



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.*

20th March 2022

Lent 3

Sentence from Scripture

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. *Isaiah 55.6*

The Prayer of the day

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water
that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people
the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with
freshness and announce with joy the
wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Prayer for our new Dean

God of new beginnings, we give thanks
that Rev'd. Keren Terpstra has accepted
the invitation to be our next Dean.
Bless and comfort her as she concludes
her ministry at St Margaret's Eltham.
Guide her by your Holy Spirit as she
prepares for new ministry in Sale.
Pour out your Spirit of generosity upon
the Cathedral Parish.
May we have warm, welcoming, patient
and accepting hearts, as we prepare for
this new chapter in the life of your
church in Sale.
We ask this in the name of our risen
Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

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

TODAY

Outcentre Services:

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

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**

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

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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.

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.

Also we elevate into your care also, those in NSW and Queensland suffering the devastation of flooding.

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 Prophet Isaiah

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isaiah 55.1-9*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63.1-9

O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.
So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.
And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.
When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.

A Reading from The First Letter to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. *1 Corinthians 10.1-13*
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.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’ *Luke 13.1-9*

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

Reflection – Lent 3

In today’s passage Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, is pulled into a conversation on a worrying incidence of violence perpetrated by an oppressive political system, when Galilean Jews at temple worship in Jerusalem, (folk from Jesus’ own neighbourhood) are murdered and their blood mingled with the ritual sacrifices. (That Luke makes mention of Galileans, Pilate and sacrifices projects a future event

when the blood of Jesus, a Galilean Jew is mixed with Passover sacrifices.) The question of the justice of God (theodicy) is raised. The logic here (Deuteronomy 28:20) is divine retribution in proportion to the sin. Were they bad people and therefore justly punished? (A not uncommon logic still applied today.) Jesus asked, what about those eighteen Jerusalem Jews instantly killed by the collapse of a tower at a construction site? Were they too deserving of death due to their sin? Jesus refutes that logic. NO, NO, NO, NO for emphasis! Random tragedies, Rome's agents sent to kill innocents, are not synonymous with God's justice. Sin exists, sin certainly has consequences. Life is unpredictable, unforeseen disasters strike, sorrow and suffering are experienced in the reality of our lives. (At this present moment, great suffering is taking place in the Russia-Ukraine war.) So? What wisdom or answer has Jesus to offer? (13: v.3) "...unless you repent you will all perish as they did." In my experience, repentance is heard in terms of guilt and behaviour. However, *repent* at its most basic means a *change* in thinking and perception, it implies a transformation of perspective, a realignment of inward vision with Jesus and his kingdom ethic. In this process "repent" is soul growing, soul developing toward union with the source of your very being. Jesus asks that we turn around and look inward, and if comparison is to be made then only upwardly toward Jesus.

How? In Isaiah we read (55:6) "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." And, in Psalm (63:1) "..., my soul thirsts for you." Our thirsting for God in every aspect of our lives, (not just when we are in a panic) in each day, each moment, aware that He is our strength, our support, our steadfast love. St Paul warned Christians in Corinth "if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall" (Cor10:12)! In this dynamic of repentant surrender, we experience the grace that enables us to live in continual turning about, to start in a new direction. That is why a Christians life is referred to as a process of 'becoming' as eyes and minds open to God's way of living here and now. So, the fruit on the fig tree grows in abundance as Jesus the nurturer (gardener) invites us as His baptized, to turn our lives around and display the glorious fruits of His Kingdom, here and now unto eternity.

Liam Matthews Locum Acting Dean

Chapter had a very busy meeting last week.

If you have envelopes but unable to drop them in, now we are unable to use the Shopping Centre as a drop off, please ring Kaye, or 51442020 to arrange a pick up. New envelopes are also now available.

Finances are going to be very tight, mostly due to little or no fundraising this financial year. We are aiming to have a book fair early January, and as soon as the larger shipping container arrives, we will be able to accept books again.

We are applying for a grant to help pay for Solar for the cathedral and Chapter House. The energy audit is nearly completed.

We are having a **working bee** on **Saturday 2nd April** at 10am. All welcome.

Thank-you to everyone who give to **ABM** through the offertory envelopes and other donations. Chapter has agreed to donate this money raised to the **Solomon Islands' Climate Change, Disaster Management and Social Inclusion Project**. The Solomon Islands are on Australia's doorstep in the Pacific Ocean and face acute risk from climate change. Australia, as a developed nation with the 11th highest per capita carbon emissions in the world, is particularly responsible for their plight. This ABM project will fund disaster management training, as well as providing improved food security during and after disasters through the establishment of home gardens and model food gardens in schools.

