

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.*

15th November 2026
Pentecost 25

Sentence from Scripture

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with 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 Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1 7,12-18

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

Psalm 90.1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.
You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.
And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.
You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

A Reading from the First letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*
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.
'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each

according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." *Matthew 25.14-30*
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection
The parable of the ten talents in today's gospel always bothered me greatly as a teenager. I felt it was grossly unfair that some people received so many talents (yes, yes, I know Jesus is talking about money, but I took it as talents, as in gifts/skills), while others received so few, or their talents were not of such high quality as those of others. I confess: I greatly envied Kirsten P, a girl at my school in my senior years who played the piano as I did for school assemblies. But unlike me, she never flubbed things, or made mistakes, and she didn't have to go running to the bathroom just before the assembly started because she was so nervous! I remember having one very bitter conversation with God in which I complained about how unfair it was that Kirsten P had all that talent - and yet she wasn't even in the music programme! Yet here I was, slogging it out, and barely able to manage. I felt very much like the slave in this gospel story who'd only received the one talent and hadn't had the chance to adequately develop it.

Of course, the text is not supposed to be read this way! The story is about accountability, about using the time rightly, about acknowledging God's gifts to us and using them wisely to develop the realm of God. It's also about waiting and watching, as was last Sunday's story about the ten bridesmaids and their oil lamps. It's about the question of what we do in that difficult, liminal space as we wait for that which is coming but which is not yet.

I wonder what "talents" we have individually and corporately been given. I wonder what attitude we're bringing to this liminal time of watching and waiting. Are we wandering around half asleep, fatigued, jaded? How do we keep alive the inner fire of expectation and anticipation that God's not done with us, and God's new future awaits? What kind of account are we going to offer for the incredible gifts God has given us?

Dean's Desk

The last few days of this week I've been in Canberra at the MOW Conference: Make no mistake... God calls women! I was managing the music; one of my representational tasks is as a board member for MOW (Movement for the Ordination of Women), and I was on the organising committee for the conference. We had a stunning array of speakers and it was great to connect with a diverse bunch of women from around Australia.

A reminder that nominations for Chapter close today. If you haven't already, please hand them to Christine ASAP.

Next Saturday 21st at 2pm is Hymnfest with the Sale City Band - I do hope you've been spreading the word and sharing it with everyone you know! It'd be great to get a good crowd!

Next Sunday 22nd we'll be holding our AGM after the 10am service over morning tea. Please be there if you are able. The booklets with reports etc are in the foyer to take today.

Advance dates: On Friday 27th we'll be welcoming Tonya Peters from Compassion Australia, who will be coming to pray with us at morning prayer at 9am, followed by morning tea. Please join us for prayers and for her talk - or for her talk and morning tea!

And that same evening is Gippsland Grammar's Choralfest at 7pm. Last year was absolutely spectacular, and I have every confidence that Dr Cameron and the crew will bring us a marvelously musical offering.

Keren

AGM.
AGM is on the **22nd** November at 11.20isham.
Nomination forms DUE **today**. Chapter members, Lay Canons, Mission Secretary, 1 Synod Rep needed. All will need to have Safe Ministry Clearance.

November Mission of the Month: Anglicare Victoria – Christmas appeal

1. ***Toys and Christmas food appeal***

One way to help local families in need this year is to donate **non-perishable Christmas food or unwrapped gifts** for babies to 18 year-olds. Teenagers often appreciate gift vouchers.
Please place in the basket under the Missions board in the foyer and these gifts will be delivered to Anglicare in Morwell / Traralgon.
Thank you!

2. ***Another way to help (online) this year***

Anglicare Victoria has a choice of 12 different gift cards, including:
Christmas Fun for Families $100, Chaplaincy Support $50, Christmas Lunch $20 Stock the Community Pantry $30
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.

Franciscan Day at Christ Church Drouin 21 November

Members of the Third Order of the Anglican Society of St Francis (TSSF) are looking forward to meeting again at Christ Church Drouin, this year on 21 November. Our Regional Vic/Tas group is very dispersed and so we try to meet in different parts of Victoria, and sometimes in Tasmania, to give as many members as possible a chance to attend at least some meetings. We gather around 10.30 am for a tea or coffee and begin our discussion time at 11 am, this month on our second way of service: study. We'll be talking about books that have inspired us on our Franciscan journey this year. The Eucharist at 12 noon will be followed by a simple bring-and-share lunch before continuing the discussion about books, concluded by 3pm. We would be delighted if any parishioners would like to join us for any part or all of the day's activities.
To find out more about the Third Order, go to: https://tssf.org.au/ , pick up a brochure in the foyer, or talk to Jan and Michael Down.

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

Coming up:

Saturday 21 November **Hymnfest** with the Sale City Band 2pm
AGM Sunday 22nd after 10am service
Choralfest 27th November
Sale Community Carols 9th December Lessons and Carols 13th December
Blue Christmas 20th December
Blessing of backpacks and briefcases on Sunday 31st January next year

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.

Hymn Fest

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral

149 Cunninghame St Sale

Saturday 21st November 2pm

Enjoy listening and singing along
to traditional hymns backed by our local brass band
in the beautiful surrounds of St Paul's Cathedral

Featuring the Sale City Band



$15 Adults, $10 Concession Children Free Cash or Card at the door.