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Second Sunday of Easter, Year C 26 - 27 April 2025



ON THE DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS

*Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5)!
(Homily of His Holiness, Pope Francis, 20th April 2025)*

The people of the Catholic Diocese of Sale join with millions of people around the world as we mourn the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We remember that when he was presented to the world on the balcony of St Peter's on 13th March 2013, he bowed in humility and requested that we, the Church would pray for him. On that night as he commenced his Petrine Ministry as the Bishop of Rome and Pontiff of the world's Catholics, he showed us how he would lead.

In choosing the name Francis (after Saint Francis of Assisi), Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, claimed a way of being Pope. At his election he took immediate action that his papacy would reflect a humility in style, dress and manner. He would not preside over a papal court. He chose to live as others live in the Vatican and took up residence at Santa Marta, rather than the papal apartment. Throughout the past twelve years we have seen traces of the great saint of Assisi modelled in the manner of Pope Francis' leadership: Compassionate to the poor; merciful to the forgotten; welcoming to the stranger; humble in lifestyle; courageous in addressing concerns of the modern world; a voice of challenge to the powerful and always deeply concerned to remind the Church that her mission was the same as the mission of Jesus. Of course, within *Laudato Si* the poetry of St Francis's Canticle of Creation echoes so profoundly, as we are called to steward the beauty of God's creation. He has modelled the synodal way of being Church – a Church which accompanies the other by deep listening, respectful dialogue, working co-responsibly, and always attuned to the Holy Spirit.

Throughout his Pontificate, he became someone to whom the world would turn. He was a moral compass. He lived his papacy as a service to others and a source of communion. In moments of international crisis, in conflicts and division, unrest among nations, in reaching out to refugees and asylum seekers, in speaking to the hearts of the women and men of our time, he brought the message of Jesus to life.

In the midst of the anguish of others he spoke of the mercy of God: He said, 'the face of God is mercy.' The mission of the beatitudes was real, tangible and a participation in the mission of the Kingdom of God.

In his encyclicals, pastoral letters, his preaching and his actions, Pope Francis never left anyone in doubt about the source of his life. His dream was that if we could really live in solidarity as sisters and brothers, then we could truly experience a lasting peace. His constant challenge to the powerful who exploit the poverty and rights of others often made some world leaders and others uncomfortable. He was unafraid. He was tireless. As we wondered at this stamina, he continued to go to the peripheries to be a sign of hope and connection. Papal visits were opportunities for him to deeply connect with the faith of people, and also to bring an international lens to the forgotten, the oppressed and the marginalized. As he aged, he also showed us that even the challenge of growing older did not diminish his spirit. In him, vulnerability brought strength.

To be continued next weekend or please read the full letter from Bishop Greg at your local Church or online at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/on-the-death-of-his-holiness-pope-francis>

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday
Sunday 27 April: Divine Mercy Sunday
Wednesday 30 April 5.00pm: PPC Meeting
Thurs 1 May 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
Sunday 4 May: First Sunday Cuppa
Wed 7 May 7pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Friday 9 May 6pm: Youth Planning Meeting
Sunday 11 May: Mother's Day
Saturday 17 May 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sunday 18 May 12pm: Parish Lunch, Sporting Legends

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY All are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Rosary and Chaplet Prayers from **2.00pm on Sunday 27 April** at St Ita's Church Drouin. There will be a special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet & Fr Brendan Hogan. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS for cash givers only will be available in your Church from this weekend. Please collect these at your earliest convenience. If any other givers would like a receipt for their giving please call or email the Parish office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held in the Chapter House from **5.00pm on Wednesday 30 April**. Any agenda items you would like discussed can be given to one of the Council Members listed in the masthead of the bulletin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 7 May**.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next **Sunday 4 May**, the Filipino Community 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. Feel free to bring a plate to share

YOUTH MASS Our next youth Mass will take place at **5.30pm on Saturday 17 May** in the Cathedral. Planning meeting will be in the Chapter House at **6.00pm on Friday 9 May**. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCH at Sporting Legends will be held on **Sunday 18 May at 12pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed for the Anzac Day holiday on **Friday 25 April**.

POSITION VACANT - SACRAMENTS

SECRETARY: We are looking for someone special to take on the role of Sacraments Secretary at St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. The position involves the administration of our Sacraments Program, including Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, and may extend to other parish duties and liturgical celebrations. It is a permanent part-time position of 8 hours per week over two days in the Parish Office and will include a 6-month probationary period. Applications should include a cover letter, current Resume and a copy of your Working with Children Check. Contact details for at least two referees, one of whom should be your parish priest if you are not a parishioner of St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to sec@smpt.org.au by Tuesday May 06, 2025. For a copy of the job description, please contact the parish office at sec@smpt.org.au or via phone on 51742060.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 1 May** 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 28 April - 4 May. Please pray for vocations.

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.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS As part of St Agatha's Jubilee celebrations you are invited to join us if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year on **Saturday 31 May at 11.00am** Mass for a special blessing. Please contact the parish office with your details on 03 5996 1985 or email parishoffice@stagathas.org.au

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*

EVENING PRAYER—OFFICE OF THE DEAD

Bishop Greg Bennet presided over an Evening Prayer – Office for the Dead – in remembrance of His Holiness, Pope Francis. Here is the link to the YouTube livestream from the Cathedral for those who could not attend in person.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/IYXj0O5oZog>



LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members 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:	\$935.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Easter Year C
26 - 27 April 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26 April	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 27 April	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 28 April	NO	MASS
Tuesday 29 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 30 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 1 May		
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 2 May		
Exposition & Benediction Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 3 May	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 4 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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 26 April 5.30pm	Sun 27 April 9.30am	Sunday 27 April 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Nick Hall	Lyn Althaus
Reader	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
Counters	Sue Harvey and Clare O'Brien		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 3 May 5.30pm	Sun 4 May 9.30am	Sun 4 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Di Austin	Claire Everard
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & Clare O'Brien		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Pope Francis, Inge Ronchi** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John Thomas Pritchett, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Helen Cantwell, Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, 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 are sick and those who care for them.**



**MAY 7TH, 2025
JOURNEYING WITH
MARY**

May is the month of Mary
Mary has a special place in the hearts of the faithful. It is therefore fitting that we pay special attention to her and to her role in the history of salvation. Join others from around the diocese in a special 'Zoom' gathering as we celebrate Mary's significance through Art, Music, Song, Private Reflection, Scripture and Prayer. Led by Jane Mitchell and Mike Hansen

Led in song by acclaimed singer song writer, Jane Mitchell

See how specially chosen art pieces enhance our understanding of Mary and her role

Spend some time in personal prayer and quiet meditation

Link your own spiritual response to that of Mary's 'Yes'

To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/45fndtsu>



May 7th 7pm

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: _____
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral -
Friday & Saturday following Mass**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading: **Acts 5:27-32, 40-41**

Second Reading: **Apocalypse 5:11-14**

Gospel: **John 21:1-19**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

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.