



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.* **13th February 2022**
6th after Epiphany

Sentence from Scripture

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.23*

The Prayer of the day

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers
that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs
of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Prayer for a new Dean

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your wisdom give to this Cathedral
parish a pastor 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, an encourager
who will equip us for ministry, and
enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose,
wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous
hearts, for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am

Wednesdays - 10.00am in the Lady Chapel

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays

Sunday **Healing Eucharist** 1st Sunday of the month @ 5pm

Evenings **Contemplative Service** 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm

Outcentre Services:

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

St Alban's Kilmany 11.00am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

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

TODAY

All services are 'open' to all, no size limits.

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Honorary Priest: (At present locum at Bruthen) Rev'd Brian Norris 0418 633446

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Cathedral Organist: Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth the Second

We Pray for her Royal Highness Queen Elisabeth the second, giving thanks for her 70 years of faithful service.

Almighty God, ruler of every nation,
we give you thanks for bestowing your wisdom
upon our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth.

Thank you for sustaining her through seventy years
as a gracious leader in the United Kingdom
and the Commonwealth of Nations.

We thank you for her good counsel
and her steadfast faith.

Bless her, we pray,
with the strength of your Holy Spirit,
to continue to serve, encourage and inspire her people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord :

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord .

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord ,
whose trust is the Lord .

They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings. *Jeremiah 17.5-10*
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 Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. *1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. *Luke 6.17-26*

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

Reflection for 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Luke’s account of the ‘Sermon on the Plain’ presents us with powerful insight into the practices of being ‘disciple’. Jesus was already well known (throughout the region) for his generosity, compassion, miracles of healing and openness to all. Luke recorded conflicted episodes with the legalistic world of the scribes and Pharisee, Luke 4:20-30; 5:13; 33-39:6:1-5;6:1-11) by way of setting a context.

On this occasion the ‘multitude’ included Orthodox Jewish leaders, Jewish followers and Gentiles. Here, Jesus, surrounded by a wave of human need and expectation, turned to and addressed his chosen disciples. He preached that the forgotten, poor, marginalized, hungry and exploited will receive blessings whereas only woes will fall upon the rich, full, laughing and well regarded. Jesus presents two orientations in the living of a human life which in today’s readings is paired with Jeremiah’s image of the sterile bush and the fertile tree (17:5-8).

The famous Methodist missionary E. Stanley Jones stated that: “At first sight, you felt they (blessings and woes) turned everything upside down. At second sight you understand that they turn everything right side up. The first time you read them they are impossible. The second time you read them, nothing else is possible. The beatitudes are not a chart for Christian duty. They are a charter for Christian liberty”.

On the Plain, Jesus invited his disciples to enter into a new identity, one deeply rooted in the divine (incarnational) life of Jesus and to remain steadfast in connection with him, to grow a mindset that sees all of God’s creation as beloved and blessed. Jesus was inviting his disciples to recognize that a life in obedience to the pulse of our nature was soul destroying whereas to embrace a life of connection with Him grew radical generosity, self-denial, sensitivity towards and acceptance of difference, a community that modelled and lived this orientation.

Jesus did not soften the message, yes suffering would come, inevitable as part of the human condition both invited and uninvited. To hold steadfast in trust in the living, resurrected and glorious Lord is what it means to be a disciple.

Lent 2022

Lent begins on the 2nd March. We will hold two services on that day, one at 10 am and the other 6pm? At both services the imposition of ashes will take place.

Strove Tuesday, the evening before Lent, at 6pm there will be a traditional pancakes evening with pre-made pancakes with a range of fillings. The evening will also include a ‘burning of palm crosses and blessing of the new ashes’ ceremony. The symbolism behind this is that we have carried our palm cross since ‘Palm Sunday 2021 - daily celebrating our Lord’s saving grace and daily inviting Him into our lives. In burning these crosses, we burn our neglects and failures. On Ash Wednesday we are signed with these ashes for our Lenten observance 2022.

Could those who have palm crosses at home, bring them back to church on Sunday 27th February.

Lent Study program, this year we are offering two study programs:

1) Conversations with our Awesome God – This is a six-session study. by Bishop Bill Ray (a former Diocesan Education Officer). The Study booklet cost \$12.00.

2) Climate for change, this is an ABM study originally produced for last September's Climate conference.

The acting dean will run a study group on each Thursday in Lent following Bishop Bill's 'Conversations with our Awesome God'. If enough people wish to follow the study, we will arrange a second group meeting on the Wednesday.

Please place your name on the lists at the back of the church if you would like to join a Lenten study group ASAP. This list will determine the number of books to be ordered.

Those who would like to follow the Climate for Change study should speak to Jan Down or Ann Millar.

Liam Matthews

Acting Dean

Covid Safe Church

There has been some concern expressed that we are not being careful enough with our Covid safe practices at St Paul's during and after services. Here's a reminder of what is still necessary to maintain a safe environment for all.

The pandemic is not over yet, and while cases are reducing there are still large numbers of people getting sick and some seriously.

Please

- Check in with QR code or written contact details
- Sanitise your hands on entry
- Wear a mask (over nose and mouth) throughout, except while speaking as part of the service, or eating and drinking. Masks must be kept on while singing.
- KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE (at least 1.5m) from others, except those of your own party. This is especially important when entering and exiting, and queueing for communion (follow markers on the floor). Greeting the priest and others at the end of the service should take place outside.

The St Paul's Men's Breakfast Group meeting in Delbridge Hall is on **MARCH 12** at 8.00am. All men welcome!

Our guest speaker is the Rev Lyn Williams.

Gathering together in worship and fellowship.

Chapter has decided to trial having a cuppa after church out the front of the hall after both services. NEXT Sunday after the 10am service, we are inviting people to **BYO food for a picnic** in the park opposite after the cuppa. Chairs provided.

Chapter is investigating installing solar panels and batteries, as well as having an energy audit. Members of Chapter are writing cards of appreciation and thanks to community and other organizations, especially for their work during the past two years of pandemic etc.

If you would like to **receive the sacrament at home**, then please contact the named individuals below so we can carefully arrange, on a rotational basis, to bring you Holy Communion.

CONTACT; Acting Dean Rev Liam Matthews 0411 339 344
 Lay Canon Kaye Harrington 0400 720 417

2021 Church Life survey

The **Church Life Survey** will run until February the 21st Parishioners who attend on Sunday the 13th or 20th February will need to complete the survey following the service and hand in their completed copy.

Alternatively - there is the opportunity to fill in the Survey online. Please go to:
attendersurvey.ncls.org.au

REMEMBER- you must write in the correct CODE of your location.

These are:

ANV01001 Sale Anglican Cathedral SALE
ANV01002 St Alban KILMANY
ANV01004 St Marks LOCH SPORT
ANV01005 St Anne's GOLDEN BEACH

Leaders Survey: Could all ordained Clergy and Lay Readers, fill in the **leader's survey** only.

Meditation is on Monday to Friday on line and in person in the cathedral on Mondays at 4.15pm

The 10 am service each week is live streamed.

(Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale* ***when in*** YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the celebration of **Rebecca Hayman's ordination** to the diaconate yesterday. Thank you especially to those who set up, packed away and helped prepare or serve the wonderful lunch. Rebecca lived in Sale and attended Gippsland Grammar many years ago. Congratulations Deacon Rebecca!

Recording of service link: <https://youtu.be/mVKnM3XjNpw>



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