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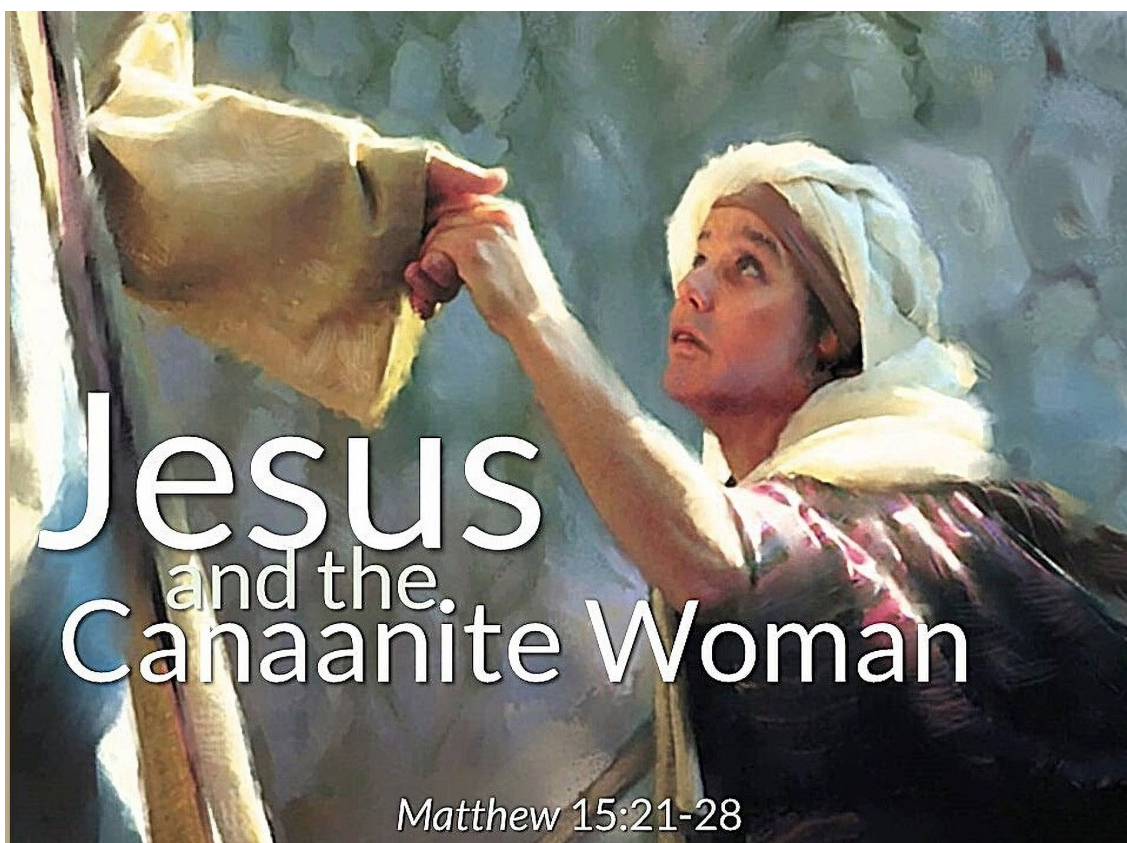
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 15 - 16 AUGUST 2026

REFLECTION

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

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

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

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.

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

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. Refer to information on this collection in the Diocesan News section of the bulletin.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

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 Footyclub) - 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

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly

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*

arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

WALKING THE WAY: EXPLORE THE RCIA

JOURNEY Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams, and interested parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop that aims to deepen your understanding and share experiences of the RCIA journey.

Presenters: Dr. Alice Youlden & Joan Robertson

Date: Saturday, 5th September 2026

Time: 9:30AM arrival for a 10:00AM start (Concludes at 2:00 PM)

Venue: The Marian Room (St. Joseph's Church, Warragul. Enter car park from Bowen Street)

SEASON OF CREATION: Care for Our Common Home. Join us online to better understand what Pope Francis calls "integral ecology," and to explore how, as people of faith, we are called to care for the Earth—our common home—in practical ways, as both a spiritual and ethical responsibility.

Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans (Parish Priest at St Patrick's, Pakenham)

Date: Wednesday, 16th September 2026

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Venue: Online

Registration: tinyurl.com/4tx834yp

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:

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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$

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Mass Timetable this week
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
15 - 16 August 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 15 August <i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 16 August	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 17 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 18 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 19 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 20 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 21 August <i>Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 22 August	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 23 August	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

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	Andreaena 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		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 22 August 5.30pm	Sunday 23 August 9.30am	Sunday 23 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Please offer
Reader	Faye Flint	Mildred Semodio	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Brenda B, Jenny G	Dr Salle, Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Jonathan Peckley	Doug Waite	Please offer
Counters	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Brendan Lee**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ann O'Brien, 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

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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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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program ☐

If you would like to join a Family Group ☐

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 22:19-23**
2nd Reading: **Romans 11:33-36**
Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-20**

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.