

# 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 –

27th March 2022

Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.

Lent 4

#### **Sentence from Scripture**

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5.18

#### The Prayer of the day

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you
with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace
all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children, they may
feast with delight on all that satisfies

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

the hungry heart.

#### A Prayer for our new Dean

God of new beginnings, we give thanks that Rev'd. Keren Terpstra has accepted the invitation to be our next Dean.

Bless and comfort her as she concludes her ministry at St Margaret's Eltham.

Guide her by your Holy Spirit as she prepares for new ministry in Sale.

Pour out your Spirit of generosity upon the Cathedral Parish.

May we have warm, welcoming, patient and accepting hearts, as we prepare for this new chapter in the life of your church in Sale.

We ask this in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 5pm TODAY

#### **Outcentre Services:**

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month TODAY St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month TODAY

**St Mark's Loch Sport** 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

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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.

Sovereign God,

we pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people.

We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife.

We pray for their protection and for an end to the Russian invasion.

We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.

We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace and an end to this conflict.

Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.

Also we elevate into your care also, those in NSW and Queensland suffering the devastation of flooding.

May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.

Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

#### A Reading from the Book of Joshua

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they

were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. *Joshua* 5.2-12

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

#### Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:

whose iniquity is put away.

Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:

and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue:

my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

and my iniquity I did not hide;

I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':

and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:

and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:

you will surround me with deliverance on every side.

'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:

whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'

Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:

but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:

and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

#### A Reading from The Second Letter to the Corinthians

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

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.

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never

disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." 'Luke 15.11-32 For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

#### Reflection – Lent 4 2022

The readings selected for this Sunday have a common theme of return/reconciliation - a celebration of homecoming. The Israelites after 40 years in the desert, now under Joshua's leadership, entered their Promised Land having the disgrace of Egypt rolled away, (Joshua 5:9); St Paul (2 Corinthians 5:20) urges that we be reconciled to God; in psalm 32, themes of newness, forgiveness and blessing are present. Luke (5 11b-32) includes a parable directed toward Jesus' critics who taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish laws that disallowed fellowship with any person considered to be ritually unclean.

We all are familiar with the parable of the Prodigal Son with its theological interpretive themes of God's forgiveness, grace and acceptance showered upon those who seek restitution and the stance of obedience to the letter of the religious law that prohibits an openness to difference.

A Contemporary perspective might suggest that Jesus demonstrated in this Parable his profound and intimate understanding of the complexity of the human condition? Both sons could well be expressions of our human nature/experience at any one time, oscillating between moral integrity and moral abandonment? The temptations to morally persuade another to by-pass a rule of law to access family money; to be a spendthrift or squander gift; to take risks without regard to consequence; to fall in a heap and beg forgiveness, real or manipulated! To know the grace of restitution only to fail to reciprocate? To experience and intimately know the grace of God's compassion but not pass it on? Perhaps Jesus is telling us that he knows the struggle at the core of who we are and despite the possibility that seamlessly, we might oscillate between these positions, His Love is un-conditional. Jesus in God is at the open door, looking for us, searching, ecstatic when we return to a feast that expresses His Kingdom Ethic - joy, laughter, healing, community, praise, worship and deep, deep wholeness.

When we fully embrace God's love repeatedly bestowed upon us with Prodical/lavish abundance, we as His ambassadors are to pass it along and to return it with praise and honour as our sign that we are reconciled to God in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Liam Matthews Locum Acting Dean This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and we have a cake to share thanks to Jan Blake. There is lunch following the 10am service. Unfortunately all in the dark as we have no power at the cathedral today! NO livestreaming unfortunately as no power.

**Chapter** had a very busy meeting last week.

If you have envelopes but unable to drop them in, now we are unable to use the Shopping Centre as a drop off, please ring Kaye, or 51442020 to arrange a pick up. New envelopes are also now available.

Finances are going to be very tight, mostly due to little or no fundraising this financial year. We are aiming to have a book fair early January, and as soon as the larger shipping container arrives, we will be able to accept books again. We are applying for a grant to help pay for Solar for the cathedral and Chapter House. The energy audit is nearly completed.

We are having a working bee on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am. All welcome.

