



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

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 –* **4th May**
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday. **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Sentence of Scripture

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory
 and might for ever and ever. *Revelation 5.13*

Prayer of the day

Christ our friend,
 you ask for our love in spite of our betrayal:
 give us courage to embrace forgiveness,
 to know you again,
 and to trust ourselves in you. **Amen**

Hope 25

God of hope,
 you fill those who trust in you
 with peace and joy:
 give us the gift of your Spirit
 so that we may overflow
 with the hope we have in Jesus,
 shine with his presence,
 and share the good news with
 others. **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**

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

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 only at Easter and Christmas*

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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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 or the Lay Canons, or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Will Kepolo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Acts to the Apostles

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on

Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’

Acts 9.1-20

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

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.

You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
**you saved my life
from among those that go down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.

For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
**heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

In my prosperity I said ‘I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.’

Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.

I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

‘What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:

**can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?**

‘Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.’

You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A Reading from Revelations

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped. *Revelation 5.6-14*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat,

dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

John 21.1-19

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

Reflection

In today's Gospel reading the disciples do not immediately recognise the risen Jesus, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus and Mary Magdalene in the garden at the tomb did not. However, when he commands them to throw out the nets and they bring in a full catch (cf Luke 5) they realise exactly who he is.

* Lord, help the scales to fall from my eyes so that I recognise you each time I encounter you in the world.

* Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

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Dean's Desk

This week our vocal scholars joined with the cast and crew of Garnsey Campus to produce Newsies, a musical the theme of which is the strike of the kids who used to make a living hawking newspapers on the streets of New York (and other places). Jessica and Caroline both had significant role - which they blew away! In fact, the whole production was a stunning success, and the growth of those involved over the last twelve months was evident to me. I thoroughly enjoyed the opening night! Congratulations to Jessica and Caroline, to our Gippsland Grammar friends, and especially to Kevin and Tanika who pulled off the musical direction with aplomb, and Mitchell, who played a whole bunch of instrumental parts on the keyboard(!).

Today is DV (Domestic Violence) Sunday, a day the National Church has asked us to observe, noting the disturbing prevalence of domestic and family violence in our community. One in three women and one in seven men are survivors of D&FV - that means that any group of Australians is going to have survivors in their midst. Today we pray for the work of the National Church, as well as all organisations, in seeking to address the circumstances and attitudes that surround D&FV. And, of course, for those who have escaped from, and those who continue to struggle in situations that seem hopeless. We observe this day in the light of Easter hope, for Jesus' resurrection and triumph over evil and death represents God's desire for all people to flourish and have abundant life.

We also join with our Diocesan family in welcoming pilgrims who have wended their way along the Rail Trail from Traralgon up to Heyfield and Stratford before making their way to Sale for the closing service of the Diocesan Camino, at 5pm today. This has been an opportunity for folk to go deeper in faith as they've walked together, and we give thanks for the witness to hope that it represents.

This coming week sees the beginning of a series of sessions in which St Anne's campus will come in year level groups to learn more about the cathedral - and the hope Jesus gives us. Please pray for those involved, and for those kids who will come through our doors over the next three weeks or so.

Keren

Meetings: Ministry Team noon Wednesday 7th



**Domestic Violence Sunday:
Hope & Light. May 4th, 2025 -**

This is a day dedicated to building awareness of domestic and family violence, exploring solutions, and contributing to a national giving initiative to resource the church's work. This is a new national Anglican initiative.

"I wish more churches were brave enough to tackle this hidden issue so that a safe place can be opened up for survivors ...where God can exchange beauty for ashes."(*Domestic Violence Survivor*)

For generations, the problem of domestic violence has been hidden in plain sight. Victims have been blamed or dismissed. Violence has been minimised or excused. People who have chosen violence have not been stopped.

By God's grace, change is underway. As a society and as a church we are starting to face up to the extent of the problem of domestic violence. We are saying "No" to domestic violence. We are standing with survivors. We are learning how violence starts, how it works and how we can prevent it. This involves not just responding to violence but creating communities where abuse can't take root and grow. It involves

cultural and systemic change as this is a very gendered form of violence, targeting women in far greater numbers. These changes require time and resourcing.

In Luke 4, we hear Jesus declare his mission: to bring good news to the poor, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim God's favour to those who suffer (Luke 4:18–21). This powerful passage reminds us that addressing injustices like domestic violence is close to the heart of God and should be close to ours as followers of Christ. As disciples on God's mission in the world, we are called to stand against suffering and oppression.

Domestic violence causes deep and lasting harm, and it has no place in the kingdom of God. We are called to name violence for what it is, to hold perpetrators accountable, to compassion those who are hurting and to create church communities that are places of safety and flourishing. This is part of what it means to live out the gospel.

In 2021, the Anglican Church of Australia commissioned research that revealed just how prevalent DV is within our church communities, and how unprepared we've been to respond. Clergy and pastoral teams said they lacked training. Victims said church members often did not know how to help and that some messages coming from our pulpits were not helpful for victims. The findings were confronting and clear - we can and must do better.

That's why the Anglican Church of Australia has launched the Families & Culture Commission, who are tasked with creating training and resources to drive the changes that will help our church communities prevent violence and support well those who've experienced it. We help our churches around Australia to address this issue. We support each diocese in its efforts to address DV affecting our members.

DVSUNDAY is a day to share about some of these initiatives, to shine a light on this problem and to ask you, 'will you help us by making a donation towards our work?' We face a funding cliff at the end of 2025 and need your help to continue our ministry.

Help us make our churches places where light overcomes darkness, healing begins, and domestic violence has no home.

To donate: go to www.charidy.com/dvsunday Donations are tax deductible.

Or donate by bank transfer to

Account Name: Anglican Health and Welfare BSB 067 000 Acc 1072 0017

Add Reference DVSUNDAY (*your last name*)

Please send remittance to fcc@anglican.org.au so that we can issue a receipt

Rev'd Tracy Lauersen, National Program Manager, Families & Culture
General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

If you require support please contact one of the following 24/7 services.

Lifeline on 13 11 14 <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Mensline Australia on 1300 78 99 78 <https://mensline.org.au/>

1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732 <https://www.1800respect.org.au/>

From the Wellington Prevention of Family Violence Network Initiative.

Family and domestic violence continues to affect families across Gippsland - and the numbers are rising. In 2024, police in Wellington responded to 1,484 family violence incidents, a 14% increase on the previous year.

On **Wednesday 7 May**, the Sale Clocktower will light up in purple as part of a **candlelight vigil** to honour those we've lost, support survivors, and shine a light on the need for change. Bring a candle, torch or phone light and join others in sending a message that enough is enough **5.30pm** Sale Clocktower

Mission of the Month: Leprosy Mission Australia

'The goal of The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) is to eliminate leprosy in all its forms worldwide. Our mission statement is 'zero transmission, zero disability, zero stigma' by 2035. Since 1913, TLMA Australia has achieved vital and life-saving work across over 25 countries.'

The Leprosy Mission has an online shop, selling home-ware, fashion, fair-trade gifts, tea and coffee, marmalade, chocolate, hand-made gifts and many other items. See the display in the foyer or go to: <https://shop.leprosymission.org.au/>

You can also give through the offertory at church by placing funds in an envelope and marking 'Leprosy Mission'.

Our church catering dates coming up:

May 17/18 (Sat/Sun) SYNOD catering for approx 120 people **We need HELPERS** and slices for afternoon tea on the Saturday. And help setting up tables in the hall 'sometime' If you can help please talk to Nancy after church or 0417554435

Wanderers: Star for lunch 9th May at noon.

Cup and Chat Shirley's this Thursday 10am

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