

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 5 - 6 October 2024*

**October for me:** October is always a month to remember for me. In this month, I celebrate both my birthday (04/10) and my priestly ordination anniversary (27/10). So while I give thanks to God for bringing me into this world through my mum and dad, I always appreciate God for the gift of the priesthood. Help and join me give thanks to God.

**More in October:** October is also a special month of devotion to our Mother Mary. During this month I encourage everyone to please say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, and especially the young ones of our parish. I see something spectacular happening with our youth ministry but we need God's direction to bring it to fruition. Prayer is the key. Our mother is always there to help us. At the end of the month, on Friday 25th, we shall have our special night, featuring Rosary, Mass, praise and worship, reflection, testimonies, and of course fellowship. More details in the coming week. For now please note the date in your calendars and diaries.

**Thanking God for our young ones:** This day, I want to thank God for what God is doing in the lives of our young ones. Following the Ignite Conference, one of our young ones from our parish wrote: "this was my first time going to Ignite and it was an exhilarating and enjoyable journey. I expected that Ignite would be normal and causal, this was where I was wrong! Ignite was something I have never experienced in my life from prayer teams to worship... Ignite was something I would have never thought about. I was nervous about how I would cope getting out of my comfort zone and leaving my home... overall, Ignite has provided me the opportunity to strengthen my faith. It was truly an amazing experience.

Another wrote concerning how he was going to rise up. He wrote: "Going to be volunteering for church ministries more, going to more conferences, and I'm going to be paying for 5 people to go to Ignite 2025 personally." This is the response of a young adult who attended. A young teenager wrote: "I am going to rise up by sharing my faith more outside of my youth group, e.g. at school, so that people know that I am a confident Catholic that is rooted in her faith."

This was the prayer of a year 11 student from Traralgon: "Lord, Abba Father, with all of my heart I say thank-you. Thank you for the people we've been able to bring, and that you've been able to touch. Thank you for the parishioners, priests, parents, and everyone else who has generously supported and funded this wonderful experience. I pray that as we finish the mourning-top experience we are given your strength and discernment to climb the new mountain of our daily lives. You have changed every single one of our lives, whether being complete transfiguration or learning a few life lessons, I am forever grateful that you didn't hold back during Ignite 2024, in Jesus name." Prayer straight from the heart.

Our youth ministry leader while still in Sydney texted: "Can we start planning for next year? Hehe... this is amazing. I think all our youth leaders need to come to this! The Holy Spirit has set us all alight!" Hmmm! Indeed, we bless God! We bless God for all these young ones. We thank God for you all for your continuous support of the youth ministry and of the parish. The journey continues. Let us continue to support our young ones to grow in the faith. More initiatives to come.

**A TEACHING DAY WITH BISHOP GREG BENNET:** This is to invite you all to a Teaching Day with Bishop Greg themed: Cast into the deep (Luke 5:4). Bishop Greg will be offering a teaching/reflection which is titled: "A Time of Mission in a Synodal Church." It will be a day to interact with our Bishop on his vision for the Diocese as he leads us all on this journey along with the global church. Come, listen, share, pray, and fellowship with others. For inquiries contact Fr Francis (Chaplain, CCR, 0448529712); Lindsay (Chair, CCR Sale Diocese, 0432375391) or Anushka (Secretary, CCR Sale Diocese, 0436961111). Details as follows: **Date:** Saturday 12th October, 2024. **Time:** 10.30am to 3.00pm.

**Venue:** St Ita's Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin *Refer to the flyer on page 3 of the bulletin*

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Thurs 3 October 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass  
**Sun 6 October after 9.30am Mass:** First Sunday Cuppa & Fr Francis 50th birthday  
**12—13 Oct All Cathedral Masses:** Planned Giving Program  
**19-20 Oct All Masses:** Pledging Sunday  
**19-20 Oct All Masses:** Mission Sunday special collection

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** This weekend, **Sunday 6 October**, Family Groups will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. This morning tea we will be celebrating **Fr Francis' 50th Birthday**. Please come along and bring a plate to share. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR FRANCIS!**

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 7 to 13 October. Please pray for vocations.

