



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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." **25th February Lent 2**

Sunday Bulletin Welcome ! - Wuman njinde

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.

Hymn 8am TiS 684 Love will be our Lenten calling

10am TiS 611 God of grace and God of glory

Sentence from Scripture

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

Prayer of the Day

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we,
being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer for St Paul's

Come Holy Spirit breathe through us:

Enable us to know and make known the connection between You and the everyday.

Help us to be relevant and approachable to the community, to engage inclusively with them and each other, and to stay connected with you.

Enable us to show Christ's unconditional love in action.

This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16*

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

Psalm 22.24-32

O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:

**hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**

For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:

**nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.**

From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:

and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's:

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:

or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

But he has saved my life for himself:

and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:

and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,

that he has done it.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. *Romans 4.13-25*

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

Gospel Hymn 8am & 10am TiS 583 Take up your cross

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not

on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ *Mark 8.31-38*

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

Offertory Hymn 8am TiS 607 Make me a channel
10am TiS 182 Bring many names

Final Hymn 10am TiS 684 Love will be our Lenten calling

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- Administrator Philip Muston
- For the Diocese of Gippsland, Bishop in Council and the Registry Staff, Brian, Kerrie, Annette, Sue and David
- For Dean Susanna Pain and Rev’d Nikolai Blaskow
- For the Ministry of Anglicare within the Diocese of Gippsland and Cathrine Muston, Community Development Officer
- For *mainly music* and Tadpole Playgroup leaders and all who attend

For those in special need: Lisa C, Andrew G, Heather C, Henry, Xavier & Matthew K, Leanne, Loz, Libby, Guy M. For those who mourn.

At the time of choosing a bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese
a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922 Kerrie Smith 51456783

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

From the Dean

All the little things you do

Every epic journey begins with a step: one at a time, we take ourselves to a new place. Our becoming doesn't happen all at once, but is a gradual evolution and a turning. During this time of Lenten reflection take some small steps – See where they lead you.

Here are some ideas to start off with:

1. Throw a stone into still water. Watch the ripples it makes. When you do something kind, love ripples out to others. Do something kind for someone.
2. Consider making this Lenten promise: for 40 days, when you are buying something, ask yourself the question: is this something I need? Then act accordingly.
3. Silence is a rare gift. Find time (every day, once a week: whatever you can create for yourself) to sit in silence and listen for God.
4. Everybody needs to try different things – it keeps life interesting! Take a taste of something you've never tried before, or go somewhere you've never been.
5. Set an extra place at the table each day. Think about who might join you... Remember people in the world who are hungry and who would love to sit down and share a meal.

From Dancing in the desert, prayers and reflections for lent by Sally Foster

Rend Your Heart

To receive this blessing,
all you have to do
is let your heart break.

Let it crack open.

Let it fall apart

so that you can see

its secret chambers,

the hidden spaces

where you have hesitated

to go.

Your entire life

is here, inscribed whole

upon your heart's walls:

every path taken

or left behind,

every face you turned toward

or turned away,

every word spoken in love

or in rage,

every line of your life

you would prefer to leave
in shadow,
every story that shimmers
with treasures known
and those you have yet
to find.

It could take you days
to wander these rooms.

Forty, at least.

And so let this be
a season for wandering
for trusting the breaking
for tracing the tear
that will return you
to the One who waits
who watches
who works within
the rending
to make your heart
whole.

Jan Richardson

<http://paintedprayerbook.com/2012/02/15/day-1ash-wednesday-rend-your-heart/>

Jan Lear is wanting to pull back from **Tadpoles Play group** which meets on Tuesday morning, so we are looking for new support/leadership from St Paul's. If that's something that that excites you. Talk to me.

Bishop Manasseh Gahima, with Luke Karemangingo, the principal of the Diocesan school from Rwanda are coming to visit us. We will be holding a **Barbeque at Delbridge Hall Wednesday 7th March** at 6 for 6.30pm, followed by a talk. Donation towards work of the church in Rwanda. All are invited. Please come. Put your name on the list if you can join us.

Susanna

Lenten studies –

Susanna will be leading a **Lenten Study 3pm – 4.30pm Wednesdays**

Nikolai's Lenten study will be on Desert Spirituality, 7.30pm -9pm **Tuesday evenings** Both held in the Community Room, Sign up if you are interested.

'**Breathing Space**' during Lent for prayer and reflection, Monday to Thursday at 5.30pm - 6pm in the Lady Chapel.

News and Events

If you are on a Service roster, or interested in reading, being on sides duty – giving out the bulletin and taking up the offertory-, please complete the questionnaire form on the side table. **More helpers needed for morning tea after 8am and to dust the cathedral once a month.**

Messy Church A Messy Church team get-together will be held on Sunday 4th March at 3pm. Susanna has kindly offered the deanery for this first gathering of the year. If two or three people could bring a plate to share over a cuppa, it would be really appreciated. Please let Marg know if you can bring something. Please mark the date in your diaries. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Prayer Chain Meeting Sunday Feb 25th Community Room 11.30am
Everyone involved with the Prayer Chain is invited to attend. Contact Naomi 51445922

Mission Helpers are meeting on 26th Feb at 1.30pm in the Community Room
We are hosting the **World Day of Prayer** service on **Friday 2nd March** at 7pm. We need people to help provide supper as well as come and pray. See Christine for details.

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Our own sculptor Claire Flack is having her first solo **exhibition** of her work 'Climbing the mountain of love' at Segue Art Gallery Stratford 9.30am to 3pm daily till 28th February.