Wanderers are meeting at Jack Ryans for lunch on Friday 25th March at 12.30. All welcome. For more information phone Jan Lear on 042105461

The St Paul's Men's Breakfast Group "fellowship" meeting is on Saturday April 9 at the Triple F Cafe (360 Raymond Street) at 8am. Please note the new venue.

ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) Lent/Good Friday appeal as well as a flood appeal (click the appeals button) We do not receive ABM envelopes for these appeals, so if you wish to contribute, 'off line' please put in a labeled envelope in the offertory bag. <https://www.abmission.org/>

We are always needing extra people to read and welcome people at services, however a reminder they need to be fully vaccinated and up to date with all safe ministry screenings etc. See one of the Lay Canons if interested.

We also need extra people so we can serve **morning tea after the 10am services**. See Rev'd Lyn or a Lay Canon.

Mother's Union '**Lady day**' Service 25th March 11am

Rev'd Liam Matthews preaching, Bishop Richard celebrant. All welcome.

Anglicare North Coast has opened a **FLOOD APPEAL** for tax deductible donations. We will use our emergency relief processes to provide direct and efficient support to affected households. Donate Now- Please reference your deposit 'Lismore 2022' by navigating to www.anglicarenorthcoast.org.au and click on 'donate here' Or use the following details to deposit from your bank account. Bank account: Anglicare North Coast BSB: 705077 A/C: 00041320

Samuel and family thank us for our support of the **World's Greatest Shave**, and specifically They raised **\$1700**. See **Christine** if you can't pay on line.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=846027&langPref=en-CA#&panel1-1>

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>

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

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

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

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund ('Fill the gap')

BSB 705 077 Acc no: 000 409 69 NO reference needed

Sunday Bulletin / Web/Facebook contact:

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Bishop of Gippsland Chapel of St Barnabas Appeal

Dear Friends of The Abbey

Last year The Abbey Chapter began a major refurbishment of The Abbey Chapel and thanks to the assistance of supporters across the Diocese the internal works are nearing completion, including new carpet, internal painting and upgraded lighting. However there remains the much needed external painting.

Any donation you can give to this Appeal will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and if paying by cheque should be addressed to 'Anglican Earthcare Gippsland Inc. – 'Public Gift Fund' and forwarded to PO Box 77 Paynesville Vic 3880 or if making a Direct Deposit, BSB 013 795 Account Number 206 078 399. If you require any further information please contact me on info@theabbey.org.au or 5156 6580.

Yours sincerely

'The Abbey at Raymond Island makes a vital contribution to our mission as a diocesan family. For 30 years the Chapel of St Barnabas has been the spiritual heart of The Abbey – a symbol of the faith that undergirds The Abbey's ministries of hospitality and environmental stewardship.

It has been a joy to see the inside of the Chapel beautifully renovated in recent months, and Abbey Chapter is now looking to enhance and maintain the structure of this historic building by painting the exterior. Every effort has been made to keep the cost of that work down, yet we need to find just over \$20,000 to complete this project.

I join with members of Chapter in appealing for your support in helping us to ensure that the Chapel might be a place of prayer and reflection – a place of encounter with creation and the Creator – for at least the next 30 years.

As the Chapel is named for Barnabas – 'son of encouragement' – so may we encourage one another: 'connecting in service' to the world God loves through the outreach and The Abbey.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity, and every blessing on your local ministry in this new year of grace' +Richard

Robert Fordham – Appeal Director

At the Abbey

Lenten Pilgrimage

Step outside

Walk the land, listen to Spirit.....

Reflect together

Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April 2022

Cath Connelly: A sought-after retreat leader and spiritual guide, Cath has led pilgrimages on the Camino, throughout Ireland and Australia. Cath is also a professional Celtic harpist, performing internationally as well as across Australia.

She will definitely bring her harp with her on this pilgrimage!

Russell Smith: Experienced Camino traveller, lover of pilgrimage and person of faith.

FULL TIME OPTION

Monday 4th April 2022 – Friday 8 April 2022

Motel-style accommodation – all meals provided

Twin /share accommodation: \$690 per person

Single accommodation: \$890 per person

PART-TIME OPTIONS

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th April 2022

9.30am Meet in the Chapel – walk the tracks of Raymond Island followed by reflection in the Chapel with Cath and shared lunch - \$25

3.00pm Meet in the Chapel – walk the shore-line of Raymond Island followed by reflection in the Chapel with Cath and shared evening meal - \$40

Wednesday 6th April 2022

9.30am Meet in the Chapel – longer walk along Island to Gravelly Point beach and option of return walk - \$55 - includes lunch and dinner-

(BYO lunch and no dinner \$25)

Overnight accommodation

1 night – single \$130 per person

Twin Share per person \$70

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island, 3880

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