



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."

17th December 2023

Advent 3

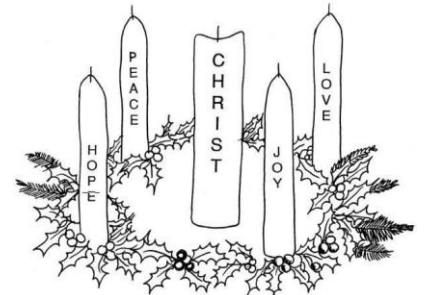
Sentence of Scripture

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-2

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may prepare the way for Christ
who is coming in power and glory
to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the broken-hearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,

and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins,

they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,

the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations. *Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11*

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.**

**Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’

And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’

Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’

He said,

‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

“Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’

John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,
the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.
John 1.6-8, 19-28

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

Reflection:

The Gospel of John gives us an alternative view of John the Baptist: a man of God and a witness testifying to the light. Some are confused about who he really is, so they ask him and he gives many answers of who he is not. John the Baptist again affirms that he is preparing by making the path straight for the coming of the Lord.

- God, may I be bold to affirm who I am and testify to the light of Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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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. Together, they have proudly transformed the lives of so many who strive to explore and live out their Christian faith. QR on the envelopes. <https://www.abmission.org/christmas2023>

**Next Sunday has only a 9am service.
ALL Sunday (and Christmas Day) services are at 9am
until the end of January.**

Christmas @ St Paul's

Lessons and Carols 17th Dec 7pm with Yallourn Madrigal Singers **TONIGHT!!**
Please come.

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 and Kilmany 8pm
Christmas **Day** Golden Beach 10.30am

BOOK FAIR is getting very close!

Christine needs help ASAP to move tables and books, and sort books for the next 2 weeks, then sell them for 3 weeks from the 2nd January. We have similar numbers of books as last time. 500 boxes worth! All able and willing to help please talk to or phone Christine: 0438595056. Once we are open to the public, all workers need to be Safe Ministry cleared. This is a great Fun and Funds raiser, as well as a ministry to the wider community. I have heard people are coming especially to visit friends in Sale while we are open! Please pray for energy and safety for all involved.

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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The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams>

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

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THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Third Sunday Of Advent: Joy (From Christmas Bowl..)

Here we meet.

Here we encounter

Here we worship God.

Here we will encounter Christ, the Joy of all 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 love with Joy.

Here we will worship God.

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

3: When will we strengthen weak and weary?

Come Emmanuel

When will we leave our fears behind us?

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.