



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."*

10th December 2023

Advent 2

Sentence of Scripture

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. *Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a*

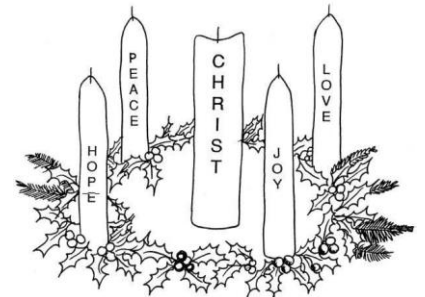
Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings
and forsake our sins,

that we may greet with joy

the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am Wednesdays - 10.00am in the Lady Chapel

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

Outcentre Services:

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

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)

St Mark's Loch Sport *Services during certain holidays*

Zoom Links: Evening Prayer: **Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation:

Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Our parish is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, especially children and vulnerable people.

We have a duty of care to protect all who participate in the life of the church from abuse. We have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind.

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety, or have witnessed behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable you can contact the Deputy Director of Professional Standards in the Gippsland Diocese, Julie Reilly Mobile: 0456 572 589 Email: julie@kooyoora.org.au You may also like to talk to the Dean, the Lay Canons, or our Safety Officer Ann Miller tarkaan@bigpond.com. 0427445866 or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Please pray for our supported student Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord 's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord ,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep. *Isaiah 40.1-11*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

A Reading from The Second Letter of Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him. *2 Peter 3.8-15a*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Mark 1.1-8

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

Reflection:

John the Baptist is an important figure in Advent for he prepares the way for the coming of our Lord. He appears odd and acts differently to most, calling people to repentance and making paths straight. Yet, people are drawn to him, they confess their sins, and he is busy baptising them in the river Jordan. There is still more to come and he promises the Holy Spirit.

- God, I confess my sins and in my repentance straighten my path to holiness and truth.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth

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Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing Peace to refugees in Ethiopia



Sara* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. In Addis Ababa refugees are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care, or basics like food. Through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission, you can help provide refugees with medical and psychological care, as well as livelihoods training, giving people like Sara the chance to build secure futures for their families. **Please give today.**

*Name changed for safety reasons

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The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188





Christmas Bowl appeal: Envelopes for the Act for Peace appeal for the Christmas Bowl are available. If you wish to donate on line, there is a specific page for St Paul donations via QR code or mycb.link/48393

ABM Advent and Christmas appeal Envelopes available. This is raising funds to support Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges as they train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders in their communities.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College was established 40 years ago, and Nungalinya College 50 years ago this year. Together, they have proudly transformed the lives of so many who strive to explore and live out their Christian faith.

QR code on the envelopes. <https://www.abmission.org/christmas2023>

Meetings at St Paul's in December

New Chapter Meeting 14th including a meal together.

There will be a commissioning of the Chapter for 2024 on Sunday 10th December at both services.

Anglicare Christmas gifts

We received a letter of thanks from Anglicare Gippsland for all our gifts. Thank you to all who have given so generously.

The **Journey to Bethlehem** is a musical movie showing at the Sale Cinema. Worth seeing, it makes you think about the nativity story in a very different way! On this Sunday at 1.10pm (**A group are going at this time**) and 7.50pm then 2.05pm and 7.50pm Wednesday. Christine is going again!

Wanderers:

Wanderers are having their breakup Christmas lunch at Lakeside on Friday 15th December at 12-30pm. We will also have everyone bringing a \$10 Kris kringle. RSVP to Jan Lear on 0421605461

Christmas @ St Paul's

Lessons and Carols 17th December 7pm with Yallourn Madrigal Singers
Sunday December 24th and 31st and all of January **9am** only services
Christmas **Eve** 5pm and 11pm
Christmas **Day** 9am

Out centres:

Christmas **Eve** Loch Sport 10.30am Kilmany 8pm
Christmas **Day** Golden Beach 10.30am

From the Pastoral Care Team:

Morning Tea

A huge thank you to those who willingly serve in the kitchen and do tea and toast (8am) or coffee and refreshments (10am). Over the last few months there's been a bit of absence and forgetfulness of when we're rostered on. To help with this, Kaye has offered to send a text to whoever is rostered on to do morning tea on the Friday before. If you **do not wish** to receive a reminder, please let Kaye know ASAP so that she doesn't need to jog your memory! We'll be having another check-in to reflect on what's working and what's not on Sunday 11th February at 9:30am.

Yummy goodies

We're looking for willing cooks and bakers to be on a roster for providing a slice or cake to supplement the biccies that are usually put out for morning tea. If you're willing to be a cook/baker, please be in contact with Kaye or Lyn.

Offertory bags

A couple of months ago, Chapter voted to reintroduce the passing of the offertory bags in church. The bag will still be available at the door if you'd prefer to contribute to it prior to the service. The sidesperson will also offer the opportunity

at the offertory for you to contribute if you'd forgotten. As always, there is no obligation to do so at any point - though we strongly encourage both giving the "tithe" - whatever that looks like for you - to support the work we do through the parish, as well as offering it by direct debit! Training will be offered to sidespeople/welcomers who are unfamiliar with the passing of the bag.

Welcomers

After an excellent session with John Jeffries on 29th October, we've been reflecting on how we do welcome. Sometimes welcomers for whatever reason can't be here, or don't remember it's their turn! Kaye has offered to send a text on the Friday before to check in with the welcomers for the coming Sunday. If you do not wish to receive a reminder text, please let Kaye know.

Safe Ministry training.

FREE Online Safe Church Workshop Instructions at

<https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/resources/safe-ministry>

Scroll down to "General" then to "Safe Church Workshop Instructions".

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At the Abbey

Hush. A retreat day on the Island. December 12th 2023

Spirituality and Music – Intersection of the Divine

Facilitator: Dr Cath Connelly

Where – The Abbey, Time – 10.00am – 3.30pm Donation - \$20

BYO lunch and journal. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale*

when in YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams>

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Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Second Sunday Of Advent: Peace (From Christmas Bowl.)

Here we meet.

Here we encounter

Here we worship God.

Here we will encounter Christ,
Peacemaker for all of creation.

**Here we will celebrate what it means,
to be the people of God in this place.**

Here we will give thanks for the Word made Flesh.

Here we will experience the Deep Peace of the Spirit.

Here we will worship God.

As we light our second Advent Candle, we open ourselves up to Your Peace in our lives. We light the Advent Candle and remind ourselves of the ways You bring Peace into our lives, and we live in the Hope that You will use us for Peace through this Advent Season.

Song for Advent: Come, we pray, O God, be with us

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Come, we pray, O God be with us

Come Emmanuel

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1: When will we beat our swords to ploughshares?

Come Emmanuel

When will we walk your paths of justice?

Come Emmanuel

2: When will we see the branch of Jesse?

Come Emmanuel

When will we seek his wisdom spirit?

Come Emmanuel

Invitation to Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word and I shall be healed.