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: *People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.*

23rd February Epiphany 7

Sentence of Scripture

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6.35*

Prayer of the day God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Hope 25

God of hope, you fill those who trust in you with peace and joy: give us the gift of your Spirit so that we may overflow with the hope we have in Jesus, shine with his presence, and share the good news with others. **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 1 st S	unday & 3^{rd} Sunday of the month
St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3 rd S	unday of the month (Not in December or January)
St Mark's Loch Sport Serv	ces only at Easter and Christmas
Zoom Links: <u>Evening Prayer:</u> Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm	
Meetin	g ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer
Meditation: Weeko	ays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am
Meeti	ng 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

Please pray for our supported student Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15

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

Psalm 37.1-11,40-41

Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong; For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the green leaf. Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures. Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act. He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work. Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil. For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land. In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found. But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace. Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble. The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

A Reading from The First Letter to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the

resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. *1 Corinthians 15.35-50*

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**.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Luke 6.27-38

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

Reflection

Today's gospel continues on from last week's. Jesus now exhorts us to love our enemies, asking what good it is to love only those who already love us. He commands us to be merciful, just as God the Father is. And, perhaps most difficult of all, we are commanded to avoid judging others. • Pray that we can love so extravagantly that there is absolutely no room for unrestrained judgementalism in our hearts.

• Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines Text: Robert McLean

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Dean's Desk

Yesterday we had our intercessions crafting workshop. Over the coming months, it's my hope that our Sunday prayers will be prepared by a diverse bunch of voices. We explored different formats for our corporate prayers, and looked at a bunch of different resources.

Earlier in the week I met with Tim Morrison, the new chaplain at Gippsland Grammar, and we talked about how the school and the cathedral can work more closely together to help kids connect with faith.

A reminder about Evensong tonight, at which we will be holding the MARSH parishes in prayer (that's Maffra, Avon, Rosedale, Sale, and Heyfield parishes). Do come along for a beautiful service.

Lastly for this week, a reminder about the craft group which meets on Thursdays from 10-1pm in the community room. Come with whatever you're working on, or even if you don't do craft, come for a cuppa and a chat! *Keren*

Instead of meeting once a month at Legends for dinner we have decided to have a change and will be **meeting for Lunch**, 12 noon, at **Lakeside (Bowling Club) TODAY the 23rd Feb** at 12 noon.

Happy Significant Birthday to lay canon Kaye tomorrow!

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 4th March at 6.30pm. Book in on sheet in Foyer. Reminder to return your palm crosses to be burnt for the ash for Ash Wednesday the following evening

Ash Wednesday Services 5th March : 10am and 7pm

Reminder to be very vigilant and please lock doors when you are working inside the cathedral, we have someone who likes to sneak in and hide, then leave by unlocking a different door. Please check all external doors are locked when you leave.

We received the sad news this week that our former organist **John Brehaut** passed away after a short illness aged 80. His funeral will be at St. John's Bairnsdale on Monday 24th Feb. at 11am. See Stephen Baggs funerals for video of service (after 7pm Monday) We pray for his family as we remember him and his many years of service. As the family wrote, and all who knew this musically gifted man will testify.. "Music was his life, and now he's playing for the saints in heaven" They also added.. Psalm 98:4-6 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Book fair news from Christine: I often joke that people don't use \$ notes as bookmarks in donated books .. we find old receipts, shopping lists, and other strange things. Finally... a pristine \$1 papernote was in one this week Janelle did sell one of our books for \$250 on ebay for us, we receive \$119. She also sold a series of 'paranormal romance books' for \$200, and did not take anything for herself for them. We are blessed to have her expertise, help and generosity. Thank you to Rob S for helping me rearrange the back area of the hut to sort children and religious books in and move a huge desk out of the office (going free!). Rob along with Peter M, also moved a desk from Ann M's house to hold up the PA mixer. The 'Iain Miller memorial desk' looks great! The office will also look great once I finish reducing 8 drawers of accumulated stuff! Thanks to all who helped. Books are starting to come in again, and the 'Book Hut' is 99% set up to sort in.

If anyone would like to help weed the Quiet garden area, we are dividing it up into sections, so you only would look after one area. Thanks to Michael Down for weeding the Prayer Tree area. Many thanks to Julie M for many, many years of caring for the garden.

Reminder to visit the prayer tree 'round the back'. It has been nice to see prayers on tags on the tags. More info soon.

Mission of the Month: BCA



Bush Church Aid is all about Aid to the Church in the Bush; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the lifechanging gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and

| remote Australia. BCA financially support 50% of Jude and Andy Benton's ministry in the Cooperating Parish of Croajingolong. The parish includes St Peter's Mallacoota and St John's Cann River. Please pray for them and for the work of BCA around Australia. If you would like to donate to BCA, please put money in an envelope marked BCA and place in the offertory on Sunday. Or to donate online, go to <u>https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/</u> and click on the Give button.

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All welcome to this craft group which meets on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm in the Community Room. Bring your craft (sewing, painting, knitting, crochet, any others) and enjoy a cuppa with morning tea supplied. You can BYO lunch if you would like.

Contact person is Jenny Wilson



Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view.

Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Sale and Avon parishes are running this six week course that encourages the asking of questions, the sharing of insights, and the exploration of what it means to follow Jesus.

Sessions will be from 6pm to 8pm, and will include a provided dinner as follows: Friday March 7th in Sale: Who is Jesus? Friday March 14th in Stratford: Why did Jesus Die? Friday March 21st in Stratford: How can I have faith? Friday March 28th in Sale: Why and how do I Pray? Friday April 4th in Sale: Why and How should I read the Bible? Sunday 6th in Sale: What does the Holy Spirit do? Friday April 11th in Stratford: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

