



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.* **20th February 2022**
7th after Epiphany

Sentence from Scripture

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6.35*

The Prayer of the day

God of compassion,
keep before us
the love you have revealed
in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds
help us to be like him,
through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
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

TODAY

Outcentre Services:

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

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

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

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

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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.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15

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

Psalm 37.1-11,40-41

Do not vie with the wicked:

or envy those that do wrong;

For they will soon wither like the grass:

and fade away like the green leaf.

Trust in the Lord and do good:

**and you shall dwell in the land
and feed in safe pastures.**

Let the Lord be your delight:

and he will grant you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord:

trust him, and he will act.

He will make your righteousness

shine as clear as the light:

and your innocence as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

**do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.**

Let go of anger and abandon wrath:

let not envy move you to do evil.

For the wicked shall be cut down:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:

**you will look for them in their place,
but they will not be found.**

But the meek shall possess the land:

and enjoy the abundance of peace.

Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:

he is their strength in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and deliver them:

**he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,
because they come to him for refuge.**

A Reading from The First Letter to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the

spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. *1 Corinthians 15.35-50*

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. ‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’ *Luke 6.27-38*

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

7th Sunday after Epiphany Reflection on Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen ...” We are invited to ponder on what many Christians believe is one of the most challenging passages in the Gospel. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless and pray for those who curse you ...” (Luke 6:27 ff). Luke points to the very core of Jesus’ teaching, do as I do on the cross. Practice the mind of God, my kingdom ethic of love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. In the cultural/ ethical background of the Judaic/Greek world of Jesus’ day, the practice of reciprocity was the ‘norm’. In a nut shell, ‘an eye for an eye, a

tooth for a tooth’; generosity beget obligation; retaliation and vengeance toward enemies, acceptable.

God says of Jesus “this is my Son, the Chosen, listen to him”. In this passage Jesus introduces to humanity a form of relational living that moves away from a ‘quid pro quo’ ethic towards a non-violent kingdom ethic, one steeped in unconditional love and positive regard toward ‘enemy’. Impossible? Who hasn’t felt at moments, a strong desire for ‘quid pro quo’ - revenge, retaliation, even experienced murderous thoughts toward another’s behavior that has left you, your family/ community deeply traumatized and wounded?

The noun *agape* comes from the Greek verb (agapao) that is used in scripture (John 3:16) to describe the love that moved God to send Jesus for our redemption. In action, it implies showing a positive regard and desire of well-being toward all, even those who wound and hurt us. This dynamic is generous and inclusive, replacing any natural desire for ‘reciprocal’ revenge, retaliation or pay back toward anyone. In living this kingdom ethic in the power of Christ, the visceral impact of woundedness that can so invade the mind and soul ends there, it is left by the side of those who choose to hurt and wound. Perhaps deep personal or community woundedness may take offering ‘agape’ seventy times seven with prayer, but with it, God reassures, flows blessing, grace and joy. In choosing to see Christ, I see Love gazing back at me/us. In this forgiveness also lies the potential for the ‘other’ to reflect and change.

Jesus in his cruciform love has shown that grudges, anger, resentment and a desire for revenge are contrary to His kingdom ethic. The Inuit word for forgiveness, (24 letters), ‘*issumagijoujungnainerik*’ means (not being able to think about it anymore’). God has made us in His image; His unconditional Love never, never ends. Politics today (including Christian) appear focused on exclusion, rejection, intolerance, dislike and injustice. This passage and in fact much of Luke’s gospel teaches Kingdom ethics that challenge and offer humanity another way to live with each other. It is boundary-less. In Christ we move deeply into the ocean of Love and see each other as does God, our creator, profoundly loved and adored. Isn’t this a preferable grace to offer a hurting world?

Liam Matthews
Locum Acting Dean

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.

Shrove 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 (Time TBA) following Bishop Bill's 'Conversations with our Awesome God'.

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.

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. TODAY after the 10am service, we are inviting people to **BYO food for a picnic** in the park opposite after the cuppa. Chairs provided.

World day of Prayer: Friday 4th March 7pm St Mary's Cathedral. *All welcome.*

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.

A Quiet Afternoon...

Attending to the heart space

A time of quiet slow stitching to allow a deep listening to the heart.

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

COST: \$20

Facilitators: Jenny Batten

(Spiritual Director, Creative Arts Therapist)

Deacon Kate Campbell (Textile Artist)

SATURDAY 19th March 2- 4.30pm Delbridge Hall

Register your interest :

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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.

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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** Please hand in your 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

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>

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund ('Fill the gap')

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

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