

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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## *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C* *1 - 2 March 2025*



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### **SR JULIE OGBOLE SON R.I.P. ARRANGEMENTS**

Dear Fathers & Deacons, dear friends,

It has been lovely to learn of the generous outpouring of love, prayers and support for the Sisters of the Nativity following the sad death of Sr Julie last Tuesday.

Many people have expressed to the Sisters and to me personally, their desire to support the funeral costs and the costs associated with repatriation to Nigeria. Such generosity is a beautiful gesture to the Sisters at this difficult and traumatic time.

The Diocese of Sale will also contribute to the costs to alleviate this burden on the Sisters.

If any of you, your parishes or parishioners would like to contribute to these costs, please forward to the following account:

#### **For Deposits through Catholic Development Fund:**

**Catholic Diocese of Sale**

Account number: 2005669 S11.2

#### **For Deposits from Non-CDF (Catholic Development Fund):**

**Catholic Diocese of Sale**

BSB: 083 879

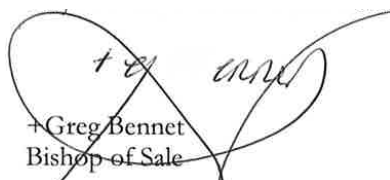
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**REF/MESSAGE: SON (AND DONOR'S NAME)**

We will acknowledge receipt of your donation and so ask that deposits are clearly identified. I know how generous our people will be at this time. I wish to assure you that if there is any surplus this would be given to the Sisters of Nativity for their ongoing mission.

May dear Sr Julie rest in peace and rise in glory

  
+ Greg Bennet  
Bishop of Sale

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Tues 4 March 5.00pm:** Serra Club Mass  
**Wed 5 March:** Ash Wednesday Masses  
**Fri 7 March 6.00pm:** Stations of the Cross  
**Fri 7 March, 6.00pm:** Youth planning meeting  
**Fridays 14, 21, 28 March, 4 & 11 April:** Stations of the Cross & Lenten reflection  
**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 on **Tuesday 4 March 4:40 for the Rosary**, Mass 5pm. followed by the meeting in Chapter house. This meeting will be attended by Dr. Moira McQueen, Serra International President; John Short, Melbourne Club President and Ann Larkins, Serra International Member. All welcome please ring Claire Everard on 0438344907 if you would like to attend or for any apologies. **31 CLUB REMINDER** 3 - 9 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.

**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 register.

**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. We are forming a **Diocesan choir** for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral Sale on **Sunday 16 March 2025, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.**

**1.30-2.30 pm** Choir rehearsal

**3.00-4.00 pm** Rite of Election

To register your interest, please contact Sophy Morley on [Sophymorley@gmail.com](mailto:Sophymorley@gmail.com) or mobile: 0413 590 007.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** This 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.

**GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM** meets on Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am. When you do come, please come with your garden gloves, spades, garden shears etc and help to lighten the load. We'll have a cup of tea/coffee when done. If you are able to assist please call John Dykun on 0413 947 352.

Thank you to John, Doug and all members of the garden maintenance team who keep the Cathedral grounds immaculate. They also provide the free produce that is available in the entry to the Cathedral.

**2025 VIRTUAL LENT SERIES** We are delighted to present a series of Lent talks by three Australian biblical scholar from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be: Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey. **WHEN: Tuesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 March & 1, 8 April TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT\*.** **WHERE:** Via Zoom meeting **COST: Free REGISTRATION:** Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.

To register go to <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/virtual-lent-series-2025>

**REQUIEM MASS FOR SR JULIE OGBOLE** will be held at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East at **11am on Monday 3 March**. The funeral will be livestreamed from the Tobin Bros website on the link: <https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/srjulie-ogbole-2501469/>

In line with Bishop Greg's front page letter we will be having a leaving collection this weekend to support the Sisters of Nativity and repatriation of Sr Julie to Nigeria.

**LEGION OF MARY** meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

## 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*

**PROJECT COMPASSION** resources are available in each Parish church from next weekend (**8 & 9 March**). Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your local Church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling **1800 024 413**. Project Compassion finishes on **Sunday 13 April 2025**.

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week (5/3). Consequently, our Lenten Devotions begin on **Friday (7/3)** with Stations of the Cross. They will be at **6.00pm in the Cathedral each Friday in Lent—7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4 & 11 April**. They will be followed each time by a brief Lenten Reflection and Blessing. All are very welcome.

**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:	\$832.00
Presbytery:	\$1,314.50
Credit Cards	\$40.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,045.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$185.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
1 - 2 March 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 1 March</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 2 March</b> <i>First Sunday Cuppa</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 3 March</b>	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
<b>Tuesday 4 March</b> <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 5 March</b> <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>See next</i>	<i>Column</i>
<b>Thursday 6 March</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 7 March</b> <i>Exposition and Benediction Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 8 March</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 9 March</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

**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



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

**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



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 8 March 5.30pm	Sun 9 March 9.30am	Sunday 9 March 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Mildred Semodio	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Bowden	Andreena Jolly	Claire Everard
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 2 Mar: 9.30am** Edith Del Carmen Gatica (A), **5.30pm** Jan Chovanee (RD)

**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 **Jim Gray, Edith Del Carmen Gatica, Bernard Peavey, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Helen Cantwell, 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, Herbert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged  
on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and  
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words  
of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now  
the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.  
So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat;  
keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in  
the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia!**



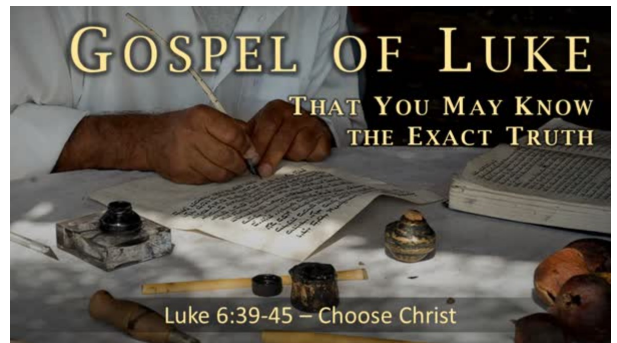
**GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord 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:**

**First Sunday of Lent, Year C**

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:4-10**  
2nd Reading: **Romans 10:8-13**  
Gospel: **Luke 4:1-13**

**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.**