



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.*

**7th December
Advent 2**

Sentence from Scripture

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of
promise, and be found pure and blameless in
that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule
the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. *Isaiah 11.1-10*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21

Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.
Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.
Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by
steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with
one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of
God.
For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the
truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;
and again he says,
‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;
and again,
‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;
and again Isaiah says,
‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15.4-13*

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.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the
region along the Jordan,

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell
you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not
bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will
gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable
fire.’ *Matthew 3.1-12*

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

Reflection. *from the Christmas Bowl resources*

Peace, Isaiah teaches us, grows in places touched by suffering. It begins quietly, like a shoot emerging from hard ground. This week's Christmas Bowl story from Jordan echoes this truth. Families who have fled conflict in Syria arrive carrying grief, exhaustion, and uncertainty, yet through the compassion of local partners, they begin to find safety, dignity, and hope again. In community centres and classrooms, children learn, mothers find support, and families rediscover a sense of belonging. In a world that feels like a stump, small signs of peace begin to grow. Isaiah's vision invites us to believe that peace is possible even where hostility once ruled. The Christmas Bowl invites us to help make that vision real; to stand alongside refugees who dream of rebuilding their lives, and to nurture the tender shoots of peace where fear once took root. As we prepare for Christ's coming, may we become people who help the wolf and the lamb dwell together: sowing compassion, offering refuge, and supporting communities in Jordan where God's peace is quietly, beautifully, taking hold.



Christmas Bowl Envelopes are available

Dean's Desk

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Meeting last Sunday, and for assisting in making it as efficient as possible! Congratulations to all who were elected and appointed on Chapter. We particularly welcome Kevin Cameron as a lay canon. We'll do a commissioning for everyone who was elected or appointed during the services next Sunday.

After our AGM Iain and I safely arrived in good time for the Installation of Archbishop Ric. It was a huge service - the cathedral was packed to the rafters. Thanks to, to those who gathered here in the community room to watch on the big screen; I suspect you had a better view of things than I did, seated behind the visiting bishops on a rickety chair!

On Monday this week the kids and staff from St Anne's Campus of Gippsland Grammar came for their Christmas Service. We opened "presents", each of which contained a different symbol associated with Christmas and talked about Jesus as the best gift of all. Thanks to Tim Morrison for assisting in preparing the service, and to Arthur (and Christine) for arranging the AV.

Next Sunday is our Lessons and Carols, which promises to be a beautiful and musical event. Do encourage folk you know to come along!

If you enjoy singing carols, the Community Carols is this Tuesday evening from 6pm in the Botanic Gardens (if the weather holds!).

Keren

Lady Chapel Services will conclude on Wednesday 17 December and recommence on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

The installation of ArchBishop Ric Thorpe: Worth watching! Fantastic sermon as well! [youtube.com/live/W957vtVI50Q](https://www.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.

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 9th Community Carols by Candlelight

- 13th St Paul's Volunteer's Christmas Lunch
- **Giant Book Fair 1st – 21st January 2026**

This Tuesday is the Sale Community Carols by Candlelight.

The local Churches are active again with a live nativity, and have an outreach tent. Please pray that people will be drawn to the Christian story of Christmas, and take and read the things on offer. Christine needs help setting up the decorations for this.

Bookfair boxes have started moving across, if you can help Christine with the tables or boxes of books, let her know, it might be happening Monday, Wednesday and Friday (depending if she doesn't work). We have wakes with outside catering on Tuesday and Thursday. Thanks to Wendy, Liz and Lyn who have been busy sorting the incoming novels and to Liz and Nancy for sorting DVDs and CDs, a huge pile arrived this week! Rob S helped with the move across, we have over 20ft of the container full of high piles of boxes of books still to move!

Anglicare Christmas Toy Appeal

Or you can donate online at: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/christmas-toy-appeal/>.



WEEK 3: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BRINGING OPPORTUNITY TO YOUNG REFUGEES IN JORDAN

Hassan fled conflict with his family and struggled to find work. Through Act for Peace's partner — the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) — he joined the Forsa Youth Project, learning hospitality and business skills that opened doors to new opportunities.

"This program changed my life," says Hassan.

Your gift helps young people like Hassan gain skills, confidence and hope for a brighter future.



Support the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

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

Blue Christmas

A Service of Healing and Hope

Sunday December 21st
5pm

St Paul's Cathedral
149 Cunninghame St, Sale

This is a gentle service for anyone who's lost a loved one, either over the last year or around the holiday season, and for anyone struggling to find hope at this time.



9 Lessons
and Carols
7PM
DEC 14TH

FOLLOWED BY FESTIVE SUPPER

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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Left, LifeFM 'donkey', Right, our 'donkey' Christine as a (short) tree beside Banjo and candy canes.



The Christmas parade on Saturday for the third year running, rained, yet didn't 'rain on the parade'. LifeFM, and the local churches had separate nativities in the parade, and both reminded those watching of the Christian Christmas story. We also had a table of pamphlets and giveaways; children love our stickers and candy canes. Dean Keren accompanied the Australian Military Wives Choir, right when the wind blew! Christine as a 'star' or 'Christmas tree' danced with children, Steph not only was a wise person with a very obedient camel, but helped with our stall, Rob S provided transport, and others prayed. It is a wonderful ministry that is expected by the business association to be there, so thank you to all who helped in any way.

