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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ***5 - 6 September 2026***

The Sacred Strength of Fatherhood

This weekend, our parish community and Australia-wide celebrate Father's Day. It is a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect, and express our deep gratitude for the men who anchor our families. In scripture, God frequently chooses the imagery of a father to express His profound love, protection, and mercy for us (Isa 64:8; Ps 68:5; Matt 6:9; John 14:9). Human fatherhood is a reflection of that divine care (Eph 3:14-15). It calls for a unique, resilient strength that shapes the heart of the domestic church.

The true strength of a Christian father is not measured by worldly success or stoic silence. Instead, it is found in his daily, faithful presence. It is a quiet force. It shows up when a father prays with his children at bedtime, a privilege I did not have. It is present when he models patience during stressful moments, and when he leads his family through life's unexpected storms. When a father steps into the vulnerability of active parenting, he creates a safe harbour. This steady devotion gives children a tangible sense of God's unconditional love and security.

Thank you, fathers, for offering our youth a vital blueprint for spiritual and emotional resilience. Through your mentorship, the young ones learn how to navigate failure, handle pressure, and walk with integrity. A father's encouragement during a difficult moment builds lasting self-reliance and faith. Whether teaching a child how to forgive, how to serve others, or how to bounce back from a loss, a father's guidance carves out the pathways that form compassionate adults.

Furthermore, the partnership a father provides within the home can never be underestimated; it sets a sacred standard for future generations. By sharing the daily joys and burdens of family life with love and mutual respect, fathers teach their children the true meaning of sacrificial service. Daughters learn how they deserve to be cherished, and sons learn how to become supportive, emotionally mature men of faith.

To the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and spiritual fathers of our parish: we see your quiet sacrifices. We see your hard work, your prayers, and your devotion. Your presence is the foundation of our community. This Father's Day, we pray that God grants you renewed wisdom, patience, and joy in your sacred calling. Thank you for showing up every day. Your strength does not go unnoticed. Happy Father's Day.

Morning tea: to mark our usual first Sunday cuppa and to celebrate all our dads, the staff and students of our Catholic College Sale are warmly offering a morning tea after Mass today. Please join us in the narthex area to share a cup of tea, enjoy some fellowship, and honour the wonderful men in our community. All are welcome!

Cathedral Parish Multi-Cultural/Dedication Day Celebration. It is just one week away. **The date is Sunday 13 September.** This will be a great celebration featuring **ONE MASS at 10.00am** in the Cathedral, to be officiated by Bishop Greg, and concelebrated by Frs Joy and Francis (please note: no Saturday evening or Sunday evening Masses in the Cathedral next weekend. There will be a Saturday evening Mass at Rosedale (5.30pm) for those who are scheduled for essential services on the Sunday morning). We are hoping to have variety of food from different cultural backgrounds. Parishioners will be expected to please dress up in traditional/cultural attire as much as possible... It will be a great celebration for our community. Invite family, friends and neighbours to this event. Please keep this day in your prayers.

Solemn Vespers: Remember also that the actual day of the Cathedral dedication (in 1915) was **23rd September**. Thus, on this day (**on a Wednesday evening**), we shall have a solemn evening prayers presided over by Bishop Greg. This will be followed by supper and fellowship in the narthex area. A reminder of this part of our celebration will be posted in the bulletin next weekend. Keep it all in your prayers and thoughts please.

God bless us all. *Fr Francis*

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.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each cultural group is invited to nominate a saint from their country.
2. Collect a picture frame, fill out the nomination form.
3. Feel free to depict your saint, decorate the frame, or decorate the background.
4. Complete the nomination form.
5. Return with the picture to participate in the Procession of Saints during our Multicultural Mass.

St.: _____

COUNTRY: _____

A reminder to find a picture of your saint and bring it back in the frame provided. On the Multicultural Day Mass – **13 September**, you are invited to carry this picture in the opening procession at the start of mass and place it in front of the altar. Please see or call **David - 0421 757 313** if you have any questions.

CHILD SAFETY WEEK commences this weekend from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 September. Posters are on the noticeboard in the Cathedral.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 6 Sep 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa
Sun 13 September 10am: Parish Multicultural and Feast Day
Please check the Mass Timetable on Page THREE

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: this 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 is currently on leave. 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**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Peony Nolledo** daughter of Reilyn & Arffi. Congratulations to the family from us all.

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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PILGRIMAGE if you are planning to travel to Benambra please register at this link <https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-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*

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.

APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy (including priests from overseas) and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish leaving collection. Our appeal will be held on the weekend of **Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September** please give generously. Envelopes are available at the back of each Parish Church.

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
Presbytery:	in November
Credit Cards	on a Quarterly basis
Direct Debits & Credits:	in the bulletin from
Cathedral EFTpos:	now on.
With thanks from a grateful parish.	



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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
5 - 6 September 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 September <i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 6 September	9.30am NO MASS 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 7 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 8 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9 September	NO MASS	Cathedral
Thursday 10 September	NO MASS	Cathedral
Friday 11 Sept <i>No Benediction or Exposition</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 12 September	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13 September <i>Multicultural and Feast Day celebration</i>	10.00am	Cathedral

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		

Cathedral Date & Time	No evening Mass	Sunday 13 September 10.00am	No evening Mass
Welcomer		Catherine Mackinnon	
Commentator		Tim Morrison	
Reader		Andreena Jolly	
Eucharists		Doug & Leny Waite	
Eucharist		Jennifer Fitzgerald	
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 6 Sept 9.30am: Antonio Gonzales (RD)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Antonio Gonzales** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Steve Witchell, 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.**

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/nepal

PRAYER FOR NEPAL AND TIBET

Loving God,
Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Comfort those who have lost loved ones,
strengthen those waiting anxiously for news,
and guide rescuers and emergency workers as they search for survivors.

Give courage to displaced families
and compassion to communities offering shelter, food and care.

May those who are missing be found,
and may those who mourn know they are not alone.
God of mercy, hear our prayer. 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!

NAME:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

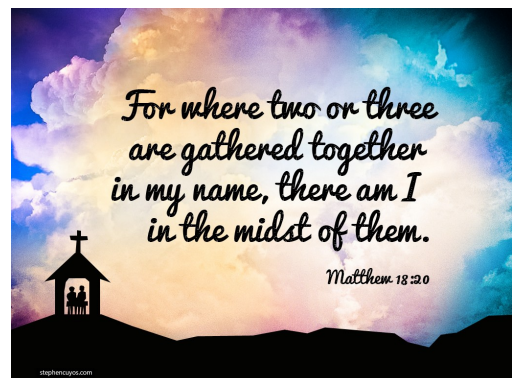
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Like a deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Sirach 27:30 - 28:7**

2nd Reading: **Romans 14:7-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

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.