



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

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

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *To lead the Cathedral*

22nd March 2026

Parish in being God's beating heart for our communities.

Lent 5

Sentence from Scripture

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' *John 11.25-26*

Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God,

your Son came into the world

to free us all from sin and death:

breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in

Christ, and serve you in holiness and

righteousness all our days;

through the same 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

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Ezekiel 37.1-14

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

Psalm 130

Out of the depths:

have I called to you, OLORD.

O Lord, hear my voice:

listen to my cry for mercy.

Were you to see transgressions, OLORD:

then who, O Lord, could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness:

that you might be revered.

I long for the Lord, my soul yearns:

and I await his word.

My soul looks to the Lord:

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those awaiting the dawn.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, with whom there is love unfailing:

with whom there is fullness of redemption.

Surely God will redeem his people:

from all their transgressions.

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A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *Romans 8.6-11*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone

you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let

him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. *John 11.1-45*

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

Reflection

The Valley of Dry Bones. I wonder what comes to mind for you as you read this story? We have this extraordinary reading today because the lectionary compilers thought it was a good match for the gospel reading about the raising of Lazarus. The visual and auditory imagery is like something out of a horror film: Ezekiel is instructed to prophesy to the dry bones covering a valley (why were there so many human remains in a valley?), and when he does so, there's a rattling as all the bones clink together. And then the gag factor when the sinews and muscles grow over and around the bones, before skin covers the bodies. So now there's a bunch of unalive bodies - until Ezekiel prophesies to the breath, and the Breath and Spirit of God enter and animate the bodies. Even so, it's still creepy: do the bodies have consciousness? Are they people with identities as such?

That's not really the point. The point is the promise at the end: that God will raise up God's people and bring them from the places where they've "died" (whether literally or metaphorically in exile), back to live in the land God gave them. Life of the body is inextricably linked with land: a place to live, to be, to belong. And more than that: God's own Spirit will be placed in them. So what do we do with this?

It's a reminder that life is all at God's behest, and flows from God's hand. That God's Spirit lives in us - and that we are utterly dependent on God and God's goodness and life. It's an invitation to cede the control we so desperately want to cling to, and instead throw ourselves into God's grace.

Dean's Desk

This week the Care and Culture team met. The team set a number of goals for the year, one of which is to work on how we encourage newcomers to stay and become part of our church community. We are exploring starting a new "belonging" group - most probably a coffee morning, and we're asking all church members to pray regularly and faithfully for six people to join our number in the next six months, and for God to open our eyes to see opportunities. We also talked about shifting our mindset from one of defeat, to focusing our intentions on the question of how we share the love of God with others. Please join us in these prayers! And pray for the people sitting around you in church today.

We are drawing very close to Holy Week... In preparation for Palm Sunday next week, we'll be meeting at 10am on Saturday to make palm crosses. Do come and join us - no experience necessary!

Next Sunday for Palm Sunday we'll have one service at 9am, starting across the road in the park with the procession of palms. And do give some thought to how you'll observe Holy Week this year, as there's an opportunity to be in church every day next week!

Keren

Welcome to all those attending the lacemaking weekend who are meeting in our hall. Please talk to them and see their incredible work.

Lady Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March, during the 10:00 am service. This will be a special occasion as we give thanks for the remarkable ministry of Thelma Langshaw, recognising her many years of service as Mothers' Union Chaplain, and also celebrate the commissioning of Dean Spalding as our new MU Chaplain. This service is open to all members of the Diocese – women and men alike – as Mothers' Union continues to be inclusive and welcoming.

ABM Lent appeal: Give Water, Give Life

Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and wellbeing. This Lent, let your compassion flow and bring the gift of clean water to a family in need. See the notice board for details – unfortunately it seems they no longer provide specific Lent envelopes, so make your own!

<https://www.abmission.org/lent2026>

Save the date!

Dr Zachary Dunbar is returning for another **Piano Concert** on Sunday August 30th.

Craft Group is whatever people who come want it to be. 10am Thursdays.

Come for a cuppa and a chat, stitch, knit, crochet, colour.

Beanie knitting has started ready to donate to the Mission to Seafarers in July.

Let us hold to the throne of grace those caught up in the midst of the escalating conflict, along with world leaders and the wider human family.

God of the nations,
whose sovereign rule brings reconciliation with justice,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from us the spirit that makes for war;
that swords may be fashioned into ploughshares,
and spears into pruning hooks.

This we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (*Adapted from a Collect for Peace, APBA p.202*)

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Yesterday was Harmony Day

a celebration of the diversity that enriches
our communities across Gippsland.

It's a reminder that our differences are not
barriers, but gifts.

Each story, culture and journey adds to the
shared life of our region, shaping who we
are together.

Building harmony begins with simple acts: listening deeply, showing
kindness, and standing alongside one another.

'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some
people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.' — Hebrews 13:2

May we continue to create spaces of belonging,
where everyone feels at home.

(From Gippsland Anglican Facebook post)

Holy Week and Easter

Service times at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Sale

Palm Sunday March 29th

9am only. Commences over the road in the park.



Tuesday

11am Chrism Eucharist : Diocesan Service of Blessing of the Oils and
Renewal of Ordination Vows

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Eucharist

7.30 pm Tenebrae Service at **St Columba's Uniting Church Sale**

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Eucharist with foot washing, stripping the altar
and Watch

Good Friday

9.00am Good Friday Liturgy

10.30am Ecumenical Way of the Cross. *Commencing at St Mary's
Cathedral, ending at* Victoria Park opposite St Paul's.

Saturday Easter Eve

10.00 am Morning Prayer, setting up

7.00 pm Lighting of the New Fire, the Great Vigil of Easter, Baptisms,
Renewal of Baptismal Promises, First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday April 5th

Easter Sunday Eucharists at :

8.00 & 10.00 am St Paul's Cathedral Sale

10.30am St Anne's Golden Beach

2pm St Alban's Kilmany

