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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ***12 - 13 September 2026***

Though many, we are one

Permit me to begin this day by extending a most heartfelt welcome to you all to our beautiful St Mary's Cathedral for this double celebration of our Multicultural Mass and Cathedral Dedication Day. I offer a warm welcome to the friends who have accompanied one another, and to the family members visiting or celebrating this day with loved ones. We are particularly blessed to have our chief shepherd, Bishop Greg, presiding over today's celebration. Thank you all for your presence here today.

We have eagerly anticipated this day since planning began several weeks ago. The day has finally arrived, and we give thanks to God for bringing us together under such glorious circumstances. What was yesterday a vision is today a reality, achieved through your enthusiasm, dedication, and unwavering commitment. You have truly demonstrated a readiness to partner with God in elevating our community-building efforts; for today's celebration is a direct result of your continuous love for the parish and your deep desire to see vitality and vibrancy activated in our parish life.

In his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:12-27), Saint Paul utilises an analogy that speaks volumes not only to the ancient Corinthian community but also to us today. Paul compares the Christian community to the human body—composed of many parts, yet remaining one cohesive body. While he speaks specifically regarding spiritual gifts within the community of the faithful, this analogy is richly relevant to our gathering today. Although we come from varied and diverse cultural backgrounds, we are one community, one parish, and one church. Looking across the pews of this Cathedral, we truly appreciate the richness of the diversity we celebrate today. Therein lies the beauty of our community, for as Saint Paul reminds us, "there is neither Jew nor Gentile... for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28-29). This is the essence of our celebration: though many, we are one; a testament to unity in diversity.

As we celebrate our cultural unity today, we also mark a profound historic milestone for our parish: the 111th anniversary of the dedication of this sacred Cathedral. For over a century, these holy walls have stood as a sanctuary of prayer, a beacon of hope, and a spiritual home for countless generations. To commemorate the dedication of this Cathedral alongside our multicultural heritage is beautifully fitting; it reminds us that while this physical structure of stone and mortar was built decades ago, the living Church is continually built by the diverse, vibrant families who worship here today. We honour the legacy of faith passed down by those before us, while celebrating the global tapestry of cultures that breathes life into this sanctuary today.

At this juncture, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many individuals/groups who invested extraordinary effort into making this day possible: the planning committee (headed by David Erdmann), who met regularly to coordinate events, logistics, and hospitality; the liturgy team and sacristans, who meticulously prepared the sanctuary, sacred vessels, and linens; the choir, whose dedicated rehearsals ensured our music is fittingly beautiful; those who prepared the gathering area and those assisting with the cleanup; the maintenance team, who ensured the grounds are pristine; our dedicated altar servers assisting on the sanctuary; and all who took an active ministry role in today's liturgy. I would like to offer a special note of thanks to Bishop Greg, who, despite a demanding schedule, graciously accepted our invitation to preside over today's Mass. Furthermore, special thanks to St Mary's PS for their unquantifiable support and contribution to today's success. My gratitude would be incomplete without acknowledging everyone who contributed food and entertainment from their diverse cultural traditions, as well as all who are gathered to share in this fellowship meal. You have all done exceptionally well.

On behalf of Bishop Greg and the Cathedral Pastoral Council, I thank you. This is our parish. This is our community. This is our celebration. Happy celebrations! *Fr Francis.*

PARISH NEWS

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Sporting Legends at 12pm next Sunday 20 September. Please come along if you can. No need to book.

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

SOLEMN VESPERS: Remember that the actual day of the Cathedral dedication (in 1915 - 111 years ago) was 23rd September. Thus, on this day 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

CONGRATULATIONS to the 40 children who attended their First Reconciliation last Wednesday night in the Cathedral. We hope you are blessed with spirit as you continue your sacramental journey.

FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION

APPEAL 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 13 September 10am: Parish Multicultural and Feast Day
Sat 19 Sept 5.30pm: Youth Mass Cathedral
Sun 20 Sept 12pm: Parish Lunch at Sporting Legends, Sale
Please check the Mass Timetable on Page THREE for weekday and weekend Mass changes.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Tuesday 22 September till Tuesday 6 October while Clare is on leave. It will be open on **Wednesday's (23 & 30 September only)** during this period.

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

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) For more details about this pilgrimage please refer to the poster on page 3 of the bulletin.

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

Diocesan Women's Event: Navigating the Unseen – Women Leading with Resilience

Women from across the diocese are invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church. Guest speaker Dr. Kim Daniels—Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication—will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal. Date: Wednesday, October 14th
Time: 7:00 PM
Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham
Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner & soft drinks)
RSVP: Bookings are essential by October 4th. Secure your tickets online at trybooking.com/DOZKU

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). To read the full message and access the resources, please visit: www.cdsale.org.au/news/celebrate-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees.

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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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
12 - 13 September 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 12 September	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13 September <i>Multicultural and Feast Day celebration</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 14 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 15 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 16 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 17 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 18 Sept <i>Benediction & Exposition followed by Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 19 September	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 20 September	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Cathedral	No evening Mass	Sunday 13 September	No evening Mass
Date & Time		10.00am	

Welcomer	Catherine Mackinnon
Commentator	Tim Morrison
Reader	Andreena Jolly
Eucharists	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars

Cathedral	Saturday 19 Sept	Sunday 20 Sept	Sunday 20 September
Date & Time	5.30pm	9.30am	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	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 13 Sept 9.30am: Keith Nieuwenhuizen (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died **Antonio Gonzales** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Andrew Wise, Finn 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.**

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,

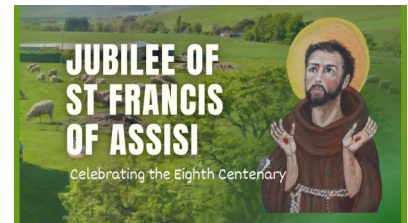
Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

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 footyclub. Please bring a plate to share

Conclude **Immaculate Conception, Omeo**

3:00 pm 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:

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Sirach 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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.