

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 22 - 23 February 2025

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Our Parish participants provided some thoughts on their experience of the recent Diocesan Assembly:

'I thought the Assembly was beautifully organised with a group of friendly people on my table, the Holy Spirit was definitely working with us. A very enjoyable and fruitful experience with an excellent venue and hosts. Congratulations everyone on a successful event.' *Margaret Anderson, Briagolong*

"Last year the Sale Parish was asked to participate in Phase 1 of a Diocesan Assembly to reflect on the last 5 years of the parish. Last week over 200 members of the Diocese attended Phase 2 to build on the lessons learnt from Phase 1 and prepare the Diocese for the next 5 years. The purpose of the assembly was to identify initiatives to become a more "Christ centered, synodal and missionary church". We all know the church is facing many challenges and this was an opportunity to determine where our priorities and actions need to focus to strengthen the Diocese. A Diocesan Assembly committee will collate our input from the two day assembly with a detailed report of these priorities and actions to follow. One of the key messages coming through at the assembly was that change will only come with the collective support and engagement of parishioners." *Nick Lee, Stratford*

'To be asked to be a delegate at the Diocesan Assembly was an honour and a privilege. There were 220 people from across the Diocese who were gathered as one. With a common goal. We shared, listened, prayed and worshiped, much hope and optimism for the future of the church to become a more Christ centred, synodal and missionary church.' *Libby Byrnes, Sale*



Cathedral Delegates at the Diocesan Assembly with Bishop Greg.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 26 Feb 5.30pm: Finance Committee
Fri 28 Feb: Office closed from 12.30pm
Wed 5 March: Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6 March 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
Fri 7 March, 6.00pm: Youth planning meeting
Sat 15 March 5.30pm: Youth Mass, Cathedral
Sun 16 March 3.00pm: Rite of Election
Sat 29 March 5.30pm: First Communion

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 6 March** 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 24 Feb - 2 March. Please pray for vocations.

YOUTH MASS our first youth Mass for 2025 will take place at **5.30pm on Saturday 15 March** in the Cathedral. Planning meeting will be in the Chapter House at **6.00pm on Friday 7 March**. All are welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 2 March**, the Parish Pastoral Council 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting was held this week. Issues discussed include:

- Activities for Pilgrims of Hope;
- Prioritising Parish Assembly initiatives for 2025;
- Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council;
- Multicultural Sunday celebration;
- Youth Ministry volunteers
- Organising parish groups
- RCIA for the parish
- Update of Parish Plan

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 26 March.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM has commenced for 2025. **First Communion** will take place at **5.30pm Mass on Saturday 29 March**. **Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday 8 June**, Pentecost Sunday. If you have a child making a Sacrament this year please contact the Parish office to obtain the forms to register your child/ren.

JUBILEE YEAR Jubilee of Artists **23 February**. What: St Joseph's Warragul and St Ita's Drouin & St Ignatius Neerim South parishes are hosting the Diocesan Jubilee of Artists. Artists are invited to submit photographs of up to three art works which speak to the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. That is a church which brings about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice. Artists are asked to include a brief profile of themselves and the impulse behind their works. Why: Our contribution to Pope Francis' Jubilee of Hope. That we may rejoice with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. That sacred art may reveal true beauty, a glimmer of the Spirit of God, which opens the human soul to a sense of the eternal. Where: Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul. **Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Joseph's 11 am, Bishop Greg's blessing of the exhibition 12pm, shared lunch at Teachers Centre 1pm.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online by phoning **1800 024 413** or on the link www.caritas.org.au/gaza

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place on **Sunday 16 March at 3pm** in the Cathedral. Bishop Greg will meet with the Catechumens and Candidates in the Chapter House from 2pm. Please pray for our Parish RCIA participants.

COMMISSIONING MASS Bishop Greg is holding a Commissioning Mass for Mr Brett Van Berkel to his position as Principal of Catholic College Sale at **5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday 23 February**. Catholic College will be providing welcomers, commentator, readers and Minister of the Eucharist for this special Mass.

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*

DEATH OF SR JULIE OGBOLE SON Bishop Greg announced on 19 February the death of Sr Julie Ogbole, SON. Please pray for Sr Julie that she may now enjoy the eternal love of God in whom she had placed her trust. The Sisters of the Nativity have given us powerful witness, together with the parish team and community of St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North, where Sr Julie was Parish Pastoral Associate, and St Agatha's, Cranbourne. We also remember Sr Julie's mother and family in Nigeria for whom Sr Julie's death is a terrible shock. We recall also the Sisters of Nativity in Nigeria and other communities who have lost such a devoted sister in Christ.

The Diocese of Sale and the Church has lost a profound Pilgrim of Hope.
May dear Sr Julie, rest in peace and rise in glory!

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.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from **12.30pm on Friday 28 February**

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:

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**Mass Timetable this week
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
22 - 23 February 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 22 February	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 23 February	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 24 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 25 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 26 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 27 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 28 February		
Exposition and Benediction Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 1 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 2 March	9.30am	Stratford
First Sunday Cuppa	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 22 February 5.30pm	Sun 23 February 9.30am	Sunday 23 February 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 1 March 5.30pm	Sun 2 March 9.30am	Sunday 2 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Susan Mattson	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
Counters	Mary Cooper & Sue Harvey		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 23 Feb 9.30am: Elizabeth Gonzales (RD)
Sun 23 Feb 9.30am (Briag): Ursula McCarthy (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Elizabeth Gonzales, Sr Julie Ogbole SON** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Dave Rebbechi, Ursula McCarthy, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Maureen McLeod, Daniel, Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, **5 March 2025.** Ash Wednesday Masses will be held as follows:

CATHEDRAL
9.30am Mass
11.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

ASHLEIGH HOUSE
10.30am Mass (Residents only)

STRATFORD:
9.30am Mass



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



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:

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading: **Sirach 27:4-7**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Gospel: **Luke 6:39-45**

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.