



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: *To lead the Cathedral*

Parish in being God's beating heart for our communities.

11th October 2026

Pentecost 20th

Sentence from Scripture

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isaiah 25.9*

Prayer of the Day

Saving and healing God,
you have promised that those who have died
with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful for all
you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness
to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in
your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

Year of Prayer 2026

Lord, teach us to pray.
Teach us to listen to your voice
and to hear your word.
Teach us to offer our hearts to
you in love and to know your
love. Teach us to forgive and be
forgiven. Teach us to give our
lives in your service and to do
your will. Teach us to pray, and
pray in us, Lord Jesus. 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 *No Services*

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

Associate Priest/Hospital Chaplain: Rev'd Heather Toms 0400 512 217

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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

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness

you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

You have made the city a heap of rubble; the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert.

You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tear from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Isaiah 25.1-9

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from The Letter to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.1-9

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look,

I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’ *Matthew 22.1-14*

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

Reflection

"I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord." It's fascinating to read Paul's admonition to these two women who were significant enough to be named. Or perhaps their disagreement was rancorous enough to affect the whole church community of which they were part, which necessitated Paul calling out their behaviour. We don't know what they were in conflict about, and it almost doesn't matter. Because it's not about conflict - conflict will always happen in human communities; it's about how people who claim to follow Jesus deal with conflict.

We read this against the backdrop of the reading we had a couple of weeks back from Philippians 2: "Let the same mind be in you as was in Christ Jesus..." That wonderful passage goes on to talk about Jesus' self-emptying, his humility, not grasping identity, but being willing to stoop even to the depths of death in order to redeem creation.

Paul holds this up, speaking to these two women, as the pattern for how they should conduct themselves as they disagree with one another: being willing to not grasp hold of their firm position, their "rightness", but to "empty themselves" in order to be able to truly listen to the other, even in the midst of disagreement to aim to serve the other in love.

And while what follows are concluding remarks which seem to be a jumble of instructions, Paul's exhortation to "rejoice in the Lord always" and to their minds dwell on and think about whatever is honorable, just, pure, pleasing, excellent, worthy of praise is actually the correction to conflict. So much conflict in church communities stems from either a lack of awareness of the impact we have on others, and/or a failure to make space for the other.

So the next time you're tempted to say something snarky to someone, or the next time someone says something snarky to you - stop and think: how do we both share the mind of Christ in this moment? How can we love one another, seeking the other's good, even when we disagree?

Dean's Desk

Greetings from the national capital! I'm in Canberra until Monday at an Order of St John/St John Ambulance conference, attending as one of the Chaplains.

Today we welcome into God's family Nora Monash in baptism after the 10am service. We give thanks for you, Nora, and pray that you will know the love of God that passes all understanding.

At our Chapter meeting on 27th September, we reflected on the questions:

- What do you notice God is doing in our midst?
- Where has God been inviting us to get alongside what God's already doing in our wider community?

These are questions Bishop in Council has requested us to reflect on regularly, so that we can be attentive to what God is doing in our midst.

This month we observed that we are still getting visitors and new folk coming, which suggests that our church has an enduring sense of connection for people in the wider community. At the same time, there are currently many balls in the air which have yet to fall. Is God doing a new thing in, through, and with us?

We also wondered: how many of our parish members are aware of the Strategic Plan?

Over the next few weeks, I'll outline the main contours of the Strategic Plan in the Dean's Desk, and we'll be printing hard copies for anyone who wishes to look at the Plan in more detail.

Keren

From Rev Heather

As part of our shared journey of care, I will be offering a three-week exploration of **Called to Care for People and Planet** at the Cathedral, drawing directly from the Anglican Overseas Aid material we will be following. Together we will move through the six chapters in a spacious and prayerful way:

Week One — God's Call to Care {Chapters 1 and 2},

Week Two — Listening Deeply & Understanding Barriers, {Chapters 3 and 4},

Week Three — Wise Action & Faithful Change {Chapters 5 and 6}.

Two session times will be offered — **Wednesday 2pm or Saturday 2pm** and you are welcome to choose the one that feels most spacious for you. I will run **only one** of these sessions, either Wednesday or Saturday depending on which day gathers the most interest.

This offering is a quiet invitation to sit together as community, to listen for what God is asking of us, and to deepen our shared commitment to caring for one another and for the earth that sustains us.

If you would like to purchase the book *Called to Care*, you can do so by visiting the Anglican Overseas Aid website: anglicanoverseasaid.org.au.

