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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 29 - 30 AUGUST 2026

My dear parishioners,

Thank you to all of you who knew and who offered prayers for me last week when I was unwell. I felt your prayers, and the result is me before you this weekend, hail and hearty. God bless us all and keep us in good health of mind and body. Also, as you probably know, Fr Joy has begun his break since last Sunday. He sends greetings from God's own city of Kerala. May God's grace be with him to have a memorable holiday with family and friends.

I would like to draw our attention to some very important activities in our parish currently under preparation, beginning with the most practical taking place in September.

MULTICULTURAL DAY/CATHEDRAL DEDICATION CELEBRATION: This has been in the bulletin for quite a number of weeks now. This year will be our third multicultural celebration since its inception in 2024. This year will also be 111 years since the dedication of our magnificent Cathedral in 1915. These two events will be marked within the context of one liturgical celebration; one celebrating the other. The date is Sunday, 13th September 2026. There will be **ONLY ONE MASS** in the Cathedral that weekend (symbolic of our oneness in Christ), officiated by the Chief Shepherd of the Diocese, Bishop Greg Bennet. Mass time will be **10.00am** followed by a grand reception at St Mary's Primary School grounds. Further details about the Mass next Sunday. For now, could you please give this event top priority in your calendar and in your prayers.

VESPERS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF A CATHEDRAL: The actual date of the Cathedral Dedication in history is 23rd September 1915. Therefore, in conjunction with Bishop Greg and the Parish Pastoral Council, we will mark the day with a special Evening Prayer (Vespers) for the anniversary of the dedication of a Cathedral. The Vespers will be presided over by Bishop Greg, followed by supper. While the Sera club has consented to enhancing the supper that evening, it will be very much appreciated if we can all come with a plate to share. It is our celebration. Let's make it happen. Details for the evening prayer as follows: Date: **Wednesday 23rd September 2026; Time: 6.30pm; Venue: St Mary's Cathedral.**

CATHEDRAL MASTER PLAN: This has been in the bulletin, and talked about, for quite a while now. The working party has been meeting and deliberating over issues. In a short while, designated members from the team will officially visit the churches to formally address the topic with us. This piece is by way of furthering my earlier communication with you. Stay tuned.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN: It is very interesting to note that there are many initiatives coming up in our parish following the spirit of our Parish Assembly. The latest of these is the formation of the Parish Fundraising Team. Their activities with the SPARK youth group in the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser is yielding results. I want to specifically thank both the Fundraising Team and the SPARK group for their spirit of collaboration, dedication and commitment. The PPC is progressing very well with the development of our Parish Pastoral Plan to align with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan Framework. In a short while, the Chair of the PPC will address us on where we are at, and the pathway forward. The beauty of all these is how all the various parties are working together towards a common goal: "To be a vibrant and inclusive community, centred on Christ and led by the Spirit to bring all to know God's love."

Keep the parish in your prayers. Together, we shall get there.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR

Thurs 3 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.

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.

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.**

PIANO CONCERT St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale invites you to their Piano Concert on the theme of 'Twilight'. It will be held this **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 3 September** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard. At Saturday morning Mass we pray for vocations.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA APPEAL raised \$554.60. Thanks to all who donated.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE Dear Members of St Mary's Parish Sale I am writing to you to ask for volunteers who could assist some of the students involved in a Marist Game Changers Club. The students are from Yrs 7-11, and there are around 20 students in total involved in the program. The students are currently crocheting a blanket to donate to the homeless people in our community. The aim is to complete the blanket by November. The students meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.30pm until 2.10pm. If you are interested in assisting our students from Marist Game Changers Club in completing this blanket, the students and I would greatly appreciate your help. For more details please contact Damian Hogan on email dhogan@ccsale.catholic.edu.au or contact Catholic College Sale directly on 5143 9700. Kind Regards, Mr Damian Hogan

CCS are also 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.

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. 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-assisii**

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*

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

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/>. **Applications close 31 August 2026.**

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 Quarter:

Planned Giving:	To be provided
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FUNERAL SERVICES

Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
29 - 30 August 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29 August <i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 30 August	9.30am NO MASS 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 31 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 1 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 2 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 3 September <i>Serra Club Mass</i>	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 4 Sept	9.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 5 September	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
<i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	9.30am NO MASS 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Sunday 6 September		

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		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 5 Sept 5.30pm	Sunday 6 September 9.30am	Sunday 6 September 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Xavier Useni-Vowell	Please offer
Reader	Joel Brayshaw	Maya Useni-Vowell	Faye Flint
Eucharists	Tim & Emma M	Doug & Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Abi Udiano	Please offer
Counters	Len and Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 30 August 9.30am: Mary Patricia Spykers & the Spykers family

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **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:

**Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call on you.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

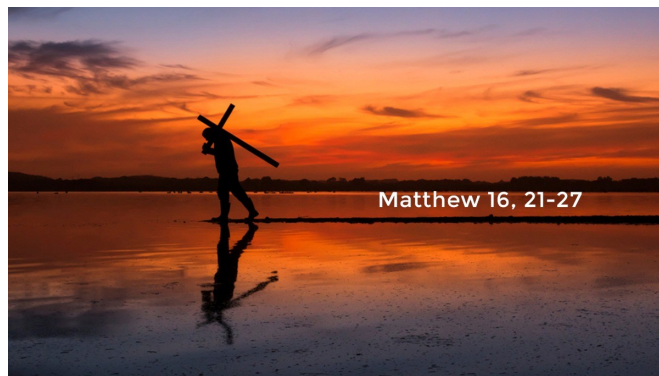
GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-9**
2nd Reading: **Romans 13:8-10**
Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

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: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.