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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C
5 - 6 April 2025

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ would condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: "Go and sin no more."

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities despite our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with in our life and society. His mission is to save us from all our sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. Hence, Christ says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in full" (Jn 10, 10).

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus "Neither do I condemn you." The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that he has taken care of our negative past. So, Christ will always fill us with Joy, which he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection.

Reflection by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp., DMin.



PARISH CALENDAR

Friday 11 April: Stations of the Cross & Lenten reflection

Tues 15 April 11.00am: Mass of the Oils

Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday

CCR TRIP TO ROME Fr Mark and I will be attending a CCR conference in Rome. We left on Saturday 29 March and are back on Palm Sunday (13 April). I wanted to let you know we will be praying for everyone and we solicit prayers for us please - Fr Francis Otobo.

MASS CHANGES While Fr Francis is away Stratford Mass will be **11.00am on Sunday 6 April. No Rosedale Mass Saturday 5 April. No 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 10 and Saturday's 5 and 12 April.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Our Lenten Devotions will continue on **Friday 11 April** with Stations of the Cross. It will be followed by a brief Lenten Reflection and Blessing. All are very welcome.

31 CLUB REMINDER 7 to 13 April. Please pray for vocations.

JUBILEE of the sick & Healthcare Workers

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, St. John the Baptist parish, Koo Wee Rup invites you to join us for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, a special Healing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg, where we will offer prayers for the sick members of our parish communities and their families. Date: **Sunday, April 6, 2025** Venue: **St. John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup** Time: **11:00 AM**

FLOWERS FOR EASTER If you would like to make a donation, please place in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you

JUBILEE OF SICK & HEALTH CARE WORKERS

is celebrated this weekend, 5 & 6 April.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER SHEETS FOR THE CATHEDRAL FOR EASTER WEEK

have been placed in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Please volunteer **by next Sunday 13 April** if you are available during this Easter period.

CHRISM MASS – MASS OF THE OILS

On **April 15** we have the Chrism Mass – Mass of the Oils. This is the day we are delighted to have most, if not all, our devoted Bishop, Priests and Deacons here at the Cathedral for celebration of this special Day of preparation of the Oils for the year. After Mass, we ask our **Parishioners to once again bring some of their delicious finger food to share together with a cuppa and some light refreshments.**

DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL

meeting: Saturday, 22nd March 2025. At its first meeting for 2025 on Saturday, 22 March, at Sion House, Warragul, the Diocesan Mission Council (DMC), led by Chairperson Ms. Nicole Dudman, began by reflecting on the experiences and outcomes of the recent Diocesan Assembly. This was followed by time for prayer and reflection on the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent. For the remainder of the meeting time, DMC members worked in groups, and as a full council, to begin drafting a Diocesan Pastoral Plan Framework for 2026–2030. By the end of the meeting, members had agreed on the reasoning and purpose of the Pastoral Plan framework and had started defining the pastoral goals that will form its centrepiece. The next DMC meeting will be on Saturday, 24 May.

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A website to help Catholics celebrate the Jubilee year has been launched by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Please visit <https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Choir Leader, Michele Wakeham, who turns 50 on Saturday. Have a wonderful birthday.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your local Church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. You can place your donations on the Collection plates at each Mass. Project Compassion finishes on **Sunday 13 April 2025.**

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*

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



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:	\$790.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C
5 - 6 April 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 April	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 6 April	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Mass and Reconciliation</i>	11.00am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 7 April	NO	MASS
Tuesday 8 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 10 April	NO	MASS
Friday 11 April		
<i>Exposition and Benediction</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
<i>Funeral Mass Dalia Ellison</i>	1.00pm	Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	6.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 12 April		
<i>Reconciliation</i>	10.15am	Loch Sport
<i>Mass</i>	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Reconciliation</i>	5.00pm	Rosedale
<i>Mass</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 13 April	9.30am	Cathedral
PALM SUNDAY	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 5 April 5.30pm	Sun 6 April 9.30am	Sunday 6 April 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Andreena Jolly
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Vermaelen & John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 12 April 5.30pm	Sun 13 April 9.30am	Sunday 13 April 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Mildred Semodio	Andreena Jolly
Narrator	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Crowd	Liz Tabuteau	Nick Hall	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
Counters	Len and Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Dalia Ellison** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Salvatore Rizza**, deceased **Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Helen Cantwell, Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE
EASTER TIMETABLE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Sunday 6 April: After Mass - Stratford
Saturday 12 April: 10.15am Loch Sport
Saturday 12 April: 5.00pm Rosedale
Wednesday 16 April: 6.30pm Cathedral

HOLY WEEK MASSES and SERVICES TIMETABLE

Saturday 12 April: 11.00am Mass – Loch Sport
 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
 5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

Sunday 13 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass - Briagolong
 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 14 April: NO MASS

Tuesday 15 April: 11.00am *Mass of the Oils* - Cathedral

Wednesday 16 April: 9.30am *Mass* – Cathedral
 10.30am Ashleigh House (residents only)
 6.30pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation
 7.30pm *Service of Shadows* – Cathedral

Thursday 17 April: Holy Thursday
 7.30pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - Cathedral

Friday 18 April: 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Cathedral
Good Friday 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Stratford
 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Rosedale
 10.30am *Walk of the Cross* to St Paul's Cathedral
 3.00pm *Service of the Lord's Passion* - Cathedral

Saturday 19 April: 7.30pm *Easter Vigil* - Cathedral

Sunday 20 April: 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
 9.30am Mass - Stratford
 11.15am Mass – Seaspray Fire Station



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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Has no one condemned you woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY, Year C

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Luke 22:14 - 23:56**

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.