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Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Gregory Bennet. DD

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PARISH OFFICE: Parish Staff: Clare O'Brien, Parish Secretary. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15am - 3pm. Mark Durrant, Finance Manager.

Hours: Wednesday 9am - 3pm. Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator Email: Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au.

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Safeguarding Statement: Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Ph 5144 4100



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 1 - 2 AUGUST 2026

The Serra Club of Sale and Vocations Awareness Week

Our Serra Club hold meetings on the first Thursday each month at the Cathedral Parish in Sale, beginning with the Holy Rosary, followed by Mass, fellowship and a guest speaker.

On Saturday mornings members attend Masses which are dedicated to prayer for vocations.

This year we have invited some of our recently arrived priests from overseas to celebrate Mass for us and to speak to us about their vocation journeys. It has been wonderful to follow their stories and their commitment to their vocations.

Our recently ordained local priests have also been happy to update us on their progress. Many of whom are now parish priests.

Our Diocese is proud to have a dedicated and supportive Bishop who regularly hosts "Come and See" sessions for people interested in joining the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Parishes also hold monthly "prayer hours for Vocations" for which our Club provides prayer cards.

Our Club is also active in assisting with special occasions in the Cathedral Parish.

In November we host our annual dinner for widows and widowers of deceased members.

During **Vocations awareness week** we will be speaking at local Masses and handing out prayer cards to encourage parishioners to become members and/or participate in the Serra 31 club.

*Claire Everard,
President,
Serra Club of Sale*



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 26 July to 14 Aug: Fr Francis in Nigeria
Sat 1 & Sat 8 Aug 5.30pm: Rosedale—
Liturgy of the word with Communion.
Sun 2 August 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa,
and school led Mass St Mary's Primary School
Sun 2 & Sun 8 August: Mass at 11.00am
Stratford and Briagolong
Tues 4 & Wed 5 August - No Cathedral Mass
Thurs 6 - Fri 14 August: Parish office is **only**
open on Wednesdays as Clare is on leave.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend,
Sunday 2 August, St Mary's Primary School 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.
Please bring a plate to share. **St Mary's will**
also be leading the 9.30am Mass this on
Sunday so please welcome them warmly.

FR FRANCIS' LEAVE from **Sunday 26 July**
Fr Francis will be heading to Nigeria for his
stepmothers funeral. He will return on **Friday 14**
August.

MASS CHANGES DURING FR FRANCIS' LEAVE
During the period from 29 July to 14
August there will be changes to Masses.
Rosedale at 5.30pm on Saturdays will be Liturgy
of the Word with Communion only (**Sat 1 & 8**
August). **Sunday 8 August Mass** at Briagolong
will be at 11am. On **Tues 4 & Wed 5 August**
there will be no Mass in the Cathedral.
POWER OUTAGE there will be a planned power
outage in the Cathedral on **Sunday 9 August**.
9.30am Mass will go ahead without power.

PARISH OFFICE: Clare will be taking a well
deserved break from **Thursday 6 August to**
Friday 14 August. She will return to work on
Tuesday 18 August. **During this period the**
office will be open on Wednesday's only.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the
Cathedral on **Thursday 6 August** 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 At Saturday morning
Mass we pray for vocations.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH BULLETIN on
our website (<https://www.catholicparish.app/sale>) you can now subscribe to our parish
bulletin. If you do subscribe please let the office
know and I can remove you from our email list
(unless you wish to remain on our mailing list).