**MASS TIMES** will change while Fr Aneesh is away. He is away from Sunday to early November. During this period Mass times will change. **Normal Sunday Masses this weekend.** There is **no Rosedale or Loch Sport Mass** next weekend (**12 & 13 Oct**) and **Briagolong Mass** will be at **9.30am on Sunday 13 Oct**. There may also be some changes to the **daily Mass times** so please check them carefully in the bulletin each week.

**EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:** 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.

**INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION** Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation. A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent Themes. This will be held from **10am - 3.30pm on Friday 29 November 2024**. Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. Cost - \$25per person. RSVP by 22 November 2024. **Bookings essential to: info@theabbey.org.au**

## SALE DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE

**ONE REPORT:** Strengthening Parish Communities Post-Pandemic The Diocesan Consultation Report highlights how many parishes have experienced a renewed sense of community following the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the isolation, parishes adapted through virtual gatherings and have emerged stronger, with a deeper appreciation for in-person connections and sacramental life. To read more about how our Diocese has navigated these times and the positive outcomes, visit our diocesan website for the full Phase 1 report. at <https://www.cdsale.org.au>

**A NEW PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** A Brochure introducing our new Program will be provided to all parishioners at next weekend's masses and by email to those on the parish emailing list. Please consider carefully what financial contribution you can make to the parish over the next three years. Fr Francis and members of the Finance Committee will be providing information at the Cathedral **next weekend. The weekend of 19 - 20 October 2024** will be Pledging Sunday when all givers can return their pledge card to any of the Masses.

**ST MARY'S PARISH BAIRNSDALE** invites you to an online community experiencing a spiritual journey praying the rosary with Mary in contemplation with her son Jesus. Register for this free weekly zoom gathering on Monday nights **from 7.00—7.30pm on 7, 14, 21 & 28 October**. Contact Michelle to receive a link to participate on 5152 2942 or by emailing [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com). **The Rosary is the 'weapon'.**

**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 online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale is now available. 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 **October**. Please let the parish office on 5144 4100 know ASAP if you would like to attend this training.

## 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*



## Ignite Pilgrims Day 2

**COME AND SEE:** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977 on **Sunday, 27 October 2024 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**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:	\$774.00
Presbytery:	\$1,055.00
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Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,619.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$180.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
5 - 6 October 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 5 October</b>	9.30am 5.30pm <b>5.30pm</b>	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 6 October</b> <i>Fr Francis 50th birthday</i>	<b>9.30am</b> 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 7 October</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday 8 October</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 9 October</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 10 October</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Cathedral
<b>Friday 11 October</b> <i>Reconciliation/ Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 12 October</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 13 October</b>	9.30am <b>9.30am</b> 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 5 October 5.30pm	Sun 6 October 9.30am	Sunday 6 October 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Veronica Stewart	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Bicknell	Mildred Semodio	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Athaus
<b>Counters</b>	John Vermaelen & John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 12 October 5.30pm	Sun 13 October 9.30am	Sunday 13 October 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Liz Tabuteau	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Joel Brayshaw	Christine Lyon	Brenda Bowden
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Len & Lyn Althaus		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 6 Oct 9.30am:** John McCrohan (A) **Tues 8 Oct 5.00pm:** Leo Harkin (A)  
**Wed 9 Oct 5.00pm:** Sr Margaret Fahey (A)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Bradley Price, Cathy Parlicki, Margaret Johnston, Saloma Ruthberg, Paul Speekman**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John McCrohan, Leo Harkin, Don Gray, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Cynthia Freshwater, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert 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.**

**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.



**CAST INTO THE deep**  
LUKE 5:4

WITH  
BISHOP GREG BENNET



A TIME OF MISSION IN A SYNODAL CHURCH  
HOSTED BY THE CCR SALE DIOCESE

SATURDAY 12 OCT | 10.30AM - 4.00PM  
ST ITA'S PARISH: 50 VICTORIA ST, DROUIN

CONTACT LINDSAY 0432 375 391 OR  
ANUSHKA 0436 961 111 FOR ENQUIRIES.  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE (FINGER FOOD) TO SHARE.

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### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heavens and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

### **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'  
This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING :**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am**

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

First Reading: **Wisdom 7:7-11**  
Second Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-13**  
Gospel: **Mark 10:17-30**

### **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:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)  
**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**