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Cathedral Parish Vision: People of Christian faith –27th AprilEncouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.2nd Sunday of Easter

Sentence of Scripture

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' *John 20.27*

Prayer of the day

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.

This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 ^{1st} Sunday & 3 rd Sunday of the month
St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3 rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)
St Mark's Loch SportServices only at Easter and Christmas
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Zoom Links: <u>Evening Prayer:</u> 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**

Please pray for our supported student Will Kepolo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' *Acts 5.27-32* Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118.14-29

The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation. The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up. I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death. Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it. I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, save us, we pray: O Lord, send us prosperity. Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord: from the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has given us light: guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar. You are my God and I will praise you: you are my God, I will exalt you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: and his mercy endures for ever.

A Reading from Revelations

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *Revelation 1.4-8*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. John 20.19-31 For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Reflection

Today's reading shows us how important doubt is to faith. It is 'Doubting Thomas' who is the first to proclaim that Jesus is God, not the others. It is Thomas, who having weighed things up in his mind, and presented with the truth, who comes to a spiritual breakthrough. May we embrace doubt as something good and necessary for a robust, lively faith.

• Pray for those who experience long periods of questioning and uncertainty as they work through their faith.

• Give thanks for the work and witness of the Amity Foundation, China

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Dean's Desk

Christ is risen! Alleluia! I hope your Easter week has been a peaceful one, full of thankfulness. I've taken the opportunity to have a couple of days of rest - much needed after the busyness of Lent and Holy Week.

Among the thankfulness we were saddened on Monday to hear of the passing of Pope Francis. I joined with our Catholic brothers and sisters, and ecumenical friends, at a lovely evening prayer with Office for the Dead service at St Mary's on Thursday evening. The service included excerpts from Francis' writings as well as psalms and readings and prayers. The Dean, Fr Francis, read out most of Pope Francis' homily for Easter Day - the text of which is included below because I thought his message was poignant. If you want to read it online: <u>Easter Sunday</u> - <u>Mass of the Day (20 April 2025) | Francis</u>. (see back of bulletin)

Today we inter Ted Gibson's ashes at 4pm, and there's a special commemorative Evensong at 5pm - I hope you'll come along to both events.

Please pray for Pat Brand's family as we gather tomorrow, Monday at 12noon to give thanks for her life.

Keren

Meetings: Property Wednesday 4.30pm

Gippsland Grammar production of *Newsies* **is on this week.** More than 70 Performing Arts students from Years 7-12 are bringing the 'Newsies' story to the Garnsey Hall stage for this year's senior campus musical.

Newsies tells the story of homeless New York City newsboy Jack 'Cowboy' Kelly who befriends two newcomers to his trade. But when publisher Joseph Pulitzer sets new rules that make it harder for the young newspaper salesmen to make a buck, the boys go on strike. Cue the newsboys' battle griping the city! Showing at Garnsey Hall from Wednesday April 30 to Saturday May 3. See back of bulletin

Ticket link: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1300311

From the Wellington Prevention of Family Violence Network Initiative.

Family and domestic violence continues to affect families across Gippsland - and the numbers are rising. In 2024, police in Wellington responded to 1,484 family violence incidents, a 14% increase on the previous year.

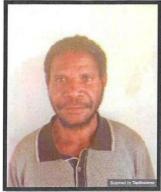
On Wednesday 7 May, the Sale Clocktower will light up in purple as part of a candlelight vigil to honour those we've lost, support survivors, and shine a light on the need for change. Bring a candle, torch or phone light and join others in sending a message that enough is enough 5.30pm Sale Clocktower



Domestic Violence Sunday: Hope & Light. May 4th, 2025 -

This is a day dedicated to building awareness of domestic and family violence, exploring solutions, and contributing to a national giving initiative to resource the church's work. This is a new national Anglican initiative.

Will Kepolo is the new theological student we are sponsoring at Modawa Institute (formally *Newton College*)



My hello to you our brothers and sisters in Christ. My love to you all at the moment.

My name is Willie Kepolo, I come from the diocese of Alpo Rongo, Jimi District Jiwaka Province 'Parish: Transfiguration of our Lord. I am 30 years old and recently got married to Carolyn in 2023.1 am the second last among 8 siblings. My village is Komongwai, located in the Lower part of Jimi District, Jiwaka Province Papua New Guinea.

I am studying here at Modawa Institute taking Theology because to fulfill the calling of God upon me to be as a priest to serve at my parish. To preach and to teach to the Church about the love of God and to be faithful servant of God. I am happy to learn about the Word of God and influence today's generation to understand the faith of Jesus Christ and to follow and to carry His Cross. I am here happy and looking forward to learn more and deep into the Word of God as my hunger towards the finish work of Christ. As a first year student at Modawa Institute, I will live and abide by the rules and regulations of the newly institute through work, study and prayer. Yours in the service of Christ. *Willie The scholarship support is \$1500. That subsidises the course fees, and also provides a very small allowance of 150 kina monthly (about \$55-60) to assist with some small expenses such as the purchase of some rice, soap and maybe school clothes for the children. He is provided an area of land to grow a garden for food. Ian receives no direct support from his diocese, so that small amount is just about all he and Carolyn will live on while they are with us.*

Our church catering dates coming up:

May 17/18 (Sat/Sun) SYNOD catering for approx 120 people We need 6 lots of 10 litres of soup, scones for morning tea and slices for afternoon tea on the Saturday. If you can help with any of these please talk to Nancy after church or 0417554435

Wanderers: Shirleys for lunch 2nd May at noon.

Mission of the Month: ACTinG

Acting on Climate Together in Gippsland

ACTinG is a small working group of the Diocese, aiming to equip and inspire Gippsland Anglicans to act on climate change.

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The Holy See EASTER SUNDAY MASS OF THE DAY HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS READ BY CARDINAL ANGELO COMASTRI Saint Peter's Square Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

Mary Magdalene, seeing that the stone of the tomb had been rolled away, ran to tell Peter and John. After receiving the shocking news, the two disciples also went out and — as the Gospel says — "the two were running together" (Jn 20:4). The main figures of the Easter narratives all ran! On the one hand, "running" could express the concern that the Lord's body had been taken away; but, on the other hand, the haste of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John expresses the desire, the yearning of the heart, the inner attitude of those who set out to search for Jesus. He, in fact, has risen from the dead and therefore is no longer in the tomb. We must look for him elsewhere.

This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives.

He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us. For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of "religious reassurance." On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can "see beyond," to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his resurrection. Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever.

This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. Phil 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ.

The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And so we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life. As the great theologian Henri de Lubac said, "It should be enough to understand this: Christianity is Christ. No, truly, there is nothing else but this. In Christ we have everything"

And this "everything" that is the risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. To him, conqueror of sin and death, we want to say: "Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. [...] Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old" (A. Zarri, Quasi una preghiera).

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.

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