



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*

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

12th July 2026

Pentecost 7

Sentence from Scripture

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *John 6.63, 68*

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of

your word: by your Holy Spirit,

help us to receive it with joy,

and to live according to it,

that we may grow in faith and hope and love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

Associate Priest/Hospital Chaplain: Rev'd Heather Toms 0400 512 217

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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 Book of Isaiah

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 55.10-13

Psalm 65.8-13

You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.
The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth,
you provide grain for us all.

You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.
The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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 8.1-11*
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.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the

evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.' *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

Today is the third and last in the series I've been sharing these last three weeks, which are the substance of sessions offered by Ken Morgan at our recent Diocesan Clergy Conference. We've reflected so far on being ruthlessly intentional in our loving of others in spaces of belonging; and last week we pondered what makes for a compelling life. Today we contemplate the missional life.

The difference between churches that are growing and churches that are stagnant is the time leaders (especially senior leaders) spend with those who are unchurched. Leaders of growing churches spend 30% of their time with unchurched people - whether in community groups, or sitting in a cafe to work and be open for conversations, or in front-facing ministries like playgroup or a food bank. We are all encouraged to "be Christ, and wait for opportunities" just as he did - like the woman at the well.

If we want our church to grow, we have to be out in the community.

Linked to the need to have spaces for belonging is the need for friends: when people first come to faith less than 1% know other believers; <10% know only one or two other believers; 90% know 3 or more other believers. So it's important we're out there with the unchurched, but being community-facing will be much more successful if we can introduce unchurched people we get to know to our Christian friends.

It's not a case of doing it on our own; we need to have church people it's safe to introduce unchurched friends to. People are open to shifting their point of view if they're welcomed into a group that holds a new way of understanding the world.

And if we're all out in the community connecting with people and drawing them into spaces of belonging, then we as a parish need to be offering "embrace the gospel" opportunities - like Alpha, Pilgrim or similar, so that people can experience Jesus' presence.

What are your belonging spaces? What community groups are you a part of? Where will you build belonging so that people can know and feel God's love for them?

Do you tell stories of the goodness of God? What stories do you personally have that speak to God's goodness?

Dean's Desk

Today at the 10am service we celebrate the baptism of Billy Dyer, Gwen's great-grandson. We pray for his parents and godparents, and for Billy, that he may know God's love and grace forever.

On Friday we quietly interred Ruth Kissick's ashes in the columbarium. We continue to pray in solidarity with Philip and his family.

This week, in spite of the very cold chill, Christine was busily at work doing various odd jobs around the property. Thank you Christine for your efforts, many of which go unseen (like sanding and painting the wooden palisade in the courtyard out the back...).

This week we've had some challenges with our bank account. If you have a direct debit set up and it bounced, please try again. Chapter will be talking today about what we do going forward, given all the problems we've had over the last 9 months with our current financial institution. Please pray for us as we meet, that we may make wise decisions.

Coming up in two weeks' time, our cathedral will be hosting the National Deans' Conference. Deans from all over Australia will be coming to Sale. Please make ready to welcome them!

Because Sunday 26th July is also St Anne's Day and will hopefully involve students and staff from Gippsland Grammar, the bishop has requested that we have **one service at 10am**. There will not be an 8am service that day. Everyone is warmly encouraged to come to 10am to support our Gippsland Grammar connection, to welcome our national deans, and to celebrate together.

Also coming up: do put Sunday 2nd August at 2pm in your diary: we'll be holding a celebration of the Reverend Thelma Langshaw's long ministry, especially at Omeo. Thelma also used to come down to take the Wednesday service here at St Paul's, and has long been a friend of our cathedral. Please come along to support her and those treasured friends who will be giving thanks for her ministry.

Keren

Today, the 12th July is Sea Sunday, when we will collect the beanies and scarves, either hand-knitted or donated ready-made. Thanks to the craft group for all their work, to those who go out hunting, and to those who pray.

Sea Sunday Prayer

Heavenly Father, we commend to you all seafarers. Guard and protect them in danger and temptation; sustain them in loneliness; and support them in sickness and anxiety. Bless all who minister to them. Watch over those who are near and dear to them, and grant them the blessing of your presence. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Craft group update: Next Morning Tea at Flooding Creek Mercantile 116 Foster St. on the 14th July.

Beanie delivery to Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne. Friday 24th July leaving on the 7:14 train. Book your own ticket and join in the fun of delivering the Beanies.

