



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.

16th August 2026

Saint Mary

Sentence from Scripture

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children. *Galatians 4.4–5*

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary,
by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord ,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord ,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. *Isaiah 61.10-62.3*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Mary

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

**He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;**

**he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever. *Luke 1.46-55***

A Reading from The Letter to the Galatians

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. *Galatians 4.4-7*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. *Luke 2.1-7*

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

Reflection

Today is the Feast of Mary Mother of the Lord. At General Synod this week we contemplated among many things the wonder of the Incarnation: that Jesus grew in Mary's womb, and that in her was contained the Creator of all things. Ponder that mystery. Mary was not just some random chick. She had the courage to say yes to an outrageous request to be the mother of the Saviour.

We focus on our Lord Jesus, and rightly so as good Protestants. And yet Mary is also to be honoured and her example followed: do we have the courage to say yes to God's Spirit residing in us? Do we have the courage to allow God to change us, to let go of bad habits and patterns of thought? Do we have the courage to say yes to God using our instrumentality - our hands and feet and will - to make a difference in our world?

Dean's Desk

What a whirlwind week it has been! I spent much of it seated in the Grand Ballroom of the Pullman hotel in Melbourne, with 250 odd Anglican besties, watching as lawyers debated the correct form of words for motions and legislation. That sounds dry - and at times it really was. There were also moments of tension: we debated a motion asking the federal government to ban commercial surrogacy; there was a motion put forward by Sydney synod about salvation being only in Jesus that thankfully was able to be passed unanimously after some amendments; and we debated changes to the General Synod Canons to allow a bishop to be bishop of multiple dioceses as a measure to help struggling dioceses, most notably in response to the demise of the Diocese of North Queensland thanks to multiple very expensive abuse cases.

We heard impassioned speeches about domestic and family violence, and we passed legislation to allow the Primate to appoint a First Nations bishop and a Torres Strait Islander bishop. It was great to hear the voices of Aunty Rose Elu and Aunty Di Langham speaking in multiple debates bearing witness to the experience of First Nations people. At times I felt very much that the perspective of their culture made the faffing and politics of our processes look, as it is, somewhat ridiculous. What's the significance of whether there's an Oxford comma in a line in a piece of legislation against 60000 years of wisdom?

This coming week also promises to be a significant one. On Monday we'll be welcoming students from St Anne's campus of Gippsland Grammar in year levels for their annual "intro to the Cathedral" session.

And later in the week we'll be farewelling our beloved Selwam Chelliah on Friday 21st August at 1pm. Do come along to remember and give thanks for the life of this beautiful lady.

At the end of the week - next Sunday 23rd August - we have Chapter following the 10am service, and then as you'll see elsewhere in the pew sheet, Evensong at 5pm celebrating our Anglican Schools and launching the Season of Creation for the

Diocese. The young musicians from both St Paul's Anglican Grammar and Gippsland Grammar have been working hard, learning repertoire they've never been exposed to before, to be able to lead this service. It should be amazing; come along and support it.

After Evensong I'll be taking off to head to Melbourne for the night ahead of travel to Adelaide for the Blessed Is She conference - a conference for senior Anglican women leaders hosted by the Diocese of Adelaide.

And at the end of that... I'll be taking three weeks of annual leave from 30th August (but who's counting the sleeps? ☺). From the 24th August - 22nd September the Reverends Tony and Jenny Wicking will be locums in my absence, with urgent matters to be referred to the Reverend Kate or the Reverend Dave Perryman as the Reverend Heather will also be away. Do prepare to welcome Tony and Jenny!

Keren

Our Prayer Tree box is mended and back in service!

Thanks to Claire Flack, the Prayer Tree box, which has been out of action for a while, has now been fixed and is ready for visitors, new and old. Come and sit by the tree, tie a prayer on a branch, and enjoy some quiet time in the garden.

If you need help with completing the **safe ministry online training**, there are people who can help. Please ask the Dean or Kylie Mannix

Season of Creation launch at the Schools Evensong next Sunday 23rd August

This year ACTinG (Acting for Creation Together in Gippsland) joins with the two Anglican schools and the Cathedral for the launch of the Season of Creation at Evensong, 5pm on Sunday 23rd August (next Sunday).

The speaker will be Jo Knight, author of *Called to Care. For People and Planet* – such an uplifting book. It is focused on the response of the church to God's call to care and the way holistic mission can bring about spiritual renewal in our churches.

As CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid, Jo has lots of stories to tell, a wealth of experience and great theological insight – she will be well worth hearing.

You are warmly invited to come along and join in with what promises to be a beautiful, musical worship service, followed by light refreshments thanks to the cathedral catering team. (Also on line)

Following on from this service, Rev Heather Toms will be running a three session study group in September, based on *Called to Care*. For those who can't be there in person, ACTinG is also offering an online group in September, led by Dean Spalding, Jack Beamish and Cath Connelly. Email

acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au for more info or to register and receive the Zoom link. Or ring Jan D: 0405 812 518

Coming up:

Sunday 5pm 23 August **Season of Creation Launch at the Anglican Schools Evensong-**

Sunday 2pm 30th August Grand Piano Concert with Dr Zachary Dunbar.

Sunday afternoon 4 October: St Paul's **Cathedral Musicians Concert**

Saturday 21 November **Hymnfest** with the Sale City Band –

Blessing of backpacks and briefcases on Sunday 31st January next year

August Mission of the Month: Mission of the Month: TEARfund Australia

TEARfund Australia is a Christian agency working for a just and compassionate world. *From their website:*

We work in partnership to end poverty

Partnership is at the core of how we work: whether it's with locally-based Christian agencies around the world, or Australian Christians seeking to make biblically-shaped responses to poverty and injustice.

Following Jesus, we go where the need is greatest

Our work is an expression of God's love for all people, and we prioritise supporting partners who work alongside people most impacted by poverty and marginalisation.

We courageously tackle injustice, seeking fullness of life for all

We're focused on the root causes of poverty, and committed to long-term transformation. We believe the most effective way to reach this is through community-led development initiatives.

Across Africa, Asia and the Pacific

In partnership with Christian agencies, we enable people to overcome poverty by equipping them to lead their own development initiatives.

Craft Group is whatever people who come want it to be. 10am Thursdays. Come for a cuppa and a chat, stitch, knit, crochet, colour. More information Phone Jenny 0457 455 503

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!

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.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

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Rosters, Hall hire, Book Fair, Emergency food Sunday Bulletin

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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 12, 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 658 0 Email: info@theabbey.org.au



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](mailto:stpaulssale@wideband.net.au)



All proceeds in aid of **ASRC** Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

An afternoon of Musical Splendor

PLEASE take Piano Concert pamphlets to shops, friends, groups you meet with and spread the word!

For catering purposes we need to know if people are coming.
See list in foyer.

Let's make this a bigger success than last year!

Nancy will need food for the afternoon tea as well as helpers.

Season of Creation Launch
at the Anglican Schools Evensong



 **23 AUGUST, 2026**
 5PM

 **ST PAULS CATHEDRAL, SALE**
 AND ONLINE

Speaker: Jo Knight
 CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid
 and author of Called to Care

Followed by light refreshments




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If you would like a spot of humour, check out **Derek the Cleric** on facebook, or
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