



# 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 –* **18<sup>th</sup> May**  
*Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.* **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## Sentence of Scripture

‘I give you a new commandment,’ says the Lord, ‘that you love one another.

As I have loved you, you also should love one another.’ *John 13.34*

## Prayer of the day

We behold your glory, O God,  
 in the love shown by your Son,  
 lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
 be glorified anew  
 in the love we have for one another  
 as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
 who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of  
 the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

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

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

## Outcentre Services:

**St Anne's Golden Beach** 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Alban's Kilmany** 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder

God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

*Acts 11.1-18*

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

### **Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

**O praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all his angels:

**O praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon:

**praise him, all you stars of light.**

Praise him, you highest heaven:

**and you waters that are above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

**for he commanded and they were made.**

He established them for ever and ever:

**he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

O praise the Lord from the earth:

**praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

**and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

Mountains and all hills:

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

**creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

**princes, and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens:

**old folk and children together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

**for his name alone is exalted.**

His glory is above earth and heaven:

**and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

**of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.**

### **A Reading from Revelation**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’  
Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.  
*Revelation 21.1-6*

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.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ *John 13.31-35*

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

## **Reflection**

Jesus calls his disciples to love one another in the same way that he has loved them. How do we follow this new commandment? Do we embrace it, or do we leave it to others because we feel it’s not really our thing? How can we break down our barriers so that love can radiate outwards from our hearts?

- Lord, help me to love others extravagantly, abundantly and lavishly, so that people may see you at work in my life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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## Dean's Desk

This week has seen the visits of years 2-4 and both year 6 classes from St Anne's Campus of Gippsland Grammar to the Cathedral. We talked about the resurrection and Good Samaritan windows, reflecting on the power of stained glass to tell bible stories. We finished our sessions with a visit to the Old Scholars' window in the foyer; the kids were all intrigued to see the GGS crest, and the old crests of St Anne's and Grammar in the bottom of the window!

It's also been a busy week preparing for synod. Thank you to all those who have been involved in the preparation for this weekend, and for everyone who has striven to welcome our diocesan family back to our/their cathedral.

This Sunday we welcome Meagan Schwartz from ABM, who will be speaking at both Sunday services. The causes of ABM lie close to the hearts of many here at St Paul's; I'm sad to be missing it, being required at Garnsey for the service there.

Next Sunday is both Welcomer training after each service, as well as Evensong, at which Aunty Phyllis will be preaching as we begin Reconciliation Week.

And forward notice of two things: LA training on Saturday 31st at 10:30am, and a new six week series being jointly run between Avon parish and Sale parish called "Faith Shared". Many people have articulated how challenging it is to talk about their faith. This is an opportunity to learn something about how to share faith with those around us.

*Keren*

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May is our next Church lunch.**

This time we are having it at The Dock, near the Library and Art Gallery. Sign in sheet in hall foyer.

Starting on 1st June at 2.30pm, the Sale and Avon parishes will be offering a **series of Evangelism Workshops, "Faith Shared"**.

Faith Shared is six sessions long, designed around ideas that are easily applicable to the everyday lives of Christians and churches. It explores what evangelism is; how we and our churches can engage in evangelism and outreach well, and how we can make sure Jesus is at the center of what we do. Each session lasts about an hour.

**Wanderers:** Cup and Chat at Shirley's Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10am



### **Synod Eucharist** for the First Session of the Forty-First Synod.

The Venerable John Webster was collated as Archdeacon in the Diocese of Gippsland and The Revd Canon Dr Fran Grimes, The Revd Daniel Gebert, and The Revd Sue Newcombe, were commissioned respectively as Regional Deans of the Southern and Western Regions, and Associate Regional Dean of the Eastern Region. Congratulations and welcome!

### **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-wares, 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’.

<p><b>Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral’s ministry and mission</b> BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.</p>
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## An edited ‘sermon’ on the Gospel reading

One of the stunning parts of this text is the location. This passage comes on the heels of Judas leaving the other disciples at the last supper to betray Jesus. And in this moment, Jesus wants to prepare his disciples for that reality and to command them to love one another.

The new commandment in this text — to love one another — is arguably one of the more famous statements in the biblical text (verses 34-35). Loving one another is part of Jewish tradition, is present in the Greco-Roman world around them, and is seen in other religious traditions as well.

It is said that John, in his old age, would remind those around him to love one another. When questioned why he told them this so very often, his reply would be, “Because it is what our Lord commanded. If it is all you do, then it is enough.”<sup>1</sup> This text focuses on love but the justice piece for many is that **all** of Jesus’ disciples will be known by their love of others (verses 34-35).

For Jesus, love did not mean a sweet sentimental feeling. It meant action. It meant actively loving — putting one’s love into real world activities. The address to “children” is only used here (verse 33). It is a touching reminder that the end of Jesus’ time on earth will soon come.

He commands the disciples to love one another, but he also reminds them that they will continue to feel his presence despite the fact that he will not be with them. They will exhibit their discipleship by doing what he commands: by loving one another as he loved them.

Here is an opportunity this week to talk about the requirement and justice of love. We so often draw lines about who we will love and who we will be tempted to cast in the role of “less loving” in our lives. This happens in the hearts and minds of both individuals — and the church. An interesting thing to note in this text is that Jesus is reminding the disciples that they will be known to others by their acts of loving (verse 35). We would do well to listen to this commandment.

We also are called to love others as a mark of our own discipleship.

The way Jesus talks about loving each other is a precursor of the spread of Christianity. As he loved and that love spread within his inner circle, so too will love spread after he is gone when love is done in his name.

This act, to love others, is a distinguishing mark of the followers of Christ then and will continue to be. Jesus makes plain his call to the disciples. “Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another.

This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples — when they see the love you have for each other” (verses 34-35).

Jesus was bold and clear then.

How much clearer do we need Jesus to be for our own lives of discipleship now?



# FAITH *Shared*

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churches

## ‘FAITH SHARED’ AN EVANGELISM COURSE

### Sale and Avon Parishes

Every Sunday afternoon  
at 2.30pm  
for 6 weeks

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> June  
At Holy Trinity, Stratford



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