

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.*

1st November 2026
All Saints

Sentence from Scripture

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 Book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' *Revelation 7.9-17*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34.1-10, 34.22
I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.
Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.
Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.
The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

A Reading from The First Book of John
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. *1 John 3.1-3*
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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Matthew 5.1-12
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection
In today's epistle reading, an elder asks the visionary, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” The visionary replies, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then the elder says, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

When I read this, I think of the priest of the church I attended for a few years in Sydney, Fr Terence Dicks. He used to quote this verse with great relish when he saw the gathering of servers and liturgical assistants all robed up in white albs, and the choir all in their cassocks and white surplices ready to process into the church for a service.

It's a paradox: how can something dipped in blood be made white? Of course, it's a metaphor or symbol that draws together a number of ideas: the blood of the passover lamb saving the people of God from death in Egypt; the blood of the covenant God made with the people of Israel a sign of mercy and grace; the washing away of sin in and through baptism; the sign of new identity found in the Risen Christ. It also came to be a sign of service in the church: that our primary identity is as God's children, holy and beloved, and we minister to each other from that identity. All leadership in worship should point back to the Risen One we worship and serve, and not be about the exalting of the people leading the service. At the same time, it's also a reminder to all of us whether we're up the front or not that we are called to serve one another, and to honour the service offered by others to us.

There's another connection too, and on this All Saints/All Souls weekend the white robes worn by the multitude in the heavenly court remind us of the lives of those who have gone before us in faith, especially those whose ways of following Jesus have been exemplary. It should be an encouragement to us to take up our baptismal calling and live lives worthy of the hope we already have.

I wonder what that looks like for you? How might you remember this week the "white robe" that is already yours to wear in service of God and others?

Dean's Desk

Please pray for Marinus van Meerten and Julie Bruce who will be ordained as Deacons in the Church of God on Saturday 7th November at 11am. Do come along to support them, and to welcome our diocesan family to our - their - cathedral.

Next Sunday we'll be observing Defense Sunday, a day to pray for members of our Defense Forces and their families. We'll be welcoming the Australian Military Wives Choir at the 10am service, and the Reverend Tim will be preaching.

A reminder to put the Hymnfest with the Sale City Band on Saturday 21st November at 2pm in your diary - and to invite all your friends along. Last year's Hymnfest was a smashing success, and it was great to be able to sing a whole bunch of favourite hymns with the fulsome support of a band.

And also chalk in the Annual Meeting which will happen after the 10am service on Sunday 22nd November over morning tea in the hall. Do get your reports to Christine ASAP so she can put together the booklet for distribution on 15th November. And remember to nominate folk using the nomination forms in the foyer for Chapter and other elected roles, and return these to me by Wednesday 18th November.

Lastly, thank you to those who have returned their NCLS surveys or completed them online. Please return them to me today!
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. TODAY is the cut off.
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 and enter the Church Code above.
Thanks for your assistance!

From Rev Heather
Final of the three-week exploration of **Called to Care for People and Planet** at the Cathedral **Wednesday 2pm**
Week Three — Wise Action & Faithful Change {Chapters 5 and 6}.

AGM. (INCORRECT Dates last week)
If you have to write a report for the AGM, Christine needs it emailed to her by the **11th November** please, so they can be distributed on the 15th November.
AGM is on the **22nd** November at 11.20isham.
Nomination forms available **today**. Chapter members, Lay Canons, Mission Secretary, 1 Synod Rep needed. All will need to have Safe Ministry Clearance. Due back to Christine by the 15th.

November Mission of the Month: Anglicare Victoria – Christmas appeal
For the Christmas appeal this year Anglicare Victoria has a choice of 12 different gift cards, including:
Christmas Fun for Families $100
Chaplaincy Support $50
Stock the Community Pantry $30
Christmas Lunch $20

See the whole range and purchase a gift here: https://christmas.anglicare.org.au/

'Anglicare Victoria works with children, young people and families. Supporting tens of thousands of Victorians every year, our 1700+ staff and volunteers operate from more than 45 sites across the state, as well as delivering assistance online, at home and in the community.' See the display in the foyer.
Please pray for the work of Anglicare and especially for Sarah Gover, the Parish Partnerships Coordinator for our region.

Coming up:
Saturday 21 November **Hymnfest** with the Sale City Band 2pm
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.

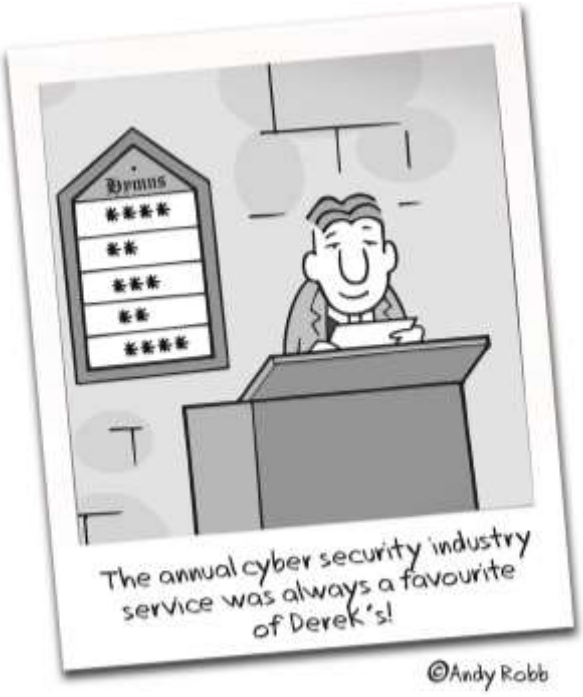
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Affirmations for Pentecost 2026:

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/

Dear Parishioners,

'I am alive now. You have done a great deed for me' - Sajina*.

I wanted to send you a quick update on the recovery situation in **Nepal after the terrible flood in late August.**

AOA's partner, the International Nepal Fellowship, is now assisting flood-hit communities with longer-term recovery after its initial urgent response.

Sajina's words above show just how important this response has been for people affected by the flood.

She is an elderly woman, who came to an INF health camp feverish, frail and struggling to breathe or speak. Treatment from INF staff saved her life.

The next step is to help Sajina, and thousands of others recover long-term.

INF can help people in Nepal rebuild their lives, thanks to Anglican Overseas Aid's supporters.

Sajina's story is a witness to the power our gifts have to make a difference.

INF staff are now helping people in Nepal's Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts rebuild livelihoods, local markets (essential for the local economy and food supply), and water supply systems.

People are still being treated at two health camps, as many have lost access to medications or medical care.

The initial flood response met urgent needs

It supplied food, clean water, shelter and medical care to people affected by the flood.

Now, INF is helping these communities rebuild.

INF workers have begun restoring the structures that allow people to earn a living and providing cash for work. Staff are also providing treatment and referral services at health camps.

Key to the recovery work is helping displaced families, people who have lost access to essential services, and communities beginning to rebuild.

Together, AOA supporters have raised $187,368 to date. To me, this is a beautiful testament to the power of the Body of Christ working together. We are so encouraged by this response to the situation in Nepal from Australian Christians.

Please keep the people of Nepal and the International Nepal Fellowship in your prayers.

Yours in hope and peace,

Jo Knight CEO, Anglican Overseas Aid

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