



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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: *"People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.* **27th February 2022**
Transfiguration

Sentence from Scripture

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *John 1.14*

The Prayer of the day

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for a new Dean

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your wisdom give to this Cathedral parish a pastor after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth, an encourager who will equip us for ministry, and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am

Wednesdays - 10.00am in the Lady Chapel

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays

Sunday **Healing Eucharist** 1st Sunday of the month @ 5pm

Evenings **Contemplative Service** 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 11.00am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

TODAY

All services are 'open' to all, no size limits.

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Cathedral Organist: Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

Resources for Prayer

[APPAA – In times of international tensions]

Almighty God, ruler of all,

in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound;

we pray for those who are in conflict especially Ukraine.

Take away prejudice, cruelty, and revenge.

Grant that barriers which divide may crumble,

suspensions disappear and hatreds cease,

through Jesus Christ our mediator. Amen.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Sovereign God,

We pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people.

We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife.

We pray for their protection and for an end to the Russian invasion.

We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved' ones, homes and family.

We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace and an end to this conflict.

Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.

May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.

Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. *Exodus 34.29-35*

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

Psalm 99

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

The Lord is great in Zion:

he is high above all nations.

Let them praise your great and terrible name:

for holy is the Lord.

The Mighty One is king and loves justice:

you have established equity,

you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

O exalt the Lord our God:

and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his name:

they called to the Lord and he answered.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:

they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God:

you were a forgiving God to them,

and pardoned their wrongdoing.

O exalt the Lord our God:

and bow down towards his holy hill,

for the Lord our God is holy.

A Reading from The Second Letter to the Corinthians

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. *2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2*
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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. *Luke 9.28-47*
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection: Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration/ the last Sunday after Epiphany.

The Incarnation of our Lord and the Transfiguration of our Lord bracket the weeks of Christmas & Epiphany.

Prior to Jesus' transfiguration upon the mountaintop, He was busy throughout Galilee, healing, casting out demons, preaching, teaching about the Kingdom of God and bringing solace and comfort to wounded hearts, minds and bodies. He is also talking more with his disciples about his impending suffering, betrayal and death as he prepared to make his final journey toward Jerusalem. We also gain a strong sense that Jesus' disciples at this time lived in a fog of not understanding, after all who would want their beloved master, teacher and friend to face a horrendous death?

Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a mountain top, perhaps a long trek to the summit? A private environment where historically in Israel's history, special divine revelations occurred. Luke emphasizes this as a place of prayer. The 'three' witnessed something phenomenal. They saw the divine presence, the love, the Glory of God shine forth in Jesus' face. Luke does not say Jesus' face changed, rather it was the appearance of the always present divine glory (not noticed before by the 'three') that was now seen. Their 'sight' was transfigured.

Here on this mountain top, two recognized giants of the 'faith' in Israel's history appear, (Moses and Elijah). Their conversation with Jesus affirms and supports Him in the direction He is to take for the salvation of the world. The 'three' clogged with sleep just manage to hold out and experience this and naturally want to remain in this glorious place, to by-pass any possibility of Jesus' prediction of suffering and death to fulfil the scriptures.

A core truth of the gospel is also revealed. Enveloped in cloud the 'three' (and all disciples) are instructed to listen to 'my son my chosen'. God in Jesus was teaching the disciples that it was in them ('and in us') that transformation would take place, as they listened to, understood and practiced the kingdom ethic by responding to the world's evil with good, to show agape towards all, to see everyone as made in the image of God.

Sometimes we are dazzled on a mountaintop, sometimes in a world of suffering and pain, sometimes somewhere in between, however the glory of Jesus, the fullness of God, the grace of the Spirit, is within us, around us, everywhere, in every moment of our living, if we can but see and listen.

Liam Matthews Locum Acting Dean

Archbishop Geoffrey, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, has requested that we make **this Sunday 27th February and Ash Wednesday 2nd March as days of prayer for peace.** At all our Sunday and Ash Wednesday services we will light a candle for peace.

On Friday the 25th February, our Acting Dean Liam and his wife Madeleine, represented Bishop Richard and the Cathedral Church of St Paul's Sale at the Installation of the Rev'd Canon Michael David Llewelyn Davies as the new dean of Ballarat. Please keep Dean Michael and wife Alex, in your prayers as they settle into their new ministry in Ballarat.

