



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.

All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *People of Christian faith –
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.*

**30th November
Advent 1**

Sentence from Scripture

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2.3a*

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken
through all generations:

renew us in hope,

that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus

Christ, our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Year of Prayer 2026

Lord, teach us to pray.

Teach us to listen to your voice
and to hear your word.

Teach us to offer our hearts to
you in love and to know your
love. Teach us to forgive and be
forgiven. Teach us to give our
lives in your service and to do
your will. Teach us to pray, and
pray in us, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am Wednesdays - 10.00am in the Lady Chapel

Sunday Evenings 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service**

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)

St Mark's Loch Sport *No Services*

Zoom Links: Evening Prayer: **Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation:

Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

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Our parish is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, especially children and vulnerable people.

We have a duty of care to protect all who participate in the life of the church from abuse. We have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind.

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety, or have witnessed behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable you can contact the Deputy Director of Professional Standards in the Gippsland Diocese, Julie Reilly Mobile: 0456 572 589 Email: julie@kooyoora.org.au You may also like to talk to the Dean or the Lay Canons, or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Will Kepolo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord 's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord ! *Isaiah 2.1-5*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me:

‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’

And now our feet are standing:

within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem which is built as a city:

where the pilgrims gather in unity.

There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

There are set thrones of judgement:

the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

may those who love you prosper.

Peace be within your walls:

and prosperity in your palaces.

For the sake of my kindred and companions:

I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek for your good.

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.9-14

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and

one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *Matthew 24.36-44*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection. *from the Christmas Bowl resources*

Advent begins not with sentimentality but with a call: Wake up! Paul urges us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Jesus warns his followers to stay alert, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. Isaiah dares to imagine nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord, beating swords into ploughshares, and walking in the light of God's peace.

We live in a world lulled to sleep by busyness, by consumption, by despair. But Advent shakes us awake. It tells us that history is not closed, that God is not finished, that light is breaking in even now. We are invited to live differently - to clothe ourselves with Christ, to resist the tyranny of greed, fear, and violence, and to walk in hope. The season of Advent is not only about waiting for Christ's coming at the end of time or remembering his birth long ago. It is about opening our eyes to his presence here and now, on this ordinary day. Wake up, people of God! The night is far gone, the day is near. Come, Lord Jesus.



Christmas Bowl Envelopes are available

Dean's Desk

Congratulations to Dr Kevin Cameron and the Schoir and strings group from Gippsland Grammar on an exquisite Choralfest on Friday evening. Now in its fourth year, it's clear how the kids enjoy singing the now familiar carols - as well as singing some new ones to a full cathedral. Thank you to our catering team for the hard work in feeding nearly 200 folk, and especially Jan Blake for her scrummy Christmas cake. Thanks to those from our parish community who came to support the service.

Also on Friday I attended the Advent Conversation, this year held at St Mary's cathedral instead of the Abbey because of the Raymond Island ferry outage. Dorothy Lee and Brendan Byrne talked about texts from Matthew's gospel. My take aways were Brendan's exposition of the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1, and Dorothy highlighting Matthew's use of "Kingdom of Heaven" instead of "Kingdom of God" (more commonly found in Mark and Luke). The highlight for me was actually our Bishop Richard's response to Brendan's first talk, which pulled no

punches about making sure our words align with our actions, particularly in this 16 Days of Action for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. We are so blessed in our bishop; do keep him in your prayers as he and his family leave tomorrow morning to head away for 8 weeks of annual and Long Service Leave - to Rome and Italy, and then on to the US to visit Leanne's family.

Today after the 10am service we'll be holding our Annual Meeting in the hall over morning tea. Do make sure you've browsed the reports; because Iain Nicolson and I are heading to Melbourne for the installation of Bishop Ric Thorpe as Archbishop of Melbourne, we'll be keeping the meeting punchy.

Today also begins the new liturgical year, for us, a Year of Prayer. Please join me in praying the prayer for the year - perhaps you could put it in a prominent place at home to remind you to use it regularly as we say with Jesus' disciples: Lord, teach us to pray.

Keren

The installation of Bishop Ric Thorpe is livestreamed and will be on our big TV in the community room at 4pm. Ask Christine for a copy of the liturgy if you wish to follow along at home. youtube.com/live/W957vtVI50Q

No further breakfast donations for this year

Thanks to all who have so generously donated to the schools' breakfast programs. The last delivery will be made this week, so no more donations are needed for the rest of this year.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

A faith-based communications campaign to build a faithful church response to gender-based violence

Our church is joining in a global campaign to raise awareness and ideas about what we can each do to help address gender-based violence.

The Anglican Church of Australia's Families & Culture Commission have created social media posts which raise awareness of the issues and how we can each play a part in creating a future free from violence, where everyone can flourish.

This is part of our Churches Ten Commitments to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. Our Lord and King, Jesus, stood against injustice and calls us to follow him in creating a future which is free from violence. You can find more information about the campaign at www.tencommitments.org.au

Wellington Walk against Family Violence Wednesday 10th December 4pm. Starting at the Sale Clocktower. Speeches then a gentle walk to the Port of Sale followed by a sausage sizzle.

Upcoming December

- 6th Sat. 5pm Sale Christmas parade.
- 9th Community Carols by Candlelight
- 13th St Paul's Volunteer's Christmas Lunch
- 14th Lessons and Carols
- 21st Blue Christmas

Giant Book Fair
1st – 21st January 2026

This Saturday is the Sale Christmas Parade at 5pm.

The local Churches are in it again with a live nativity, followed by an outreach tent. All are invited to follow the nativity, see Christine for details. Please pray that people will be drawn to the Christian story of Christmas, and take and read the things on offer. The Christmas carols by Candlelight are then on the 9th and again need your prayers please. Christine needs help setting up the decorations for this.

St John's Maffra Christmas Fair is on Sat Dec 6th 9am Lots of Christmas goodies to purchase.

Anglicare Christmas Toy Appeal

You can donate toys by placing them in the basket under the Mission Board. Or you can donate online at: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/christmas-toy-appeal/>.

Items to consider for donating For

Brand new toys only (unwrapped). - Ages 0-18 desperately need teen gifts

Food: Canned Ham Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Salad

Pudding Jelly Shortbread Biscuits Christmas Cake

Mince Pies Long Life Cream Long Life Custard Arnott's Shapes Lollies

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

PARISH CONTACTS

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St Alban Kilmany rep Merryn Stevenson **St Anne Golden Beach rep** Val Kilner

Synod Reps: Jan & Michael Down

Music: Dean Keren **Sacristan:** Jan Blake **Catering:** Nancy Schmack

Flowers: Julie Mielke/Lyn Ruff **Craft group:** Jenny Wilson

Opening church / lunches: Kathy Jackiw

Rosters, Hall hire, Book Fair, PA/AV, Emergency food Sunday Bulletin

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WEEK 2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OVERCOMING ISOLATION AND POVERTY IN ETHIOPIA

Arsema moved to Ethiopia hoping to find work that would help her support her family back home in Eritrea. But isolated in a new country, she faced daily struggles to make ends meet. And, when she became a single mother, her situation seemed dire. Yet through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), Arsema received mentoring, training and financial support to start a small business.

"I'm studying make-up artistry so I can provide for my daughter," she says.

Your support helps urban women like Arsema's build financial stability and independence with dignity.



Genaye Eshetu/Act for Peace

76 years of the Christmas Bowl

For 76 years, caring Australians have been giving hope to people forced to flee their homes due to conflict and disasters, through the Christmas Bowl. This powerful tradition has changed the lives of thousands of people who have been displaced around the world – empowering them to rebuild their lives.



PRAYER

God of peace,

May Your presence be known among those in urban contexts, struggling to build a new life and financial stability.

Amen.



Support the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

QR code links to the Cathedral's specific page, or take an envelope and place in the offering bag.



Craft group

Thursday 4th December 10am-

Stitch a gift tag, kit provided.

Please let Jenny know if you are coming and would like to participate so we have enough kits.

Sign in sheet and sample in foyer.

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Parish

SUNDAY 14th December 7.00pm

St Paul's Lessons and Carols Service

Refreshments will be served after the service.

SUNDAY 21st December 5.00 pm

Blue Christmas

*A service of Healing and Hope for those who's lost a loved one,
and for anyone struggling to find hope at this time.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00am St Paul's Holy Communion

8.00pm St Alban's Kilmany Holy Communion

5.00pm St Paul's Informal Family Worship Service

Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

11.00pm St Paul's Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am St Paul's Holy Communion

11.00am St Anne's Golden Beach

**Regular SUNDAY services @ St Pauls
28th December & all January only at 9.00am**

Contact St Paul's Office

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