

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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**Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Gregory Bennet. DD**

**Dean of the Cathedral: Very Reverend Francis Otober, Mobile 0448 529 712**

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Fr Francis, Fr Aneesh, Rose Lee (Chairperson), John Dykun (Deputy Chairperson), Michele Wakeham (Secretary) Doug Waite (Deputy Secretary), Andrew Liyanage, Andrew Pagatpat, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Brenda Burditt, Tim Morrison, Joel Brayshaw, Jodie Ware, Filomena Padula.

**Safeguarding Statement:** Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. **Our Safeguarding Officer is Tim Morrison. Ph 5144 4100**



## *The EXULTATION of the HOLY CROSS, Year C* *13 - 14 September 2025*

### **Safeguarding Requirements for All Volunteers**

The Diocese of Sale and Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL) will jointly promote Child Safety Week from 7–14 September, aligning with NAPCAN's National Child Protection Week (7–13 September) and Safeguarding Sunday on 14 September 2025.

This year's theme is: "Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversations to Action."

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, all parish volunteers have now received the Safetrac Compliance Training via email. Our Parish volunteers without email access to attend to this requirement will be required to complete this training at the Cathedral, facilitated by our Safeguarding Officer – Tim Morrison. Dates for these training evenings will be communicated via the Parish Bulletin. This is a vital step in ensuring our parish remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Please note: A new Safeguarding Sign-in Booklet has been created to ensure all volunteers acknowledge their attendance and roles. Signing in is not a screening tool, but a way to record who is present on parish premises—including the church, presbytery, hall, or other areas—during each Mass or parish activity. This record supports safeguarding efforts and is essential in case of emergencies.

Volunteers include:

**Lectors**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**

**Choir Members**

**Sacristans**

**Altar Servers (if under 18 years, parents are requested to sign)**

**Collectors**

**And others involved in parish ministry**

We strongly encourage the use of sign-in sheets to maintain accurate attendance records. Your cooperation helps us uphold the highest standards of safety and care in our parish community.

As we mark Child Safety Week, let us remember that safeguarding is a shared responsibility. Whether through training, signage, or simply being present and attentive, every action contributes to a safer parish community. Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversations to Action reminds us that meaningful change begins with open dialogue and a commitment to act. Thank you for your continued dedication to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all.

*Tim Morrison, Parish Safeguarding Officer,  
St Mary's Cathedral Parish Sale*



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun 14 Sept:** Safeguarding Sunday  
**Wed 17 Sept 6pm:** First Reconciliation  
**Sat 20 Sept 5.30pm:** Youth Mass  
**Sun 21 Sept 12pm:** Parish Lunch, Legends  
**Sun 19 Oct:** Parish Multicultural Day celebration  
**Tues 23 - Thurs 25 Sep:** No weekday Mass

## NOTICE BOARD AND CATHEDRAL GLASS

if you have notices that you would like displayed in the Cathedral permission **must** be sought from the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Francis, or the Parish Office. **Without this permission no one is allowed to display any notices or documents.**

**WELCOME** This weekend we welcome **Fr Eugene San, SAC** to St Mary's Cathedral Parish. We are so happy you can join us during Fr Francis' sabbatical. We hope you enjoy your time in our Parish.

## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The amount given was **\$927.15**.

**YOUTH MASS** our next Youth Mass will be held in the Cathedral at **5.30pm on Saturday 20 September**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no weekday Masses on **Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 or Thursday 25 September** as our Priests will be at a Diocesan in service that week. Masses will be as normal from **Friday 26 September**.

**DAILY MASS BOOKS** we have limited copies of Daily Mass books ordered for 2026. If you would like your own copy of this book please let the office know by calling 5144 4100 or by emailing [sale@cdsale.org.au](mailto:sale@cdsale.org.au). The daily Mass book is available for \$40 per copy. Orders need to be made by **Friday 31 October 2025**.

**PARISH LUNCH** will be held at **12pm on Sunday 21 September** at Sporting Legends Sale. There is no need to book - just come along if you can.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 15 - 21 September. Saturday morning Masses we pray for vocations.

**MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE** The Legion of Mary warmly invites all pilgrims of hope from the Diocese of Sale to a special event. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet followed by Rosary & Adoration. Get commissioned as "Beacons of Hope" in this jubilee year. This will be held at St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield **9.00am to 3.15pm on Saturday 27 September**. Don't miss this beautiful celebration of faith, unity, and hope. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/3hm89uvv>

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** Catholic young adults (18-35 year olds) are invited to join us in Warragul for an afternoon of faith and friendship. We'll be having afternoon tea, playing boardgames, and praying together. Join us at **3:00PM on Saturday, 20th September** at St. Joseph's Church Warragul. Bring along something to share for afternoon tea, your rosary beads and your favourite boardgame if you have one. We love meeting new people at our events and hope to see some new faces there!