Ritchies supermarket have donated over \$5000 to us since they commenced their Ritchies Community card. It can now be an app or a card, so if you shop there and don't have one, we are called **St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Mission Sale** and to search for us ask for 'anglican' not St Paul's!

World day of Prayer: Friday 4th March 7pm St Mary's Cathedral. Filipino Choir. Supper provided. *All welcome.*

Lent 2022

Lent begins on the 2nd March. We will hold two services on that day, one at 10 am and the other 6pm? At both services the imposition of ashes will take place.

Shrove Tuesday, the evening before Lent, at 6pm there will be a traditional pancakes evening with pre-made pancakes with a range of fillings. The evening will also include a 'burning of palm crosses and blessing of the new ashes' ceremony. The symbolism behind this is that we have carried our palm cross since 'Palm Sunday 2021 - daily celebrating our Lord's saving grace and daily inviting Him into our lives. In burning these crosses, we burn our neglects and failures.

On Ash Wednesday we are signed with these ashes for our Lenten observance 2022. Could those who have palm crosses at home, bring them back to church on Sunday 27th February.

Ash Wednesday services this week at St Pauls are at 10am and 5.30pm

Lent Study program, this year we are offering two study programs:

- 1) Conversations with our Awesome God – This is a six-session study. by Bishop Bill Ray (a former Diocesan Education Officer). The Study booklet cost \$12.00.
- 2) Climate for change, this is an ABM study originally produced for last September's Climate conference.

The acting dean will run a study group on each Thursday in Lent (Time TBA) following Bishop Bill's 'Conversations with our Awesome God'.

Please place your name on the lists at the back of the church if you would like to join a Lenten study group ASAP. This list will determine the number of books to be ordered.

Those who would like to follow the Climate for Change study should speak to Jan Down or Ann Millar.

The St Paul's Men's Breakfast Group meeting in Delbridge Hall is on **MARCH 12** at 8.00am. All men welcome!

Our guest speaker is the Rev Lyn Williams.

A Quiet Afternoon...

Attending to the heart space

A time of quiet slow stitching to allow a deep listening to the heart.

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

COST: \$20

Facilitators: Jenny Batten (Spiritual Director, Creative Arts Therapist)

Deacon Kate Campbell (Textile Artist)

SATURDAY 19th March 2- 4.30pm Delbridge Hall

Register your interest :

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If you would like to **receive the sacrament at home**, then please contact the named individuals below so we can carefully arrange, on a rotational basis, to bring you Holy Communion.

CONTACT; Acting Dean Rev Liam Matthews 0411 339 344

Lay Canon Kaye Harrington 0400 720 417

Meditation is on Monday to Friday on line and in person in the cathedral on Mondays at 4.15pm

The 10 am service each week is live streamed.

(Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale* **when in** YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

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Letter from Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 25 February 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you in response to the escalating situation in Ukraine.

The attack by Russia is an act of evil which impacts not only upon Ukraine, but Europe and the whole world. This attack by one nation on another has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation.

Our rightful response must be first to pray to call upon God to seek His intervention in the hearts and minds of our world leaders that they may once again choose peace over war.

We must pray for the people of Ukraine, for their safety and wellbeing and pray for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces.

Finally we must pray for the strength of those who work across international borders for unity and harmony.

I echo the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury to make this Sunday a day for Prayer for Peace and I have included a prayer that you may like to use.

I also encourage you to participate with the wider church in Pope Francis's call to make Ash Wednesday, 2 March, a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

Psalm 46 opens with a confident statement of faith: God is our refuge and strength, an everpresent help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear. This is a much-needed reminder in times like these of the sovereignty and power of God and of his presence with us that calls us to trust in him.

The psalm goes on to say he makes wars cease to the ends of the earth (verse 9). This is our prayer that once again God would intervene and bring an end to war.

The psalmist then declares God's message to us "be still and know that I am God." This message continues to be the message for us today. It reminds us to have confidence in our God who is indeed a refuge and strength for all who call upon him.

Be assured of my prayers for you at this time.

With every blessing,

*The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith Archbishop of Adelaide
and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia*