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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 8 - 9 AUGUST 2026

REFLECTION

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unraveled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 9 August: Mass at 11.00am Briagolong
Thurs 6 - Fri 14 August: Parish office is **only open on Wednesdays** as Clare is on leave.
Sat 15 Aug 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 16 Aug 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends
Sat 22 & Sun 23 Aug: CatholicCare leaving collection—all Parish Churches
Sun 13 September 10am: Parish Multicultural and Feast Day

PARISH NEWS

FR FRANCIS' LEAVE from **Sunday 26 July**
Fr Francis will be heading to Nigeria for his stepmothers funeral. He will return this **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 Saturday 8 August** will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion. **Sunday 9 August Mass** at Briagolong will be at **11am**. **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.*

YOUTH MASS will be held in the Cathedral at **5.30pm on Saturday 16 August**.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Sporting Legends Sale at **12pm on Sunday 16 August**. There is no need to book just turn up if you can.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE TEAM meets on **Wednesday from 9.30-11.00am**. The Garden Maintenance Group is on the lookout for able-bodied individuals to assist in the garden maintenance of the Parish Gardens. If you are able to assist in any way, please call any of the following: John Dykun 0413947352, Doug Waite 0407443274 or Steve Baldwin 0428443083

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 committee 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. 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

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. You can donate using the envelopes or by calling 03 9967 2515 or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the Death of St Francis of Assisi. Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. Together, we will travel to Benambra—nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains—home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

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*

Schedule of Events Friday, October 2nd

6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale)
A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word transitus is Latin for "passing over" or "transition." It commemorates St Francis' passage from earthly life into eternal life with God.

Saturday, October 3rd 8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale) 12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)
Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra) - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass!

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (Benambra Footy club) - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share.

3:00 PM – Conclusion (Immaculate Conception, Omeo) Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure. Location Information:

St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale
St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra
Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo.
All are warmly welcome to be part of this **unforgettable diocesan pilgrimage**.

For more information visit: cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi

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:	\$685.00
Presbytery:	\$1,158.20
Credit Cards	\$990.00
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Mass Timetable this week
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
8 - 9 August 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 8 August	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 9 August	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briargolong Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 10 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 11 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 12 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 13 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 14 August	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 15 August	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 16 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	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 8 August 5.30pm	Sunday 9 August 9.30am	Sunday 9 August 5.30pm
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	Doug Waite, Jennifer	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Fidge, Rosemary W,	F, Margaret S	Please offer
Counters	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 15 August 5.30pm	Sunday 16 August 9.30am	Sunday 16 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	YOUTH MASS	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	YOUTH MASS	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
Reader	YOUTH MASS	Xavier Useni-Vowell	Faye Flint
Eucharists	Emma M, Claire Lyon	Sue H, Margaret S	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Theo Smolenaars	Dr Salle	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 8 Aug 5.30pm: Robert Bailey, Mary Bailey & Maurie Bailey (A's)

Sunday 9 Aug 9.30am: Noreen Lyttle, Pierina Cappozzo (A's)

Saturday 15 August 9.30am: Ann O'Brien (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Brendan Lee**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Noreen Lyttle, Robert Bailey, Mary Bailey, Maurie Bailey, Pierina Cappozzo, 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.**



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?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**



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

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

2nd Reading: **Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

Gospel: **Matthew 15:21-28**

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: Briargolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.