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PENTECOST Sunday, YEAR A **23 - 24 May 2026**

Becoming Living Stones in the Father's House.

Recently someone shared a video in our Parish Youth WhatsApp page—a video of Pope Leo IV addressing a group of Confirmation candidates. In this video, the Holy Father addressed the children saying: “If giving Confirmation is one of the greatest joys of a bishop, there is another thing that brings sadness. Sometimes, after the bishop gives Confirmation—the gift of the Holy Spirit—you never see the young people again! They disappear from the parish.” The Holy Father thus encourages the young ones: “And here I want to ask you to pay special attention to one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit called perseverance. Do not forget what you have experienced... Let the joy live in your hearts, and continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Be steadfast in your faith, return to your parish... and remain active in your life of faith.”

These words of the Pontiff come in handy today as Bishop Greg confers the sacrament of Confirmation on 26 of our young parishioners. Congratulations friends! After Mass, anyone of you may want to ask Bishop Greg if the observation of Pope Leo worries him too. Notwithstanding, our celebration today reminds us of that fateful day when the Spirit first came upon the church, transforming fearful and timid believers into fearless and bold followers of Jesus. In our first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells us that the disciples were all together, waiting for the “power from on high.” Having received the Spirit, they received new strength to live as disciples of Jesus. As we celebrate the Spirit's bestowal on 26 of our children today, we also celebrate the renewal of our experiences.

Every encounter with the Spirit leads to transformation from our former selves to renewed followers of Jesus. Indeed great things happen when we let the transforming power of the Holy Spirit meet us in our doubt, our fears, our thirst, our ordinary road. It is this transformation that enables us to bear witness to Jesus. This is what Confirmation prepares us for. Jesus says: “As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you” (John 20:21); you will be my witnesses (Acts 1:8). Through the Spirit's presence in us, Jesus becomes visible and practical in our lives and choices. We are empowered to share the truth, beauty, and goodness we have received, thus bringing the good news to all contexts of life—family, work, school, classroom. Think about it this way, for instance:

- If Jesus has forgiven us, who needs our forgiveness?
- If Jesus has quenched our thirst, who's thirsty around us?
- If Jesus has opened our eyes at the Eucharistic Table, who hasn't been invited yet?

Like the disciples in the upper room (Acts 2), we gather to be transformed, and we scatter as people sent on mission to build the Father's House. St John Paul II said: “If you have met Jesus Christ, proclaim him to the world.” This is the call.

As we commemorate the Spirit's arrival this 2026 Pentecost, we ask ourselves:

1. Where do I need the Spirit's transforming presence right now? In my prayer life, in my study of Scripture, in my active presence at the Eucharist, in a particular struggle: forgiveness, love, service? Where? Make it your prayer, and wait...
2. Where is Jesus sending me next? One name, one conversation, one act of service. Keep it simple. Begin small.

Friends, we are not just members of our lovely Cathedral parish, we are members of the Body of Christ empowered by the Spirit of Christ (Acts 16:7; Rom 8:9). Remember, Pentecost is not simply a historical event but an ongoing personal experience where the Spirit keeps transforming hearts and equipping lives for bold witnessing. We are living stones, transformed by the Spirit and sent to build the Father's house.

Alleluia! Amen!! *Fr Francis*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 24 May 9.30am: Confirmation

Wed 27 May 5.30pm: PPC meeting

Thurs 28 May: No 9.30am Cathedral Mass

PARISH NEWS

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU The Catholic Church in Australia is gearing up for a nationwide measure of Mass attendance. In May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will conduct the 6th National Count of Attendance. This year marks 25 years of collecting valuable insights into long-term trends within the Catholic Church. For more information: Visit the National Centre for Pastoral Research website. **This weekend we will need to find out the age demographics for our Parish.**

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2026

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. **Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes.** Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. **There will be a leaving collection next weekend - 6 & 7 June at all Masses. Please donate if you can.**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in the Chapter House at **5.00pm on Wednesday 27 May.** If you have issues to be raised please speak to one of the Council members whose names are listed in the masthead of the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION this weekend 26 young people will be confirmed by Bishop Greg in the Cathedral at **9.30am Mass on Sunday.** Thank you to Jennifer Fitzgerald, teachers and parents for their hard work preparing the children. Please pray for these young people on their next step in their faith journey.

