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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A *26 - 27 September 2026*

Diocesan pilgrimage to St Francis Benambra

As we shared earlier this year, Pope Leo has declared this year the "Year of St. Francis" to honour the 800th anniversary of the saint's transition from time to eternity.

Because traveling to Assisi is not possible for everyone, the Holy Father has announced that a pilgrimage to any church dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi fulfils the requirements for a pilgrimage indulgence. In the Sale Diocese, our only church named after the saint is **St. Francis of Assisi Church in Benambra**. The Diocese is organising a day-trip pilgrimage to Benambra next weekend on **Saturday, October 3rd** (details in the bulletin). Please keep all our pilgrims in your prayers. If you would still like to join the trip, please **register using the website link** in the bulletin (required for catering purposes) or let me know directly so I can add your name to the list. A few parishioners from our community and Stratford are already set to go praise God!

Changes to Mass Schedules next Saturday (3rd October)

Please note that there will be no morning (9:30 AM) or evening (5:30 PM) Masses next Saturday, October 3rd. Our parish will be participating in the Diocesan pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Benambra to celebrate the Year of St. Francis. Because of our late return, only the Sunday morning (9:30 AM) and evening (5:30 PM) Masses will be held next weekend. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Annual Celebration of Multicultural/Dedication Day

I am writing, once again, to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your outstanding support and commitment during our recent double celebration. Your dedication made both our Multicultural Sunday and the anniversary of our Cathedral's Dedication truly memorable. Moving forward, because the historical date of the cathedral's dedication is **September 23rd**, we will formally set aside this date each year to honour its 1915 consecration. This date will officially serve as our annual **Fest Day**, and we look forward to continuously refining how we honour this sacred occasion in the years to come.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone who, on Wednesday, attended the Solemn Vespers and Benediction led by Bishop Greg. We are deeply grateful to those who generously provided the evening's supper, as well as those who could not attend in person but united with us in prayer. Thanks be to God, these annual celebrations are now firmly established traditions for our community. May these holy occasions continue to strengthen us as a vibrant, inclusive Christ-centred community, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the love of the Father. Thank you once again for your continued support as we now look forward to our **2027 celebrations**.

Spark Youth Group

We officially have a name, crew! The young people have spoken, and our Parish Youth Group is officially called Spark Youth Group! Now that the name is locked in, our next big mission is creating our **official logo**, and we need to get on it ASAP. A massive shoutout to everyone who has already sent in their ideas! We will be hanging out soon to look through them and finalise our official design.

Also, keep **World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea** on your radar! It's the next massive event, and we want to get a couple of people from our group to join the rest of the Diocese for this epic pilgrimage.

Keep the spark alive and stay lit!

October Devotion

October Devotion begins on 1st October. I encourage you to pray the rosary, especially as a family. We will come together as a parish family to conclude the devotion at the end of October. May our mother Mary continue to intercede for us, amen!

Fr Francis.

PARISH NEWS

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 1 October** at 4.30pm for Exposition with the Monstrance, which was blessed and commissioned by Pope Benedict XV1 and presented to the Australian Serra Clubs in 2006. The holy rosary will be recited during Exposition and Mass will be celebrated at 5.00pm Mass followed by their Serra meeting in Chapter House. Please join us to pray for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard. 0438 344 907.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 4 October, Parish Family Groups** will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

The Commemorative Mass for the Celebration of St Mary's Maffra Presbytery 110th year Anniversary will be held on Thursday the 1st 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.

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

PARISH CALENDAR

Thurs 1 Oct 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass

Sun 4 Oct 10.30am: First Sunday Cuppa led by Parish Family Groups

Please check the Mass Timetable on Page THREE for weekday and weekend Mass

PARISH OFFICE is closed except from 9am to 3pm on Wednesdays for the period **Tuesday 19 Sept to Tuesday 6 October** as Clare is on leave.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 30 September in the Chapter House

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Ritual and The Reason: Exploring The Parts of The Mass

Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Join us to explore what we do and why we do it—from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing—so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence.

Choose a Session:

Narre Warren (Our Lady Help Of Christians): Saturday, 10th Oct 2026 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Traralgon (St Michael's): Saturday, 17th Oct 2026 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Register Today:

Online: cdsale.org.au/events

Phone: 61 3 5614 5163

Email: newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

Upcoming Conference: Liturgy Under the Southern Cross

The Australian Academy of Liturgy invites you to their National Conference from September 28–30, 2026, at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Explore worship, culture, faith, and spirituality in our Australian and regional context. To register, visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1591194.

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*

Come and See: The Harvest is Plentiful

The Catholic Diocese of Sale invites anyone considering a vocation to priesthood or ministry to an afternoon of discernment and conversation.

This gathering provides an opportunity to meet others who are also discerning, share fellowship, and hear personal stories from priests about their lives and their calls to ministry.

Date: Sunday, 27 September 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Venue: St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North

Hosted by: Catholic Diocese of Sale

If you are listening for God's call in your life, come along, reflect, and discover what the journey of ministry looks like. All are welcome.

"Forgiveness and Reconciliation" (Forgive & Forget)

Sale CWCI Committee invites you to hear Heather Packett. Sat 3rd October 2026, 1.30pm-4.00pm Sale Baptist Church.

Heather is inspiring a generation to 'get real' about their faith. Her ministry is clear for its practical and down to earth approach. Heather's passion is to see God's people released into their full potential and to find their fulfilment in living lives of obedience to Him.

Refreshments provided. Entry by donation.

Contact: Elaine 51497114

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:

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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
26 - 27 September 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26 September	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	11.00am	Loch Sport
	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
<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u>		
Monday 28 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 29 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 30 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 1 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 2 Oct <i>Benediction /</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
<i>Exposition & Mass</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
<u>WEEKEND MASSES</u>		
Saturday 3 October	NO MASS	Cathedral
	NO MASS	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 4 October	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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	Andreaena Jolly
Reader	Faye Flint	Di Austin	Lyn Althaus
Eucharists	Rosemary W, Carmel	Abi Udiano, Dr Salle	Len Althaus, Doug W
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Leny Waite
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 3 Oct 5.30pm	Sunday 4 October 9.30am	Sunday 4 October 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Vince Beer	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Please offer
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Jonathan P, Theo S	Doug & Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret S	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 27 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 **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.**



DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT

You are cordially invited to join the women of the diocese for a dinner and talk by Dr Kim Daniels celebrating the strength, resilience and expanding horizons of women in the life and mission of the Catholic Church

NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN WOMEN LEADING WITH RESILIENCE



7:00 pm Oct 14th
St. Patrick's Parish Hall,
Pakenham

Kim Daniels directs the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, where she is an adjunct theology professor & Mission Advisory Board member. She served on the Vatican Dicastery for Communication (2016-2026) and as a Synod on Synodality expert leading digital mission study. An advisor to Catholic leaders—including the USCCB—on religious liberty, immigration, and human dignity, Kim holds degrees from Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School.

DR. KIM DANIELS

COST: \$30/ person

Tickets Essential.
Register by October 4th

To register, scan QRcode or visit
trybooking.com/DOZKU

Dinner and soft drinks provided





JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary

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.

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>

From Friday 2 - Saturday 3 October there will be events at Bairnsdale, Benambra and Omeo. For more information, including the schedule of events, visit: [cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi](https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi)

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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program ☐

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**
2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**
Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

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