PARISH MULTICULTURAL AND FEAST DAY
will be held on **Sunday 13 September 2026**
commencing with 10am Mass. A grand
multicultural meal and other activities will follow
immediately after Mass. **This will be the only**
Parish Mass on this day so we would
encourage all Parishioners to attend this
special event. Our committee are looking for
volunteers to assist with this special day for
our Parish. If you can help with the planning or
assist on the day please call Clare at the Parish
office 5144 4100 or email sale@cdsale.org.au.
You can also speak to one of our Priests or to
David Erdmann who is on the organising com-
mittee for the event. Please refer to the poster
on page 3 of the bulletin.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CENSUS 2026: On **Tuesday, 11 August**,
Australia will hold its national Census. We
encourage everyone in our faith community to
actively fill out the optional religion question and
stand up for their beliefs. Why it matters: The
data collected from the Census is invaluable for
pastoral planning. It helps our parishes, schools,
dioceses, and social service organisations
understand the changing demographics of our
regions. This information ensures we can
accurately plan for ministry, mission work, and
essential community services like healthcare,
schooling, and welfare support. No matter how
often you are able to attend Mass, your faith is a
vital part of who you are. Please make sure you
are counted. For more information and to read
the full media release from the National Centre
for Pastoral Research, please
visit: cdsale.org.au/news

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN - **Formation Gathering**
The Mothers Who Pray for Their Children movement
warmly invites you to their upcoming Formation
Gathering. The day will include prayer, formation
talks, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by
Bishop Greg Bennet. Event Details:

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*

Date: Sunday, 16 August 2026

Time: 8:30 am – 3:45 pm

Venue: St Michael's, Traralgon

Registration: Available via TryBooking

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA APPEAL is held in
August. We will be having a leaving collection on
Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August. Appeal
envelopes will be available in all Parish churches
from this weekend. Your kindness and
generosity will help provide caring and
compassionate support for struggling individuals
and families in our community. You can donate
using the envelopes or by calling 03 9967 2515
or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES Enrichment Day for
Couples is based on the international bestseller
by Dr Gary Chapman. We all need to feel loved.
Men and women have an "emotional love tank".
When it's full, we feel content, secure, and loved.
We all communicate love primarily according to
one of five love languages. Your presenters, Deb
& Paul Cochran, have been married for 37 years
and involved with Marriage Encounter for 27
years. They have presented the 5 Love
Languages Enrichment to Couples in Adelaide,
Melbourne and Brisbane. Deb & Paul bring the
concepts of the book alive in a humorous and
relatable way as they share their own
experiences **Cost: \$60 per couple** (includes
course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon
tea) More information and booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMSUR>
Enquiries: Maria & Andre Rasquinha
E: andrerasquinha@yahoo.com.au
T: 0411 225 992

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:	\$850.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$425.00

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FUNERAL SERVICES

Mass Timetable this week
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1 - 2 August 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 1 August	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 2 August	5.30pm	Rosedale
First Sunday Cuppa	11.00am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 3 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 4 August	NO	MASS
Wednesday 5 August	NO	MASS
Thursday 6 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 7 August	10.00am	Cathedral
Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 8 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Feast of St Mary of the Cross	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 1 August 5.30pm	Sunday 2 August 9.30am	Sunday 2 August 5.30pm
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Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	St Mary's Primary	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	St Mary's Primary	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	St Mary's Primary	Faye Flint
Eucharists	Jonathan P, Theo S	Margaret S, Abi U	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Dr Salle	Len Althaus
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 8 August 5.30pm	Sunday 9 August 9.30am	Sunday 9 August 5.30pm
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Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Please offer
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Di Austin	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Jenny G, Frank Fidge,	Doug Waite, Jennifer	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Rosemary W,	F, Margaret S	Please offer
Counters	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Brendan Lee, Fiona Marshall, Ann Neville**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Les Blanks, Mary Bailey, Robert Bailey, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Priyankara, Chandanie, Jayantha, Mallika, Georgia Jones, Helen O'Kane, Wendy Adamo, George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, 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.**

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.



Multicultural Day

13th September 2026

St Mary's Cathedral | 10:00 AM

Join us this September 13, 2026 for Multicultural Day —
A vibrant celebration of culture, heritage, and unity.

United in Faith



FUN FOOD PERFORMANCES



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:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if
we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any
power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever
come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he
withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the
towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he
saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their
sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This
is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the
people away, and they can go to the villages to buy them-
selves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them
to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they an-
swered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring
them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people
were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves
and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the bless-
ing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples
who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they
wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand
men, to say nothing of women and children.

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**

2nd Reading: **Romans 9:1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 14:22 - 33**

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.