John Speekman will be the celebrant. Patrick and Amy would like to welcome along any parishioners who would like to attend the wedding ceremony in sharing this joyous occasion along with the families and guests. Because of scheduling, the wedding party will be required to depart soon after the ceremony, but hope to say hello to as many parishioners as possible on the day.

EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

the session of praise and worship last Friday with Fr Mark went very well. All who attended attested to how gracious the night was. The supper was even better... indeed it was a "sumptuous supper". Thanks to all of you who made the supply. May the good Lord continue to bless us, bless our parish community and families. The next praise and worship night has been scheduled for **Friday 25 October, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm**. Please keep this date in your diary and prayers.

NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

key to improving integrity. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has unveiled a national code of conduct for people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia. Details regarding the media release and a link to the 32-page document, Integrity in Our Common Mission can be accessed on the diocesan website/news section at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3cvtsu>

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*

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Lucas Driscoll** son of Ryan & Victoria. We also welcome at St Patrick's Briagolong **Enrico Lacota** son of Maria. Congratulations to the families from us all.

St Mary's Youth Group Cupcake Drive

Help our youth group make it to IGNITE youth conference 2024.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER!

Orders Close September 7th

Each box of cupcakes sold, we will donate!
4 for \$17 (\$2) 6 for \$25 (\$5) 12 for \$48 (\$8)

Cupcakes are to be collected Sunday September 15th from St Mary's Cathedral, Sale between 11am-1pm.

eight9five- 0475 621 123 Kayla Fischer- 0437 158 915

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:	\$1,186.00
Presbytery:	\$1,254.70
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$967.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$110.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
7 - 8 September 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 7 September	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 8 September	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 2 September	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 3 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 4 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 5 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 6 September		
Reconciliation and Adoration Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 14 September	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport
Wedding of Patrick & Amy	11.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 15 September	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral

**Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer
2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.
May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.
May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
Pray for Us.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 7 September 5.30pm	Sun 8 September 9.30am	Sun 8 September 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Please offer
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Nick Hall	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Leny Waite
Eucharist	Tim Morrison	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 14 September 5.30pm	Sun 15 September 9.30am	Sun 15 September 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Kate Bicknell	Susan Mattson	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
Counters	Len Althaus & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Dot Barnes** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Veronica Foxe**, Cynthia Freshwater, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, 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.**

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER for YOUTH GROUP

Our raffle is being held to help St Mary's Youth Group to attend the Ignite conference which starts on **26 September**.

Our Parish Pastoral Council are holding a raffle with some lovely prizes (check out the poster in the Cathedral) – tickets will be available in the Cathedral after each Mass from **Saturday 31 August** until it is drawn on **Sunday 22 September after 9.30am Mass. Tickets are \$2.00 each.**

Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass in the Cathedral by Parish Pastoral Council members. From **Sunday 1 September** we will have an EFTpos machine available to purchase tickets if you don't carry cash. If you would like to purchase tickets on line you can deposit the money to:

Account: St Mary's Cathedral Parish
BSB: 083879
Account no: 489168836

Please use your first and surname and youth raffle as the reference.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Parish Office.

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:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

If you would like to join a Family Group

Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**You are just, O Lord,
and your Judgement is right,
treat your servant in accord with merciful love.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: **Isaiah 50:5-9**
Second Reading: **St James 2:14-18**
Gospel: **Mark 8:27-35**

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.