## DISCOVER PALMS VOLUNTEERING

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: **Online Register—[palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)**  
Date: **Thursday 30 October 2025**

Time: **7 pm – 8.30pm AEDT (VIC)**

Call 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

**MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** Time to deepen solidarity with migrants and refugees. Australian Catholics are encouraged to reflect on stories of hope as they mark the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on **Sunday, October 5**.

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has produced a set of resources based on the theme for this year "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", which is aligned with the Jubilee of Migrants. To read the media statement please visit : <https://tinyurl.com/ydmckrf9>

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

## 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*

**MULTICULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION:** Our celebration this year will be held on **Sunday, 19 October 2025** for this event. Details to follow shortly.



**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

**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 WEEKEND:

<b>Planned Giving:</b>	\$1,944.80
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$1,097.40
<b>Credit Cards</b>	\$40.00
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Credits:</b>	\$3,471.00
<b>Cathedral EFTpos:</b>	\$240.00

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**Mass Timetable this week**  
**The EXULTATION of the HOLY CROSS, Year C**  
**13 - 14 September 2025**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 14 September</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 15 September</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 September</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 17 September</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>FIRST RECONCILIATION</b>	6.00pm	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 18 September</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 19 September</b>		
<b>Benediction &amp; Exposition</b>	10.00am	Cathedral
<b>Mass</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 21 September</b>	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 13 September 5.30pm	Sunday 14 Sept 9.30am	Sunday 14 September 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Mildred Semodio	Andreena Jolly
<b>Reader</b>	Tim Morrison	Nick Hall	Claire Everard
<b>Eucharists</b>	Jenny Gunn, Frank F	Brenda Bow, Anna A	Doug W, Len Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Webster	Adi Udiano	Lyn Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Theo and Sandra Smolenaars		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 20 September 5.30pm	Sun 21 September 9.30am	Sunday 21 September 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Margaret Shirreffs	Veronica Stewart
<b>Commentator</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Susan Mattson	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Reader</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Vince Beer	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharists</b>	Frank F, Claire Lyon	Dr Salle, Sue Harvey	Len & Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Webster	Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Bowden
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Harvey and John Dykun		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun 14 Sep 9.30am: Mary Sheehy (A)**

**Sun 14 Sep 9.30am:: Rev Fr Andrew Wise (Recently deceased)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Rev Fr Andrew Wise** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Paul Speekman, Mary Sheehy, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Perla Nario, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
 may the faith you have given us  
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of charity enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us the blessed hope  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.  
 May your grace transform us  
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
 of the Gospel.  
 May those seeds transform from within  
 both humanity and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil  
 vanquished,  
 your glory will shine eternally.  
 May the grace of the Jubilee  
 reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
 May that same grace spread the joy  
 and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
 To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 be glory and praise for ever.  
 Amen



**First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the children making their First Reconciliation this **Wednesday 17 September** in the Cathedral. Thanks to Jennifer Fitzgerald, Fr Aneesh, parents and all the teachers involved in assisting with the program.

**St Mary's**

Axel Baker  
 Calin Cleur  
 Brody Dessent  
 Alice Dowse  
 Amelia Driscoll  
 Lucas Driscoll  
 Hunter Kiss  
 Ruby Lazzaro  
 Evelyn Lee  
 Sonny Lewin  
 Beau McGregor  
 Bella McKenzie  
 Thomas Mead  
 Hayden Munckton

**St Thomas'**

William Anderson-Parks  
 Archie Arisch  
 Matthew Bendall  
 Ryan Lamb  
 Sophie Ryan  
 Ashton Sanders  
 Elise Smolenaars  
 Angus Wood  
 Eloise Wood  
 Audrey Zidarich

**St Patrick's**

Illiana Booth  
 Alivia Costanzo  
 Rylan Dower  
 Harper Nicklen  
 Jemma Pattison  
 Libby Ross  
 Logan Taylor

**Other Schools**

Harrison Adams  
 Mardy Aninipot  
 Teshan Fernando  
 Max Gumpold  
 John Jewkes-Torres  
 Hadley Light  
 Archer Quirk  
 Ava Quirk  
 Scarlet Quirk  
 Jake Smith  
 Derren Torre  
 Bryn Wakeham

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.**

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**

When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. **(R)**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**

Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus 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!**

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.  
**Alleluia!**

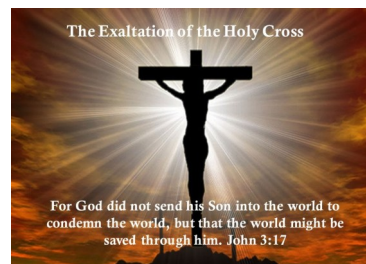
### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

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



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**



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#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday from 10.00am—11.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral -  
Friday & Saturday following Mass**

#### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

1st Reading: **Numbers 21:4-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **John 3:13-17**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

**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.**