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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ***19 - 20 September 2026***

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for making last Sunday's Multicultural/Dedication Day celebration a resounding and beautiful success. Omg! It was truly a joy to see St Mary's Cathedral filled to capacity, with so many of our families, youth, and children filling the pews with life and energy. The wonderful selection of traditional foods from so many diverse cultural backgrounds added a unique richness to our fellowship and made the entire day incredibly memorable.

This beautiful celebration would not have been possible without the immense dedication and collective effort of our entire community. From your active and prayerful participation in the Holy Eucharist to your joyful presence at the reception and entertainment, you truly made the day a demonstration of our parish common-unity. On behalf of the organising committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, I extend our deepest and most sincere gratitude to everyone who volunteered, cooked, performed, or attended. May God's grace continue to guide us as we journey together as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Looking ahead, we are blessed to celebrate another major milestone in the life of our faith community. As previously noted in our bulletins, the official anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral falls on Wednesday, 23rd September. To mark this sacred occasion, we will gather for Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction, which will be presided over by Bishop Greg.

I cordially invite all parishioners, along with your families, neighbours, and friends, to join us for this significant spiritual service. Please lend your voice to this invitation. As this is our shared Cathedral, it is our collective celebration. It is a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer, express our collective gratitude, and honour the spiritual home that anchors our community.

A light supper (could be heavy) will follow immediately after the service in the narthex area. While we completely understand that this request comes closely after last Sunday's extensive festivities, we would be deeply grateful for any food contributions you are able to bring to share. Your continued generosity, hospitality, and support make these gatherings possible. We look forward to praying and celebrating with you all this coming Wednesday.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 23rd September 2026

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Solemn Vespers and Benediction to commemorate our Cathedral Dedication

May the Lord continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon us all.

Fr Francis

PARISH NEWS

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. 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 19 and Sunday 20 September** please give generously. Envelopes are available at the back of each Parish Church.

SOLEMN VESPERS: the actual day of the Cathedral dedication (in 1915 - 111 years ago) was **23rd September** so at **6.30pm**, we shall have a solemn evening prayers presided over by Bishop Greg. This will be followed by supper and fellowship in the narthex area of the Cathedral

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Danielle Clavecillas** daughter of Arvie & Jay Noel. Congratulations to the family from us all.

St Mary's Maffra Commemorative Mass for the Celebration of St Mary's Presbytery 110th year Anniversary will be held on **Thursday 1 October 2026** with Bishop Greg celebrating Mass at 3pm. At the end of Mass there will be afternoon tea served in the Presbytery with telling of stories by our elderly parishioners. There will also be a display of some items from our earliest priests and photos. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Sporting Legends at **12pm today Sunday 20 September**. Please come along if you can

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 19 Sept 5.30pm: Youth Mass Cathedral
Sat 19 & Sun 20 Sept: Priests' Welfare Collection all Parish churches
Sun 20 Sept 12pm: Parish lunch at Legends
Wed 23 Sept 6.30pm: Solemn Vespers - 111th anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral
Please check the Mass Timetable on Page THREE for weekday and weekend Mass changes.

YOUTH MASS our monthly Youth Mass will be held **this Saturday 19 September at 5.30pm**. Please encourage all young Parishioners to attend.

SUMMER RAFFLE PRIZE APPEAL The Parish Fundraising Working Party is seeking your support for our upcoming Summer Raffle. We warmly invite parishioners and local businesses to contribute towards raffle prizes through a monetary donation. Your generosity will help us secure attractive prizes and ensure the success of this important fundraising event for our parish community. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and may be made through the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can make this year's Summer Raffle a wonderful success for our parish and for our future events.

Tim Morrison, Chair PPC

DIOCESAN NEWS

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PILGRIMAGE if you are planning to travel to Benambra on **Saturday 3 October** please register at this link for catering purposes <https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-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. For more information please refer to the program on page three of this bulletin or visit [cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi](https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi)

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2026: For the Care of Water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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*

Celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026

The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **Sunday, 27 September**, with this year's theme focusing on young people: "Even just one of these children" (Mt 18:10). The Church invites us to look beyond statistics, recognise the dignity of children and youth affected by migration and forced displacement, and respond with compassion and solidarity. Dedicated prayer resources, reflections, and educational materials have been prepared by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) to help families, parishes, and schools mark this occasion. To read the full message and access the resources, please visit: www.cdsale.org.au/news/celebrate-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees.

Holy Hours for Vocations – Catholic Diocese of Sale

"A prayer today..... A shepherd tomorrow...". Come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life across our diocese. Upcoming Dates (2026):
Sunday, 11 October 2026 Holy Hour: 10:00 am – 11:00 am (followed by Mass at 11:00 am)
 Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church, **Foster**
Saturday, 31 October 2026 Mass & Holy Hour: Commencing at 9:30 am
 Venue: St Patrick's Church, **Pakenham**
 More dates across the diocese to follow. All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer!

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
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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
19 - 20 September 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 19 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 20 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 21 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 22 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 23 September	9.30am	Cathedral
SOLEMN VESPER	6.30pm	Cathedral
Thursday 24 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 25 Sept	10.00am	Cathedral
Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 26 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 27 September	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 19 Sept 5.30pm	Sunday 20 Sept 9.30am	Sunday 20 September 5.30pm
Welcomer	YOUTH MASS	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	YOUTH MASS	Vince Beer	Andreena Jolly
Reader	YOUTH MASS	Susan Mattson	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Tim & Emma M	Margaret S, Sue H	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Claire Lyon	Dr Salle	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 26 Sept 5.30pm	Sunday 27 Sept 9.30am	Sunday 27 Sept 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Lyn Althaus
Eucharists	Carmel W, Frank F	Abi U, Dr Salle	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Rosemary W,	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Leny Waite
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 20 Sept 9.30am: Antonio Gonzales (RD)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Reg Carmody, Shirley Hudson, Antonio Gonzales** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Riley O'Brien, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Mary Harkin, 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,

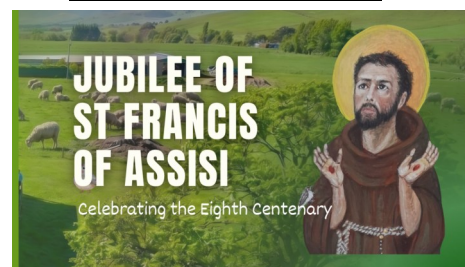
Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6:00pm *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**
We gather for Morning Prayer before taking our first steps on the journey.

12 Noon *Jubilee Mass* **St Francis of Assisi, Benambra**
Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets
All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle

We will gather at the footy club. Please bring a plate to share

3:00 pm *Conclude* **Immaculate Conception, Omeo**
Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for our final prayers and departure

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!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in your statutes.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

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.