



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: *To lead the Cathedral*

3rd May 2026

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

Easter 5

Sentence from Scripture

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' *John 14.6*

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
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

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. *Acts 7.55-60*

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

Psalms 31.1-5, 17-18

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:

let me never be put to shame.

O deliver me in your righteousness:

incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:

for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,

for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commit my spirit:

you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies

and from my persecutors.

Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from The First Letter of Peter

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul.

Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh.

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *1 Peter 2.11-25*

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.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus

said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.' *John 14.1-14*
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

Today's gospel reading is the reading most commonly chosen for funerals. It's a comforting thought, in the face of death, that Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for our deceased loved one, because in his Father's house are many dwelling places. Even his "ego eimi", "I AM" statement offers comfort (thought I'm sure many non-churched folk who choose it don't quite get what Jesus is talking about): "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

What helps to make this clearer is what Jesus follows this with: "If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." This somewhat ameliorates the starkness of the idea of Jesus' exclusivity: it's in knowing him, seeing him (which for John is physical as much as it is with the eyes of the heart), that we have known and seen the Father's character. If we come to Jesus, then we have access to the Father through him.

This is why he begins this "Last Discourse" which covers John 14-17 with "Do not let your hearts be troubled"; death, whether Jesus' or ours, cannot separate us from him. This is his promise to the disciples whom he loves that they will be with him in the many mansions/dwelling places, a place specially set aside for them in the Divine Presence. What encouragement that offers us!

And even more than this: "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." Wow. Take a moment to absorb that. How much do we miss out on, because we are not depending on Jesus to be the Way, Truth and Life for us, and therefore not perceiving the Father at work, and so not daring to ask God for those things consistent with God's will?

Dean's Desk

Yesterday I took part in leading some focus groups, one at Warragul, the other here in the registry office, looking at some questions the Working Group had about the proposed new Parish Governance Act (to replace the existing Parish Administration Act, which was drafted in 1994 😊). I've been part of this Working Group, and it was great yesterday to start to tease out with people from around the diocese some of the threads the Working Group has wrestled with, or even not articulated so far. This probably doesn't mean much to most of the folk here at St Paul's, though it will be relevant for Chapter members and our synod reps once the new Act is in place... It does speak to effective governance for parishes, and good governance is the structure which facilitates mission. Which is why it's one of the things I'm passionate about.

Alpha had 14 people in attendance on Friday night, and continues to grow as participants invite friends to come along. We reflected on *Why did Jesus have to die?* Which sparked some deep conversation in our table groups. Thank you to Jenny and David and Maria who organised dinner for us! Please continue to pray for us as we continue through May into early June, particularly for the participants, that their faith may deepen.

Please pray too for our Bishop and registry team (and our catering team!) as they prepare for synod in two weeks' time; it's a huge undertaking. And lastly: a reminder that the Bishop is keen for parishes to send a few folk to supplement their synod reps, to meet the new Archbishop of Melbourne and our Metropolitan, Ric Thorpe... We'll need multiple hands on deck to welcome our diocesan family to our Cathedral on Friday 15th at 7pm.

Keren

If you have changed your personal details in the past year (address etc.) or have not completed our contact/permission forms, see hall foyer for a copy.

Join us for St Paul's Parish Lunch Sunday 31st May at 11.30am

Soup, bread and fellowship

RSVP to Kaye or sign sheet in the Foyer

Synod 15th-17th May We are catering for Morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the Saturday and morning tea on the Sunday. See Nancy if you can help.

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.

Mission of the Month: Gippsland Aboriginal Ministry

Our two Aboriginal priests, the Rev'd Canon Auntie Phyllis Andy and the Rev'd Kathy Dalton, minister to Aboriginal people across Gippsland, and sometimes interstate.

Please pray for their ministry and its continuation. If you wish to make a donation, please put in an envelope marked Aboriginal Ministry and place in the offertory bag at church. For more information or to donate online, go to:

<https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/aboriginalministry>

Save the date!

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

ALPHA

Sale and Avon parishes are running this 7 week course that encourages the asking of questions, the sharing of insights, and the exploration of what it means to follow Jesus.

Sessions will be from 6:45pm to 8:30pm,

and will include a provided dinner as follows:

Friday May 8th in Stratford: How can I have faith?

Friday May 22nd in Sale: Why and how do I Pray?

Sunday May 24th in Stratford: Why and How should I read the Bible?

Friday May 29th in Sale: What does the Holy Spirit do?

Friday June 5th in Stratford: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?



Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

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

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

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GIPPSLAND ANGLICANS

COMMITTED - CONNECTING - CREATIVE

TOWARDS 125 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE REGION

‘THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON’ (2 COR 5:14)



In 2027 our Diocese will celebrate 125 years of ministry and service in Gippsland.
This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity for every parish and ministry centre to reflect on, celebrate, and tell stories of our share in God's mission to the world.

Start the conversation in your parish today!
Contact the Venerable Sue Jacka with your ideas! Email: suejacka@outlook.com



We invite all parishes to begin thinking about:

- HOSTING A LOCAL CELEBRATION OR SPECIAL EVENT**
- SHARING STORIES FROM YOUR PARISH'S HISTORY**
- GATHERING PHOTOS, MEMORIES, AND SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS**
- RECORDING REFLECTIONS FROM LONG-STANDING MEMBERS**

A diocesan calendar of events will be developed for 2027, as well as stories being published in different media forms.



‘Seussical’ will be performed at Gippsland Grammar’s Garnsey Campus Hall, McGhee St, Sale from Thursday May 7 to Saturday May 9.
All welcome. Tickets on sale now

at <https://www.trybooking.com/1521479> or via the School’s website.

Pray for an end to Domestic and Family Violence in Australia

Loving Father, we thank you that you bring light to the darkness of this world. We pray that you would bring understanding, knowledge, and acceptance of the truth and expose what lurks in the dark and bring it into the light. We cry out to you. We cry out that these statistics might change. We cry out to you that the women and children who are victims of violence would cease to be so. We pray that violence in all its forms would cease. We pray that you would give us courage to face this epidemic with all that we have. To make changes to education, implement early intervention, and resource front-line responders. We ask that the Australian government will start to recognise this tragedy for what it is. Most importantly, we ask that your people would be the hands, feet, and voices for change. Amen.



3 MAY 2026

DV Aware Sunday, an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia's Families & Culture Commission, will be held **TODAY Sunday 3 May 2026**.

Our church is taking part to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and its impact within our communities.

On this day, we will join Anglican churches across the country in affirming that violence has no place in our homes, relationships, or communities, and in giving thanks to God who sees and cares for those who suffer. We will point out where people can find help. We will also invite members of our church to support the churches work through a small one-off

gift, helping to resource prevention, training, and care for those affected, as we seek to be a community where all are safe, respected, and able to flourish.

Candlelight Vigil – Standing Together for Change

Family and domestic violence continues to affect too many lives in our community.

On Wednesday 6 May, Wellington Shire invites you to stand with us in reflection, remembrance and solidarity.

Why it matters?

💜 In 2025, Wellington recorded 1,500 family violence-related calls to police, a 5% increase on the previous year.

💜 The estimated social and economic impact on our region is around \$300 million each year.



By coming together, we can support those affected and send a clear message that family violence has no place in our communities.

📅 Wednesday 6 May ⌚ 5.30pm - 6pm 📍 Sale Clocktower

🕯️ You're encouraged to bring a candle, torch or phone light to take part in this moment of reflection.