



# 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*

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

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

**Pentecost 22**

## Sentence from Scripture

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Matthew 22.37-40*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; 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* 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service**

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

## Outcentre Services:

**St Anne's Golden Beach** 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Alban's Kilmany** 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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](mailto: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 Book of Leviticus**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18*

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

### **Psalm 1**

Blessed are they  
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:

**nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

**and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:

**that yield their fruit in due season.**

Their leaves also shall not wither:

**and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

**they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.**

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:

**but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

### **A Reading from The First letter to the Thessalonians**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,

and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’

He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’

He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
“The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. *Matthew 22.34-46*

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

## Reflection

Leviticus, a book from which we very rarely have selections in our three-year lectionary cycle, has a bad reputation for being a tedious collection of laws for how ancient Israel was supposed to function. The truth is that if you really sit down and read it, it gives a fascinating insight into the mind of those who finalised the "writings of Moses" during the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people - including the influence of other ancient near eastern law codes, such as the Code of Hammurabi (a Babylonian legal code from 1753BCE).

But digging deeper, Leviticus is structured in a similar way to the ancient temple was: the first batch of laws deal with "outer court" stuff, and the next sections move closer and closer to the innermost holy of holies where God's presence was to dwell.

And that's where this text in our first reading comes into play. "You shall be holy as the Lord your God is holy," heads up this list of commands. All the business about how we are to treat our neighbours first of all stems from what it means to be holy, as God is holy. It's not about being struck by lightning bolts for disobedience, or subservient abject fear, but rather - "Do these things, because this is what it means to be like God."

So what IS holiness? What does it mean to be holy? I wonder when the last time was that you considered this, because it's a concept that is associated, at least in my mind, with thou shalt and thou shalt nots, a strict and joyless experience where putting a toe over the line is to be punished severely. But that's not what it is at all!

Holiness contains the idea of wholeness, whole-iness, wholesomeness. It's something warm, nourishing, fulfilling of deepest needs, and above all, communion with God. It's about living in right relationships with those around us. It's about the expression of covenantal love - just as God loved us way before we had any thought of loving God, so God's holiness calls to us, drawing us into the abundance of God's life and promises to us.

So these hard, concrete instructions point beyond themselves to the God who loves us dearly enough to desire for us to be whole, holy, set apart for God. Read the passage again with this in mind and think: what is it that needs to change in your life to reorient you towards God's holiness in the way you live?

## **Dean's Desk**

On Monday the cathedral welcomed Year 6 from St Anne's campus of Gippsland Grammar. The theme was connection: we looked at all the memorials in the Cathedral, at the honour boards including the previous Bishops and Deans and noting the names they were familiar with, the stones on the board near the left exit to the cathedral offices, the bishop's cathedral, the kneelers with the names of parishes on them, and the place where Bishop Cranswick and his wife Olive's ashes are interred up next to the high altar. We talked about the connections we have in our lives, with those gone before us, those coming after us; the connection between parishes in the diocese, the bishop in his role connecting all of us, including to the wider church, the Anglican Communion and the international connections.

We have reeled this week with the news of what happened to the Honorable Helen Haines MP, outside her electorate office in Wangaratta. Thank you to Kathy and the team of folk who committed to quietly and prayerfully sitting in the church so that we could welcome people to offer a prayer or light a candle. This is such an important ministry, and the folk who came through the door whom I chatted to were truly brought there by the Spirit.

Today Chapter meets after 10am service. Please pray for us as we consider the budget for 2026-2027 and a proposal relating to the grounds of the cathedral precinct.

On Saturday we'll be hosting the annual financial review process for the Diocese. Many parishes from across the diocese send reps to review other parishes' accounts.

Next Sunday will be All Saints/All Souls and we'll be remembering those who have gone before us in faith. Please make sure you've put the names of those you wish to be remembered on the list in the foyer.

A reminder to please complete your NCLS surveys and get them back to me. You can hand them in today, or pop them in my letterbox at 63 Market St. Details for how to fill out the survey online are included below. Ministry Team members will receive another code to the Leadership survey to be completed.

Please pray for those to be ordained deacon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. It'd be great to have members of the Cathedral community present and take part in welcoming our diocesan friends to their cathedral.

And on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November we'll be observing Defense Sunday, and will be joined by the Australian Military Wives Choir.

*Keren*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION NCLS Survey

Last week we started our NCLS survey for 2026. You can complete it by:

**Option 1.** Filling out a hard copy form, and returning it to the Dean in person or by putting it in her letterbox at 63 Market St.

Our Church code is: **ANV01001**

**Option 2.** Click on this link to fill out the survey online:

<https://attendersurvey.ncls.au?ccode=ANV01001>

**Option 3.** Go to [attendersurvey.ncls.au](https://attendersurvey.ncls.au) and enter the Church Code above.

*Thanks for your assistance!*

### *From Rev Heather*

As part of our shared journey of care, I am holding 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:

### **Wednesday 2pm**

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

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

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](https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au).

### **Book fair update.**

It's official, we have MORE BOOKS than ever before – and it is still October!



As a result, we have closed the long end of the hall verandah and now using it to store boxes of books. (30+ sorted, packed and moved over this week) If you have good quality books, we are still accepting them, however need them asap.

Several times this week our back trolley has been overflowing with donations. Pictured was just from one person on Thursday. All sorters have been working overtime this week, none needed to go the gym 😊 Many helpers will be needed to set up this year, and during the fair. Reminder, if you wish to help with the book fair in any way, you need a WWCC and Police check.

**AGM.** If you have to write a report for the AGM, Christine needs it emailed to her by the 17<sup>th</sup> November please, so they can be distributed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. AGM is on the 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11.20isham. Nomination forms available soon.

## **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 2pm

Blessing of backpacks and briefcases on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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| <b>Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission</b> |
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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.

### **Modawa Institute in Papua New Guinea. Partial Report**

There has been the building of two girls' dormitories with a separate ablution block, a double classroom and a new staff house under construction. There is also some maintenance work done on some student houses that were in very poor conditions.

This needs to continue until all these houses are covered.

a new truck that will help with the transport of staff and students and building materials from town has arrived.

The institute is in its development stage which means that there is still more to do.

There is increase in student population as there will be new intakes both in the School of Teaching and School of Theology next year.

The need for more classroom, staff houses and student quarters and other infrastructures becomes greater and urgent. The institute is grateful for the support from the partners both locally and oversea.

This is a worthy investment because the Modawa Institutes strives to produce leaders for tomorrow's Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Bishop Jeffrey

Driver arrival 10 years ago and his contribution has made all this a reality.

There are a lot of people in Australia that support this worthy cause mainly from the Archdioceses of Melbourne and Adelaide, the Diocese of Gippsland, and the Anglican Board of Mission. The institute is grateful for all their support.

I came back knowing that we from Australia, especially here in Victoria, can give a bit more to support the Modawa Institute. Even a little amount can make a big difference towards this noble work.

*-Fr Giles Motisi*