



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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: *"People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."* **23rd December 2018**
Advent 4

Sunday Bulletin

Hymn 8am TiS 316 O little town of Bethlehem

10am TiS 268 Joy to the World

ADVENT candle lighting: Christmas is coming TiS 289 verses 1-3

Sentence from Scripture

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1.45*

Prayer of the Day

God of New Beginnings,
for many of us, the next few days will bring an ending:
the ending of the wrapping of presents,
the ending of Christmas parties,
the ending of shopping season,
the ending of the craziness of the month of December.
But, today, we are reminding that Christmas does not represent an ending;
but rather, the beginning:
the beginning of hope,
the beginning of peace,
the beginning of joy,
and the beginning of love.
Help us remember this day that you are the God of new things. **Amen..**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:
Sundays – 30th December and all of January 9 am only

No Wednesday or Evening services until February

Out Centre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

St Alban's Kilmany 11.00am 3rd Sunday of the month **Not in January**

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month **TODAY**

Hon. Priest: Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow 0428 167 724 nikolai@nikolaiblaskow.com

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Cathedral Organist: Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

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 Prophet Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers. *Micah 5.2-5a*

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

Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

A Reading from The Letter to the Hebrews

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered

according to the law),

then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *Hebrews 10.5-10*

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

**Gospel Hymn 8am TiS 202 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
10am Mary Gladly Told Her Cousin (Tune: TiS 312)**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' *Luke 1.39-45*

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

Offertory Hymn 8am TiS 575 O Jesus, Saviour , grow in me
10am TiS 302 The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Final Hymn 10am TiS 307 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- Bishop Richard, Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- For the Diocese of Gippsland, Bishop in Council and the Registry Staff, Brian, 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 those in special need: Andrew G, Heather C, Guy M, Heather Stewart
For those who mourn.

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

Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of love. Surely this is what Christmas is about?

Clare Boyd- Macrae recently gave me a copy of her book, *'Off the page, faith reflections'*. I have been slowly savouring her wonderful everyday reflections, and was particularly struck by one chapter entitled, **With us in the mess**, which tells the story of the tragic suicide of a friend's husband that happened just before Christmas. She writes:

'If Christmas cannot speak meaningfully to this situation, then Jesus is not worth dedicating our lives to, and the whole Christian enterprise is a hollow one. What has the coming of the Christ child to say to this world that is and has always been, full of harrowing pain and despair?....

If I cannot say anything useful about the Incarnation in the face of crippling loss then there is no point, really. Either the Incarnation speaks to us powerfully at these times or we can jettison the whole deal.

It does though, it does. That's what the Incarnation is about. It is the polar opposite of 'God is in his heaven and all's right with the world.'

All is far from right with the world, but God is beside us in the mess. This is what the Incarnation illustrates for us, from the birth of Jesus to poor unmarried parents on the run from the authorities, to his life lived in constant conflict with those with religious, political and financial power, to his torture and execution with common criminals on a rubbish dump at the edge of town. Since the life and death of Jesus, we know in a more vivid way than ever that God is part of every suffering on earth. Since the Resurrection, we know that death and evil is not the last word. Since Pentecost we know that God, as the Holy Spirit, Divine Comforter, continues to be with us, even in the deepest crevasse of the valley of the shadow of the death.

...The best picture we have of what God feels about us begins with the Christmas story, when God became, somehow, mysteriously, a vulnerable human baby. At Christmas, we celebrate that God stands in solidarity with all the suffering of the world, including the creation, including my friend.

I heard a conversation among some small children who were looking in the manger. One of them picked the 'baby Jesus' up and had a nurse. As she looked into the eyes of the 'baby Jesus' she passed him to the boy next to her. 'See, you can pick baby Jesus up and pass him around.' She said. 'Here, you take him and pass him onto someone else.'

God bless you with love, joy, peace and hope this Christmas, and don't forget to pass Jesus around.

You may care to join us for a **New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk for Peace**
31 December 2018, 4pm - 7pm, Ann and Iain Miller's Place

Come and create, Come and walk, Come and pray, Come and reflect.

Stand up for peace.

Come as you are.

Come for a short while or the whole time. Come, for peace.

No experience of walking labyrinths is required – please come along and join
in this spiritual, meditative walk.

For information and to register interest:

Susanna Pain 0418637469 susanna.pain@gmail.com RSVP essential

Concert

There will be a concert of the **Cologne Philomonia Orchestra** held at the
cathedral on **30 January**. Put it in your diary!

You're invited to **Christmas Day Lunch** at Blackwood House
Gippsland Grammar Boarding House Dining Room Blackwood House,
Gippsland Grammar Boarding House,
57-59 Raglan Street, Sale, opposite Sion College oval.

57-59 Raglan St, Sale 12.30PM on 25 December 2018

We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to share
in a traditional two course Christmas Day lunch with others.

There will be no charge for this lunch. All goods and time are generously
donated. Enquiries and Bookings: 0418530371 (AH)

Or just turn up on the day! Guests are welcome to make a small donation
to the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal if they wish.

We will be holding **Confirmation classes soon:**

Saturday January 5, 2-4.30pm, Sunday January 6, 2-4.30pm

Saturday 16 February, 10am - 4pm

These will be times of listening, learning, discussion and reflection. You may
like to join us. We look forward to Confirmations at 10am on Sunday 3rd
March. A number of people have already expressed interest. Let me know if
you'd like to be part of this exciting adventure too.

Love and blessings, *Susanna*

Living the Change You might like to know about an initiative of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, called Living the Change. You can find out more about this initiative here : https://www.arrcc.org.au/living_the_change

The invitation is to make personal pledges about lifestyle choices that cumulatively make a difference to our carbon emissions.

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If you would like to help with morning teas over January, put your name on the list – let's give the regulars a month off!! Food provided.

BUY a PEN !!

We have too many St Paul's pens left, and they would make great Christmas presents. Cheaper if you buy more than one. Total sales are profit to us.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 9am Ro V and ?

Flowers: December: Lyn Ruff

Readings for 30th December 1st Christmas

1st – 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26 2nd – Colossians 3.12-17 G – Luke 2.41-52

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Christmas 2018

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CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00pm St Alban's Kilmany Holy Communion

5.00pm St Paul's Informal Family Worship Service

Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

*Nativity dress-ups are provided so all children can participate
in the telling of the Christmas story*

11.00pm St Paul's Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am St Paul's Holy Communion Family Worship.

SUNDAYS @ St Paul's

30st Dec and all of January 9.00am only Services

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