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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ***3 - 4 October 2026***

OCTOBER DEVOTION: *walking hand in hand with our Blessed Mother.*

Beloved parishioners,

This day, 4th October, we celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi, a day that holds a very special place in my heart as it doubles as the day on my birth. We were deeply blessed to go on a pilgrimage to the church of St Francis of Assisi, Benambra, on Saturday, 3rd October, where Bishop Greg led the Diocese in a most beautiful celebration of the Eucharist for the Franciscan Jubilee. How gracious it was to be counted among the numbers, and what a magnificent way to begin this grace-filled month of October!

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin their golden descent, we welcome October, which brings with it a profound liturgical tradition that has warmed Catholic hearts for centuries: the Month of the Holy Rosary. This October, the Parish Pastoral Council is extending a heartfelt invitation to every individual and family to step away from the noise of the world and enter into a deeper, more peaceful relationship with Jesus through the hands of His Blessed Mother.

The beauty of the October devotion lies in its simplicity. The Rosary is not a heavy theological burden; it is a gentle anchor for the soul. In each decade, we contemplate the saving mysteries of Christ's life, His joy, His light, His sorrow and His glory through the loving eyes of our mother Mary. When we hold the rosary beads, we are physically holding onto a spiritual lifeline. For the individual, a daily Rosary offers a sanctuary of silence in a frantic week. It calms anxious minds, restores interior peace, and provides a sacred space to lay down our hidden burdens.

For our families, this monthly devotion holds an even greater promise. As the venerable Father Patrick Peyton famously popularised, "The family that prays together stays together." Gathering in the living room after dinner, even for just fifteen minutes, to pray the Rosary can transform the home into a domestic church. It teaches our children the rhythm of prayer, creates a culture of shared faith, and builds an invisible fortress of grace around our households. It does not matter if your children are restless or if your thoughts wander; Mary welcomes the imperfect, sincere offerings of our hearts.

As our schools return to the classrooms this week, we have a beautiful opportunity to weave this devotion into the daily lives of our students. We warmly encourage our teachers to lead their students in praying one Hail Mary together each morning during October, and to unite as a full school community in prayer during Friday assemblies. This simple, intentional habit takes only a moment, yet it serves as a powerful declaration of our Catholic identity. By pausing to greet our Blessed Mother at the start of the day, both teachers and students invite her peace into the classroom, fostering an environment where faith and learning naturally grow hand in hand.

We encourage everyone to take up this October recitation of the Rosary. You can pray it during your morning commute, while taking a walk, or together as a family before bedtime. The benefits of this daily habit will ripple through your life, bringing patience where there is stress, clarity where there is confusion, and unity where there is division.

We will conclude this beautiful month of grace together as a parish family. Please mark your calendars for the Closing Ceremony on Friday, October 30th, at 6.30pm. This special evening will be a powerful moment of communal prayer, songs, and thanksgiving as we present all the prayers whispered throughout the month to our Blessed Mother. Please, join us in making this October a season of renewal. Let us fill our homes, our schools and our parish with the sweet melody of the Rosary, trusting that Mary is always leading us closer to the heart of her Son.

Fr Francis.

PARISH NEWS

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

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This 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. Please bring a plate to share.

Passing of Catholic College Sale Year 8 Student, Tenesha Fieldsend.

It is with profound sadness that we acknowledge the tragic passing of one of our Year 8 students, Tenesha. The Parish Pastoral Council and the entire Parish Community extends its deepest heartfelt condolences to the Fieldsend family, Tenesha's friends, and the College Community during this devastating time. May our hope of eternal life be your strength. May Tenesha now continue to rest in God's presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.prayer.com.au>

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS if you are, or know of another parishioner, celebrating a milestone birthday, anniversary or any other joyous moment to share with your parish please let one of the Priests or the Parish office know.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 4 October 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa led by Parish Family Groups.

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

PARISH OFFICE will return to normal hours from 9.30am on Tuesday 6 October

WELCOME BACK to our schools and families who have been enjoying their well deserved holidays. We hope you have a fabulous fourth term.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

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. Refer to the poster on page 3 or in your local Church

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.

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

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

Beyond the Wedding Threshold: A Survey for Catholics in the First Decade of Marriage

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a study into the experience of married Catholics. The results will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources. If you married in the last 10 years and at least one spouse is Catholic, they'd love to hear from you. Can you provide valuable insights to their work by completing this short survey about your marriage? <https://thepmrc.org/survey> All your answers are anonymous and confidential, and you can contact the researchers directly if you have any questions.

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.

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
3 - 4 October 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 3 October	NO MASS	Cathedral
<i>Liturgy of the word with Communion</i>	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 4 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 5 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 6 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 7 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 8 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 9 Oct Benediction /	10.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Mass	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 10 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Rosedale
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 11 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral

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		

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Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Please offer
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Lyn Althaus
Eucharists	Emma M, Claire L	Brenda B, Dr Salle	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Abi Udiano	Please offer
Counters	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun 4 October 9.30am: John McCrohan

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Tenesha Fieldsend** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, **Michael Daley, John McCrohan, Mary Sheehy, Joan & Michael Carney** and 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.**

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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 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**



DR. KIM DANIELS

**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.

COST: \$30/ person

Tickets Essential.
Register by October 4th

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

Dinner and soft drinks provided.



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:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heavens and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.**



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 25:6-10**
2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:12-14,19-20**
Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14**

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.