

St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

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Cathedral Parish Vision: People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.

8th June Pentecost

Sentence of Scripture

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5.5*

Prayer of the day

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount
Sinai gave the law to Moses,
and who revealed the new covenant
in the fire of the Spirit:
grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit
which you poured forth upon your apostles,
we may fulfil with joy
your commandment of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
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 & 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 Services only at Easter and Christmas

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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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 the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." *Acts 2.1-21* Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104.26-36

Lord, how various are your works:

in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:

there move living things without number, great and small;

There go the ships, to and fro:

and there is that Leviathan

whom you formed to sport in the deep.

These all look to you:

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it:

when you open your hand

they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face, they are troubled:

when you take away their breath,

they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit they are created:

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have any being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him:

for my joy shall be in the Lord.

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8.14-17

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.

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14.8-27

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

Reflection

The hubris that resulted in the Tower of Babylon, (reading not used today) and the divisiveness of multiple languages is healed by the coming of the Holy Spirit. People from all around the then-known world suddenly could understand one another as language barriers melted away. From a sermon of a sixth-century African preacher, name unknown: 'If anyone says to one of us: "You have received the Holy Spirit. Why do you not speak in tongues?", he should reply: "I do speak in tongues. For I am in the Body of Christ, the Church, which speaks in every tongue. For what did God signify by the presence of the Holy Spirit if it was not that His Church would speak in every tongue?'

- Lord, help me to speak intelligibly to those around me about you, your Son and the Holy Spirit.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Text: Robert McLean © Anglican Board of Mission, 2025

Dean's Desk

Today we celebrate Pentecost, welcoming our brothers and sisters from the Salvation Army on this glorious day. Pentecost really should be about churches coming together in unity in the gift of the Spirit, and it's great that we can celebrate together.

It's also an opportunity for us to pray for a genuine outpouring of the Spirit's gifts in our midst - in our own individual lives, but especially in our life as a community of faith. And to take to heart some of Paul's words about the contrast between the "works of the flesh" and the life of the Spirit. He says in Ephesians, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and slander", and instead be "kind and compassionate, forgiving each other as Christ has forgiven you".

I have been reflecting this week on how we collectively would be well advised to follow Paul's directions... Pentecost, with its prayer for the gift of the Spirit to enter our hearts is the right time for us to repent of our tendency to "bitterness, rage and anger" and pray for the Spirit's grace to be kind and compassionate, erring on the side of forgiving one another because we ourselves have been forgiven.

There's an imperative in this, because we are called to be light and salt in our wider community where there are similar patterns at work. Wouldn't a collective commitment to kindness, compassion and forgiveness change the landscape of our society? And we as the children of God who have the Spirit who enables us to cry "Abba, Father" are the first fruits of that, the Spirit groaning in us with sighs too deep for words, waiting for the redemption of the children of God (Romans 8).

Please pray for Chapter as we meet today, and for the families of Jamie Miller and Robert Dixon, whose funerals will be this coming week.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Keren

Starting 2.30pm in SALE today, the Sale and Avon parishes is offering the second of six sessions in a **series of Evangelism Workshops**, "Faith Shared" at Stratford/Sale alternate weeks. Faith Shared is designed around ideas that are easily applicable to the everyday lives of Christians and churches.

You are warmly invited to attend the midyear concert of Yallourn Madrigal Singers entitled *My Family and Other Animals*. on Saturday 28 June at 2.00 pm at St James Anglican Church, Grey St Traralgon.

They have a delightful selection of choral music on the theme of the animal kingdom (Including humans!). Concert tickets: \$25 per adult and \$5 for school students and includes a delicious afternoon tea.

Emily Sanzaro Harp Concert St Paul's Cathedral Sale Victoria July 4th 2025 EMILY SANZARO is an innovative contemporary harpist, vocalist, violinist & electronic loop artist based in Launceston, Tasmania. More info soon.

Wanderers: Lunch at Maffra Sports Club Friday 13th June at noon Cup and Chat at Shirley's the following Thursday 10am

Mission of the Month The Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers is an international mission of the Anglican Church.

MTS cares for the practical and spiritual welfare of seafarers of all nationalities and faiths. There are 230 Mission sites around the world.

At the four centres in Victoria – Melbourne, Portland, Geelong and Hastings – work is carried out by a small number of staff, chaplains and volunteers who give freely of their time 365 days of the year.

Each centre houses the 'Flying Angel Club' where seafarers are welcomed by a friendly face and can contact their families by phone or internet, and receive counselling during times of injustice or distress. The MtSV ship visiting program supports crew who do not receive shore leave and is a vital service to ensure these crew have the provisions and support they require.

While most seafarers are well treated, some are still abandoned in ports far from their homes, or remain unpaid or forced to work in unsafe or unacceptable conditions. In such situations, the Mission plays a vital role in providing practical care and moral support.

See the display in the foyer for more information, and if you enjoy knitting, now is the time to start, as beanies and scarves are ALWAYS needed! See also: https://www.mts.org.au/

Sea Sunday is 13th July, when we will collect the knitted items. Monetary donations can also be made by placing funds in an envelope marked Mission to Seafarers and putting in the collection bag at church.

'The Wild Goose' A Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit.

(Sculpture hanging on the side of the organ)

Portion of sermon on Pentecost Sunday 2006 by Bishop John McIntyre.

Various symbols are used in the Bible to represent the Holy Spirit. Most people know the dove is one. Others include wind, light, oil, and fire. When one object has several symbols by which it is represented, each symbol emphasises a different aspect of the object. In the case of the Holy Spirit, some of the symbols connected with it do not describe what it is so much as what it does.



But I wonder how many know that the wild goose which comes from the island of Iona, off the western coast of Scotland, is the ancient Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Maybe that helps explain why I sometimes feel I am on a wild goose chase!

It wasn't that the ancient Irish and Scots didn't know about doves, the more traditional biblically-originating symbol of the Spirit. The name of the sixth-century founder of the abbey at Iona, the man who first brought Christianity to Scotland, Columba, means 'dove'.

But, as lovely as doves might be, Celtic Christians decided the wild goose was a far more apt symbol of the Holy Spirit. One hangs above the pulpit in a church in New Zealand around which are carved the ominous words, "Where there is no vision, the people perish".

Both the goose and those words are a reminder and a warning to preachers and to the preached-to. They are reminders that the Spirit of God cannot be tamed or contained. They are reminders, when it comes to God, to expect the unexpected.

Wild geese are, well, wild. That is, untamed, uncontrolled. They make a lot of noise, and have a habit of biting those who try to contain or capture them. That has been the Christian experience of the Holy Spirit through two thousand years.

Time and again when theology and God have appeared to be firmly in the control of hierarchies and religious establishment, the Spirit of God has broken free – and has often bitten those who tried to prevent it happening."

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