Mission of the Month: CMS

The Church Missionary Society (CMS-UK) was founded in England in 1799 by a small group of Anglican evangelicals with a passion for worldwide gospel outreach. They included John Newton, who wrote Amazing Grace, and William Wilberforce, who was a leader in abolishing the slave trade in England. This passion for people to hear the gospel saw CMS-UK turn its attention to Australia, beginning in 1825. CMS Australia now has six state branches.

The purpose of CMS is to ‘work with churches to set apart godly people as long-term cross-cultural gospel workers.’ Their mission is to ‘reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ; equip Christians as leaders in the church and the world; and engage churches in cross-cultural mission’. CMS works in many countries around the world. For more information, see the mission board in the foyer or go to <https://cms.org.au/>. You can also make a donation via the website, or by placing funds in an envelope, marking it CMS, and placing in the offertory at church.

Coming up:

Saturday 21 November **Hymnfest** with the Sale City Band

Blessing of backpacks and briefcases on Sunday 31st January next year

Craft Group is whatever people who come want it to be. 10am Thursdays. Come for a cuppa and a chat, stitch, knit, crochet, colour. More information Phone Jenny 0457 455 503

We are continuing to support local state **primary schools with breakfast items**

Donations can be left in the breakfast club basket in the foyer.

Food items suitable for donation are milo, muesli bars, pancake mix, jam, fruit cups, sliced cheese and margarine. Contact Kathy J 0400 444 416

10c recycling Bottles and cans can be left at Church to raise money. Plastic lemonade etc larger bottles, even the small juice cardboard ones as well as cans are suitable - Drop them in the small bin with yellow lid in the foyer, or see Christine.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.
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Affirmations for Pentecost 2026:

God loves me. God loves the people of this parish.

God loves our community. God is with us; Jesus prays for me, for St Paul's, for our world;
the Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words.

We are held in the love of the Trinity. God goes before us. God give us eyes to see and hearts
to respond to where you are already at work in our world.



Derek the Cleric
on facebook, or

<https://andyrobb.co.uk/derek-the-cleric/>

Advent Conversation

The Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops of Gippsland warmly invite you to join the ninth annual Advent Conversation - an ecumenical gathering of clergy and laity from both traditions. It is to be held on Friday November 20, 9.30am for 10.00am start - 3.30pm at The Abbey, Raymond Island.

We are delighted to welcome our keynote presenters, The Reverend Dr Jill Firth and Professor Catherine Playoust. Our hosts for the day are The Right Reverend Dr Richard Treloar and The Most Reverend Greg Bennet.

The Reverend Dr Jill Firth studied theology at Ridley and concurrently trained as a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition. She was ordained in the Diocese of Melbourne in 2006. She has lectured at Ridley since 2005, was appointed to Ridley faculty in 2016, and is lecturing in Hebrew and Old Testament. Jill was awarded her PhD on 'The Representation of David in Psalms 140–143' in 2016. She is co-editor of *Grounded in the Body, in Time and Place, in Scripture: Papers by Australian Women Scholars in the Evangelical Tradition*, is currently revising her dissertation for publication, and preparing to write a commentary on Jeremiah for the series, *The Bible in God's World*. She has been a convener of the Evangelical Women in Academia conference and the Ridley Women's Writing Groups Network. She is a member of Tyndale Fellowship, ETS, IBR, SBL, and the Logia Advisory Board.

Dr Catherine Playoust is the Deputy Master of Catholic Theological College and a member of its Department of Biblical Studies. Dr Playoust comes from Sydney, where she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in music by the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Theology by the Sydney College of Divinity (Catholic Institute of Sydney). In Boston she received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a Doctor of Theology degree in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard Divinity School. Dr Playoust previously lectured at Jesuit Theological College and thereby taught in the United Faculty of Theology, which was a recognised teaching institution of the University of Divinity. Before this, she was a part-time lecturer at Boston College and a Teaching Fellow at Harvard Divinity School. In 2013-2017, she was a member of the University of Divinity's Academic Board. During part of 2019 she was the Acting Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College. Dr Playoust teaches coursework units in Mark, Luke, John, Romans, and introductory biblical studies. She has also taught units in Paul, New Testament Greek, and early Christian literature. She has supervised postgraduate research students on topics in Matthew, Luke, Paul, James, and Revelation.

This year we return to The Abbey on Raymond Island

Tickets are \$30 includes lunch and morning tea.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHFER> or phone us at The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580.

If you would like to take the opportunity to extend your visit to The Abbey, we have both motel and retreat-room style accommodation options available. Please contact us for more details.