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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A *22 - 23 AUGUST 2026*

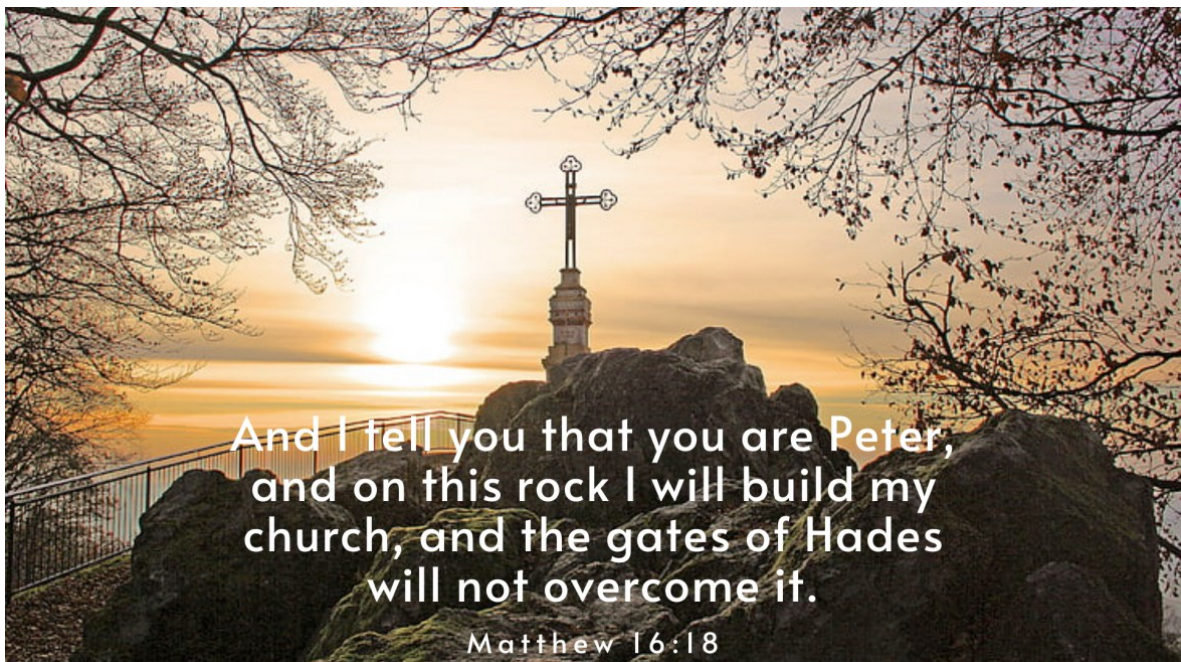
REFLECTION

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 22 & Sun 23 Aug: CatholicCare leaving collection—all Parish Churches

Thurs 4 Sep 5pm: Serra Club Mass

Sun 6 Sep 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa **Mon 24 Aug:** Fr Joy on holiday

Sun 13 September 10am: Parish Multicultural and Feast Day

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE are presenting a production of 'High School Musical' at the Wedge at **7pm on Wednesday 9 September** and at **5.30pm Thursday 10 September**. Tickets are available at thewedge.com.au.

FR JOY will be on leave from Monday 24 August. Please keep him in your prayers as he enjoys time with family and friends. **There may be changes to Masses during this period so please check the bulletin each week**

THANKS our Parish received a letter of thanks from the Principal of the Franciscan Order for our contribution to the Good Friday Collection. The letter is on the noticeboard in the Cathedral.

PIANO CONCERT St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale invites you to their Piano Concert on the theme of 'Twilight'. It will be held on **Sunday 30 August from 2pm**. Tickets are \$35.00 or \$30 concession. Children are free. Refer to the flyer in your local church for more information.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 4 September** 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.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: on **Sunday 6 September, Catholic College** 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

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. From 2 - 3 October at Bairnsdale, Benambra and Omeo. **For more information, including the schedule of events, visit: cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi**

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)

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*

POSITION VACANT—WORLD YOUTH DAY PROJECT OFFICER

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission. This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit <https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/>

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:

Planned Giving:	\$759.70
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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
22 - 23 August 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 22 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 23 August	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 24 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 25 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 26 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 27 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 28 August	10.00am	Cathedral
Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 29 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Liturgy of the word with Communion	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 30 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Liturgy of the word with Communion	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 29 August 5.30pm	Sunday 30 August 9.30am	Sunday 30 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Theo S, Carmel W	Margaret S, Abi U	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Rosemary Webster	Brenda Bowden	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 23 August 9.30am: Monica Best (A)

Sunday 23 August 5.30pm: Monica Chirgwin (A)

Sunday 23 August 9.30am (Briagolong): Greg McCarthy (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Monica Best, Monica Chirgwin, Greg McCarthy, 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?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

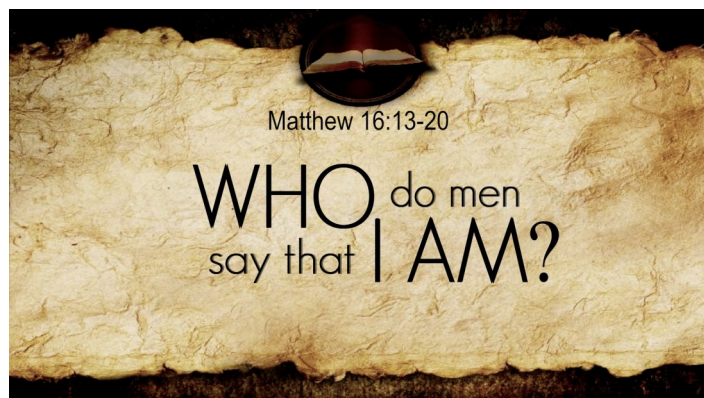
GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

2nd Reading: **Romans 12:1-2**

Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-27**

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.