Esta Bowman,
Liesse Cleur,
Mesa Cordwell,
Derren Dela Torre,
Max Gumpold,
Thomas King,
Ziggy Leggett,
Gus McLay,
Patrick Morrison,
Larry Rebbechi,
Madison Ryan,
Adele Scicluna,
Lara Thomas,

Edward Brand,
Lacey Connley,
Alivia Costanzo,
Abigail Glover,
John Jewkes-Torres,
Harmynie Lange,
Ava MacKenzie,
Addison Morelli,
Jemma Pattison,
Alyson Ryan,
Elijah Sanchez,
Jake Smith,
Christopher Turner.



COLLECTION FOR ZAHRA As you have read before Zahra Hanratty, our young 19 year old girl who is going to Canada on mission will be visiting our Cathedral Parish for her mission appeal next weekend—30 & 31 May. She will address the congregation briefly on her proposed mission and will take up a leaving collection to assist her. We count on your generosity.

DIOCESAN NEWS

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS Diocese of Sale. The Diocese of Sale invites all parishioners to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to ask the Lord for an increase in vocations. **Sunday May 31st: St Michael's, Traralgon from 5.00 –6.00pm**

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

FRESH FIRE FALL Join us for Fresh Fire Fall, a special day of spiritual renewal and community. This event is hosted by the CCR Sale Diocese in conjunction with Charis Australia.

The day will feature Mass, Praise, Worship, and a Talk centered on the message of 2 Timothy 1:6: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" — 2 Timothy 1:6

Date: 30th May 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: St Ita's Church, Drouin

BISHOP GREG'S PENTECOST MESSAGE to read Bishop Greg's Pentecost message please go to the Diocese of Sale website via this link: [Pentecost Letter 2026 - Catholic Diocese of Sale](#) or go to our parish website:

<https://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>

OTHER NEWS

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria. Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100. No baptisms during Lent.

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:	\$765.00
Presbytery:	\$1,162.35
Credit Cards	\$40.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$485.00

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FUNERAL SERVICES

Mass Timetable this week
PENTECOST Sunday, Year A
23 - 24 May 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Rosedale
Sunday 24 May <i>Pentecost Sunday—Confirmation</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 25 May	NO	MASS
Tuesday 26 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 27 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 28 May	NO	MASS
Friday 29 May <i>Benediction and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 30 May	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 31 May	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born
to Eternal Life.
Amen.



Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 23 May 5.30pm	Sunday 24 May 9.30am	Sunday 24 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	CONFIRMATION	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	CONFIRMATION	Please offer
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Maya Useni-Vowell	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Jenny G, Rosemary	Doug & Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Webster, Frank Fidge	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Please offer
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 30 May 5.30pm	Sunday 31 May 9.30am	Sunday 31 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Vince Beer	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Di Austin	Faye Flint
Eucharists	Emma M, Claire Lyon	Margaret S, Dr Salle	Veronica S, Doug Waite
Eucharist	Theo Smolenaars	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Leny Waite
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 24 May 9.30am: Maurice O'Neill (A): Grace & Jack Harvey (A's)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Jean Grier** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Grace & Jack Harvey, Margaret Lee, Maurice O'Neill, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick **Brendan Lee, Helen O'Kane, Wendy Adamo, George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin.** **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

Hosted by CCR Sale Diocese in conjunction with Charis Australia

Fresh Fire Fall

MASS, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND TALK

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." 2 Tim 1:6

30TH MAY 2026

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

ST ITA'S CHURCH DROUIN

50 VICTORIA ST DROUIN

For more information contact Lindsay on 0432375391

Bring a plate of finger food to share

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The Most Holy TRINITY, Year A

1st Reading: **Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9**

2nd Reading: **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Gospel: **John 3:16-18**

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.