National Weekend of Prayer for School Chaplaincy

Show your support for School Chaplaincy:

- Pray for Chaplaincy in our schools to continue.
- Send a letter of support for School Chaplaincy to:

* The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

* The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

* The Hon Simon Birmingham MP, Federal Education Minister, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

On Tuesday 8th May 2018 the Federal Government will announce whether it will uphold the current funding provided for the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP).

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 8am: ? helpers **10am:** Y. McPherson, O. Elkin

February Flowers: Lent

Readings for 25th February - Lent 2

1st - Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 **2nd** - Romans 4.13-25 **G** - Mark 8.31-38

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering or ? ?? guttering!!??

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund (new for 2017)

BSB 705 077 Acc no: 000 409 69 NO reference needed

Cheques made out to Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

Weekly Diary of Church Activities

26th Monday

5.30pm 'Breathing Space' for Lent

27th Tuesday

9.30am Tadpoles Playgroup

5.30pm 'Breathing Space' for Lent

7.30pm Lenten Study with Nikolai - Community Room

28th Wednesday

7.45am Meditation Group in Lady Chapel *'pre' stretching at 7.30*

10.00am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

1.30pm Service at Wilson Lodge Nursing Home

3.00pm Lenten Study with Susanna – Community Room

5.30pm 'Breathing Space' for Lent

1st Thursday

9.30am *mainly music*

11.00am Service at Ashleigh House

5.30pm 'Breathing Space' for Lent

2nd Friday *Susanna's day 'off'*

7.00pm World day of prayer

Icon Writing Course continues this weekend

Out Centre Services

Today: 2.30 pm St Mark's Loch Sport

Next Sunday: 10.30am St Anne's Golden Beach

Coming up!

Canon Jeff Richardson is preaching at both services on 4th March.

BBQ with Bishop Mannasseh from Rwanda at 6pm on 6th March

St Paul's Mens' Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday March 10th in the Delbridge Hall with guest speaker The Rev. Nikolai Blaskow.

Canon Geoff Pittaway preaching at both services on 11th March.

The many faces of St Paul: Messenger, Christ follower, the Church's Apostle! A lecture and workshop, by New Testament scholar Dr. Kieren Williams Saturday 17th March 2018, 1.30pm – 4.30pm She is also preaching at the 8am and 10am Services at St Paul's on Sunday 18th March

Sale Ministry Training: refresher Friday 6th April 2-4 for those who have attended one in the past 3 years, then for anyone working with children or youth, who has not had training, the full day's training is Sat. April 7th. Both in Sale.

25th March **Palm Sunday**

Stop press!

Hope Restart Centre (HRC) residential rehabilitation facility at Lucknow in East Gippsland has received its building permit. This is a huge step forward in what promises to be a BIG year for the HRC Board and their principal partner, Odyssey House Victoria (OHV). The Building Permit approval enables the exciting project to progress on a number of fronts with supporting professional health and education providers. The tender process enables the preparation of tender documents which now commence for distribution to local principal contractors over the six weeks.

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A nourishing feast of Creativity and Fun!

27-29 April 2018.

With Rod Pattenden and Trish Watts

**At St Paul's Cathedral,
149 Cunninghame St, Sale**

Reverend Dr **Rod Pattenden**, minister, artist, art historian, dancer and educational facilitator is interested in the connection between spirituality and the arts. Rod has written and lectured widely on these aspects of the arts and creativity in Australia and overseas.

Trish Watts, singer/songwriter, educator, Voice Movement Therapy practitioner, spiritual director, and community choir director. Whether she is working with a group or individuals, her approach to life is as an adventure, evoking joy, energy, freedom, trust and connection.
songwriter, worship leader, Voice Movement Therapist.

With **Susanna Pain**, they celebrate over 25yrs as co-founders and leaders of InterPlay ® Australia, a community arts practice.

2pm - 5pm Saturday 28 April 2018

**“Play with the 5 Freedom Paths- storytelling, movement, singing,
silence and connection”**

Cost: \$25

Sunday 8 and 10am Services:

‘Sparks of Life’: ...sustaining creative lives

Sunday 7.30pm - 9.00 pm:

**‘Sanctuary’: Where heaven touches earth - uplifting & peaceful
songs for inspiration, meditation & community joy.**

Entry by donation

To register interest, contact Susanna: 0418 637 469

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Dr. Kieren Williams**

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St Paul's Cathedral, Delbridge Hall, Cunninghame St, Sale
Entry by donation \$10-20 suggested

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at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 18th March**

Rev. Dr. Kieren Williams is an ordained minister with the United Church of Canada. As a community minister, she worked and lived in a neighbourhood that struggled with the impact of poverty and racism, and in collaboration with her neighbours, they sought to live their faith in justice and compassion through advocacy, community programming, and spiritual support. She was also a professor in New Testament at Emmanuel College which is the United Church seminary, part of the University of Toronto. For health reasons, she had to retire early, and now enjoys travelling, writing, lecturing, gardening, and supporting various social justice causes.

World Day of Prayer

Praying for people of

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good!

ALL welcome. Please come!

Friday 2nd March 7.00pm

St Pauls Cathedral

Prayerful support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the Republic of Suriname, on the north-eastern coast of South America. Despite a history steeped in slavery and political coups, this tiny nation has achieved remarkable progress since its independence in 1975.

Suriname enjoys multi-ethnicity and biodiversity, freedom of religion, free primary and secondary education, and free medical care for children and seniors.

But behind closed doors, family violence, abuse and neglect are ongoing issues. Children are particularly vulnerable, many growing up in orphanages or one-parent families. While education is free, there is no compulsory school attendance.

Child labour in the form of street selling is common, but of far more serious concern is the fact that many children are labouring in the gold mines of Suriname.

You are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Suriname and its people at our World Day of Prayer service