



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.*

**27th September 2026
Pentecost 18**

Sentence from Scripture

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6.1a, 2b*

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that
was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself,
and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient
even to death.

For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above
every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
in everlasting glory. **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 Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' *Exodus 17.1-7*

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

Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16

Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

For I will open my mouth in a parable:

and expound the mysteries of former times.

What we have heard and known:

what our forebears have told us,

We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
**the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.**
For he did marvellous things
in the sight of their ancestors:
in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.
He divided the sea and let them pass through:
he made the waters stand up in a heap.
In the daytime he led them with a cloud:
and all night long with the light of fire.
He cleft rocks in the wilderness:
**and gave them drink in abundance
as from springs of water.**
He brought streams out of the rock:
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.
But for all this they sinned yet more against him:
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,
make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2 1-13

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.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him. *Matthew 21.23-32*

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

Reflection

Today is the last Sunday of the Season of Creation. The first reading today from Exodus tells a familiar story... Any of us who have had kids or been kids in the backseat of a car on a long journey will be familiar with the refrain: "Are we there yet?" and the complex of boredom and weariness which gives rise to it!

I think of that when I read the stories of the Israelites travelling through the wilderness and complaining one day about not having anything to eat (they get manna), and then the next time it's about not having any meat (they are sent quails). And today it's "We're thirsty!" They really come across like a bunch of grumpy demanding children, gathering around Moses to harass him. They keep pestering him until their complaints morph into, "We're all gunna *die*!" if they didn't get something to drink.

The writer describes this as "testing" God - which explains the name given to the spring Moses manages through God's power to make gush from the stone. Elsewhere, when this story is recounted, it's taken as a moment when Moses' own frustration reaches such a point that he arrogates power to himself, and so in his anger claims God's power as his own, and this is the reason he's not allowed to enter the Promised Land. But that's not the story told by today's text. Today's text focuses on the fractious relationship between God and these child-like (not in a good way) people.

What are we to do with this text? What do we take from it? Even in spite of the people's grumbling, God still provides for their needs. How much more so if we take seriously Jesus' words about our Father in heaven knowing what we need and providing good things to his children? What do we have to be fearful of, if God knows what we need even before we ask for it? Let's not test God's patience, but rely on God's goodness and generosity to provide all we need.

Dean's Desk

I'm back from holidays! Thank you to Tony and Jenny Wicking who ministered in my absence, and to everyone who welcomed and supported them as they did so over the last four weeks.

On Wednesday evening I attended Solemn Vespers and Benediction at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, a special service celebrating 111 years since their cathedral was dedicated. It was lovely to join with our Catholic brothers and sisters, and to represent our parish and diocese in the process. I was most impressed by the gracious hospitality afterwards - one of their congregants made homemade spring rolls and Vietnamese dishes! There was a real sense of the Spirit at work in their midst, in which I rejoiced.

Yesterday we hosted a workshop by Rachel Dirks of BCA, "Why Children's Ministry Matters". About 10 folk from surrounding parishes and Leongatha attended. My take away was the good news that sometimes striving isn't what's needed, but the faithfulness of asking "what's the next step God's inviting us to take?" This is something Chapter will take up as we ponder and prepare for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases service at the end of January 2027...

Chapter meets today at 11:45am. Please pray for us as we meet.

And... I hope you all have in your diaries our Cathedral Musicians' Concert next Sunday afternoon 4th October at 2pm!

Keren

Safe Church Awareness Workshop in Maffra on 10th October. 10-1pm

Let Keren know if you are attending, or write name on the list in the foyer.

Sale **CWCI** Committee invites ladies to hear Heather Packett speaking on Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Sat **3rd October** 1.30 - 4pm Sale Baptist Church Refreshments provided, entry by donation. Contact Elaine 51497114 or see Trish B

Mission of the Month: ACTinG *Acting for Creation Together in Gippsland*

ACTinG is a small working group of the Diocese, aiming to encourage and equip Gippsland Anglicans to study the theology of creation; and to pray and act to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

We send out a monthly bulletin by email with news, ideas and reflections to inspire us all to continue to act and pray. If you would like to receive the bulletins or have any questions or comments, please email: acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au. We'd love to hear from you!

We also run occasional events, write regular articles for TGA and add resources and tips to the website – go to www.gippslandanglicans.org.au then click on the 'Acting for Creation' tab.

We don't need donations, but would value your prayers, especially for the restoration and flourishing of God's creation. Please do have a look at the display in the foyer for more info. Thanks, *Jan Down*.

'Called to Care' study groups: September online, October Cathedral

The last online fortnightly book discussion based around *Called to Care*, by Jo Knight, will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 29th September with Jack Beamish.

For the Zoom link and / or more info, email acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au

Or ring Jan D: 0405 812 518.

Rev Heather Toms will also be running a three session in-person study group on the same book at the Cathedral in **October**.

Copies of *Called to Care* (short-listed for Christian Book of the Year) are available from: <https://calledtocare.co/products/called-to-care>

Coming up:

Sunday afternoon 4 October 2pm: 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

Some pressing needs at the Modawa Institute PNG

With Fr Giles Motisi recently spending some time at the Modawa Institute in PNG, and Bishop Jeffrey returning there for a brief visit in September, some of the practical needs of the community there have been highlighted.

There is a real need for mechanical tools (spanners, sockets, wrenches, and the like of various sizes, both metric and imperial). If it is time for you to clean out the workshop, or sort out the toolbox, then you can ensure that your donated tools are put to good use with maintenance at the Modawa Institute. Likewise, there is a need for lawnmowers, preferably reputable brands with spares available. We mow about five acres every week and literally wear our mowers out on the rapidly growing tropical grass. We have one ride-on mower, but could really benefit from having another. These items can be shipped through to PNG, thanks to the good work of Rotary Victoria. From time to time, we do buy equipment such as mowers in Popondetta, but they cost two or three times what the same items cost in Australia.

For further information, email +Jeffrey at: jeffrey.william.driver@gmail.com

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

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.
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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.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12