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.

More information Phone Jenny 0457 455 503

Worldviews and ways of life in Australia



ANU researchers are exploring how perceptions and ways of thinking (i.e. worldviews) relate to experiences and ways of living (i.e. participation and inclusion) in Australia.

They are seeking respondents for their online anonymous 15-20 min survey from any and all adult Australian citizens and permanent residents living in Australia.

Please make sure you are represented in this meaningful research by completing this fascinating survey and also forwarding it to any others who may be interested.

There are \$100 vouchers to be won if you complete it!

Access the survey [here](#)

(https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ao5q9gu3ysrbVQ)

Any questions can be emailed to the researchers (u7870746@anu.edu.au). Thanks so much!

July Mission of the Month: The Mission to Seafarers is an international mission of the Anglican Church. MTS cares for the practical and spiritual welfare of seafarers of all nationalities and faiths. There are 230 Mission sites around the world. At the four centres in Victoria – Melbourne, Portland, Geelong and Hastings – work is carried out by a small number of staff, chaplains and volunteers who give freely of their time 365 days of the year.

Each centre houses the ‘Flying Angel Club’ where seafarers are welcomed by a friendly face and can contact their families by phone or internet, and receive counselling during times of injustice or distress. The MtSV ship visiting program supports crew who do not receive shore leave and is a vital service to ensure these crew have the provisions and support they require.

While most seafarers are well treated, some are still abandoned in ports far from their homes, or remain unpaid or forced to work in unsafe or unacceptable conditions. In such situations, the Mission plays a vital role in providing practical care and moral support.

See the display in the foyer or <https://www.mts.org.au/> Monetary donations can also be made by placing funds in an envelope marked Mission to Seafarers and putting in the collection bag at church.

We are continuing to support local state **primary schools with breakfast items**

Donations can be left in the breakfast club basket in the foyer.

Food items suitable for donation are milo, muesli bars, pancake mix, jam, fruit cups, sliced cheese and margarine. Contact Kathy J 0400 444 416

10c recycling Bottles and cans can be left at Church to raise money. Plastic lemonade etc larger bottles, even the small juice cardboard ones as well as cans are suitable - Drop them in the small bin with yellow lid in the foyer, or see Christine.

BOOKS CD's and DVD's NEEDED!!!

We are collecting for the next Giant Book Fair, but need help in filling the container with **newer fiction books**. Spread the word!

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

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

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Affirmations for Pentecost 2026:

God loves me. God loves the people of this parish.

God loves our community. God is with us; Jesus prays for me, for St Paul's, for our world; the Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words.

We are held in the love of the Trinity. God goes before us. God give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to where you are already at work in our world.

The Abbey Winter Feast 2026

Saturday September 12th, 2026

12.00pm start

Your Chef – The wonderful Jackie O'Connell

Come and celebrate with other Friends of The Abbey as we enjoy gourmet creations- a 3-course meal, with wine.

\$60 per person

All funds raised are for the operation of The Abbey

Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 Email: info@theabbey.org.au

ST JOHN'S MAFFRA
Presents
Trivia Night
@ Geoff Webster Centre
(St John's Anglican Church, Maffra)

Saturday, July 18th

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM FOR
7.00PM START**

**\$10 per head - Tables of 8
Supper & Tea / Coffee Provided**

RAFFLES **BYO Nibbles & Drinks**

For bookings or enquiries see Lisa Ogilvie, Janelle Stewart, Heather Cahill or email: ogilviem12@gmail.com or phone: 0487759335

LIFEROAD SINGERS
MISSION CONCERT TOUR

Living Hope

St. Columba's Uniting Church, Sale
Thursday 13 August 2026
at 3:00pm

131-171 Raymond St, Sale VIC 3850
Tel: 031 514 3990
Heating: Maffra, Sale, and Stratford Uniting Churches

Piano Concert
on the theme of "Twilight"
with returning Pianist Dr Zachary Dunbar

Sunday 30th August 2026 2-4pm
St Paul's Cathedral 149 Cunninghame St Sale

Tickets: \$35 Concession \$30 Children FREE
RSVP for catering . Pay cash or card on the day
Tickets includes afternoon tea
<https://events.humanitix.com/piano-concert-or-stpaulssale@wideband.net.au>

All proceeds in aid of **ASRC** Anywhere Settler Resource Centre
An afternoon of Musical Splendor