Thank-you to everyone who give to **ABM** through the offertory envelopes and other donations. Chapter has agreed to donate this money raised to the **Solomon Islands' Climate Change, Disaster Management and Social Inclusion Project.** The Solomon Islands are on Australia's doorstep in the Pacific Ocean and face acute risk from climate change. Australia, as a developed nation with the 11<sup>th</sup> highest per capita carbon emissions in the world, is particularly responsible for their plight. This ABM project will fund disaster management training, as well as providing improved food security during and after disasters through the establishment of home gardens and model food gardens in schools.

The **St Paul's Men's Breakfast Group** "fellowship" meeting is on Saturday April 9 at the Triple F Cafe (360 Raymond Street) at 8am. Please note the new venue.

**ABM** (Anglican Board of Mission) Lent/Good Friday appeal as well as a flood appeal (click the appeals button) We do not receive ABM envelopes for these appeals, so if you wish to contribute, 'off line' please put in a labeled envelope in the offertory bag. <a href="https://www.abmission.org/">https://www.abmission.org/</a>

We are always needing extra people to read and welcome people at services, however a reminder they need to be fully vaccinated and up to date with all safe ministry screenings etc. See one of the Lay Canons if interested. We also need extra people so we can serve **morning tea after the 10am services**. See Rev'd Lyn or a Lay Canon.

#### The 10 am service each week is live streamed.

(Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale <u>when in</u>* YouTube) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57</a>

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

#### 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

#### Sunday Bulletin / Web/Facebook contact:

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#### At the Abbey

# Lenten Pilgrimage Step outside Walk the land, listen to Spirit.....Reflect together Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April 2022

Cath Connelly: A sought-after retreat leader and spiritual guide, Cath has led pilgrimages on the Camino, throughout Ireland and Australia. Cath is also a professional Celtic harpist, performing internationally as well as across Australia. She will definitely bring her harp with her on this pilgrimage!

Russell Smith: Experienced Camino traveller, lover of pilgrimage and person of faith.

FULL TIME OPTION Monday 4th April 2022 – Friday 8 April 2022 Motelstyle accommodation – all meals provided Twin /share accommodation: \$690 per person Single accommodation: \$890 per person

#### **PART-TIME OPTIONS**

### Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th April 2022

- 9.30am Meet in the Chapel walk the tracks of Raymond Island followed by reflection in the Chapel with Cath and shared lunch \$25
- 3.00pm Meet in the Chapel walk the shore-line of Raymond Island followed by reflection in the Chapel with Cath and shared evening meal \$40

### Wednesday 6th April 2022

9.30am Meet in the Chapel – longer walk along Island to Gravelly Point beach and option of return walk - \$55 - includes lunch and dinner(BYO lunch and no dinner \$25)

Overnight accommodation 1 night – single \$130 per person Twin Share per person \$70

Enquiries: Rev Edie Ashley 0423 400 359 Email <u>edieashley@bigpond.com</u> Bookings: Anna@ The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 Email <u>info@theabbey.org.au</u>

# Holy Week and Easter

Service times at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Sale

# Palm Sunday April 10th

8.00am Eucharist in the cathedral 10.00am Eucharist *Commences in Park opposite* 

# Tuesday April 12th

11am Diocesan Service of Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows

# Wednesday April 13th

10.00am Eucharist 7.00pm Tenebrae Service at **St Paul's Cathedral** 

# Maundy Thursday April 14th

7.00pm Eucharist with foot washing and stripping the altar Prayer Vigil following the service for one hour.

# Good Friday April 15th

9.00am Good Friday Service 10.30am Ecumenical Walk of the Cross. *Commencing at St Mary's Cathedral*, ending at Victoria Park opposite St Paul's.

# Saturday Easter Eve April 16<sup>th</sup> Cathedral open 2-4pm

8.00 pm Eucharist with Lighting of the New Fire and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

# Easter Sunday April 17th

Easter Sunday Eucharists at:

8.00 & 10.00 am St Paul's Cathedral Sale

2pm at St Anne's Golden Beach, St Alban's Kilmany St Mark's Loch Sport

The Ministry team at St Paul's wish all parishioners and members of the wider community, a very happy, safe and holy Easter.

For more information please contact the Cathedral Office 5144 2020, stpaulssale.org.au or Facebook

