



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.*

**21st December
Advent 4**

Sentence from Scripture

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel:
God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
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

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. *Isaiah 7.10-16*

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

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;**

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance,

and we shall be saved.

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

on that son of man

whom you made so strong for yourself.

And so we shall not turn back from you:

give us life, and we will call upon your name.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance,

and we shall be saved.

Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1.1-7

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.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he

took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1.18-25

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

Reflection. *from the Christmas Bowl resources*

Matthew's Gospel reminds us that God's love enters the world in the most vulnerable and unexpected ways: as a child, born to a young mother, offering hope and presence in a fragile world. "Immanuel" God with us is not only a promise but an invitation: to share that love with others, to embody God's care and compassion in our communities. In Pakistan, many families face drought, displacement, and hardship. Girls like ten-year-old Anaya* often missed out on education, their potential stifled by circumstances beyond their control. Through the Christmas Bowl and Act for Peace's local partner, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), Anaya's dream of going to school has become a reality. Her joy in learning, and her desire to serve and inspire others, is a living example of God's love in action. This Advent, we are reminded that love transforms lives. By supporting the Christmas Bowl, we help children access education, families regain stability, and communities discover hope. Every gift, every act of kindness, every prayer becomes part of God's ongoing story of love, a love that began in Bethlehem and continues to shine in places like Pakistan today.



Christmas Bowl Envelopes are available

Dean's Desk

This week our nation has been reeling in the wake of the horrendous terrorist attack last weekend. While we were singing carols in what was a stunningly beautiful Lessons and Carols service, Jewish folk who were peacefully celebrating Hannukah were attacked in Bondi. We have grieved this week, and continue to make sense of the aftermath: the lost lives, the funeral services this week, the life-altering injuries sustained by dozens, the federal government recalled to a sitting to tighten hate-speech and firearms laws. Thank you to everyone who has chipped in to make sure the cathedral could be open every day for prayer. Through the course of the week there was a steady trickle of people looking for solace. It was wonderful that we could keep the back/front doors open like arms reaching to hold the grieving.

We continued that holding space with an ecumenical vigil at the clocktower on Thursday afternoon. In spite of the sweltering heat, representatives from the local churches banded together to pray and remember. There will also be a silent vigil for peace from 8:30am-8:30pm on Tuesday in the mall - all welcome to come along and sit for an hour in silence as we watch and wait for peace.

And we have that opportunity again this evening at the Blue Christmas service at 5pm, a service designed to hold grief and disquiet for those for whom Christmas is not a happy time. It seems even more pertinent at this time that we offer such a space.

On Wednesday afternoon I hosted the Kilmany Annual Meeting in the deanery over a scrummy afternoon tea provided by Kaye. Thanks Kaye for your help and support, and to those Kilmany folk who came to reflect on the year that has been.

I'm mindful that we are a few days out from Christmas, and that many folk will be gathering with family and friends in this coming week. May you and yours have a happy and holy Christmas, valuing the beautiful light the Christchild shines in our midst, God's greatest gift.

Keren

Lady Chapel Services will recommence on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

Reminder we are holding only a 9am Sunday service from Christmas day till the end of January.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Anglican Christmas appeal. You can still donate online at: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/christmas-toy-appeal/>.



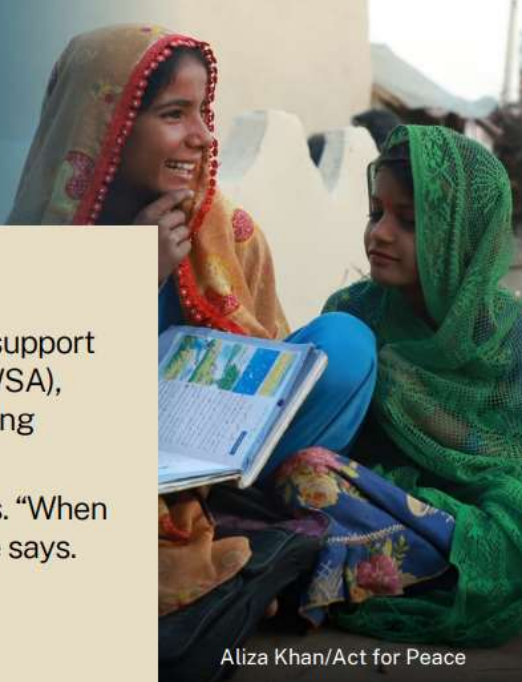
Support the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

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



Christmas Bowl

WEEK 5: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

In rural Pakistan, many girls still face barriers to education. With support from Act for Peace's partner, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), families are learning about the importance of schooling and gaining access to healthcare and training.

Sunia proudly shares how her daughter's courage inspired others. "When my daughter began attending school, other girls started too," she says. Your gift helps more girls receive the education they deserve.

Aliza Khan/Act for Peace

Giant Book Fair 1st – 21st January 2026

Bookfair books and boxes are everywhere! Huge thanks to those who have moved, sorted or helped in any way this week, and for fully covering the raffle.

We are really struggling for workers, as a few of our main helpers are unavailable for setting up and during the fair, and all workers need safe ministry clearance.

As we prepare for the opening on the first, a few requests:

Workers are fed morning tea and lunch.

If you would like to donate food, (pizza, hot food, etc) or are willing to make sandwiches or something yummy and bring it down, please see Christine so we can roster you in.

If you are cooking any plain meat and veges, Christine would love leftovers, even from/on Christmas day. Simple way you can contribute without needing a Safe ministry check, and helping to keep the energizer bunny and her team charged!! Thanks to Downs for the roast this week.

Most importantly, please pray, as this is a ministry as well as a fundraiser.

Book Fair prayer

Thank you God for the generosity of people giving so many books etc this year.

We thank you for the opportunity to hold the book fair and all who have helped so far.

As we prepare for it opening, encourage the workers to be persons of honesty and integrity, and grant them the wisdom to create an environment where attendees feel valued, encouraged, and uplifted.

May this event be a source of inspiration and joy, reflecting your love and grace.

In your name, we pray. **Amen**

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.



CHRISTMAS TO DO LIST:

- ~~Be Buy~~ Presents\$
- Wrap Gifts ~~Someone~~ in a hug
- Send Gifts ~~Peace~~
- ~~Donate Shop~~ for Food
- ~~Be See~~ the Lights

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Maria Iuliano

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

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GIANT Book Fair

Delbridge Hall
St Paul's Cathedral
151 Cunninghame St Sale

OPEN EVERY DAY

1st - 21st January 2026

9am to 4pm (10.30 Sundays)



St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Parish

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

5.00pm St Paul's Informal Family Worship Service
Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

11.00pm St Paul's Holy Communion

8.00pm St Alban's Kilmany 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

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