

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

30th August 2026

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what

is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

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Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. **Bernie Hance**(KWR) **Marlene Dalziel** (Lang Lang)

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WALKING THE WAY: EXPLORE THE RCIA JOURNEY

Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams, and interested parishioners are warmly invited to an upcoming workshop that aims to deepen your understanding and share experiences of the RCIA journey.

- **Presenters:** Dr. Alice Youlden & Joan Robertson
 - **Date:** Saturday, 5th September 2026
 - **Time:** 9:30 AM arrival for a 10:00 AM start (Concludes at 2:00 PM)
- Venue:** The Marian Room (St. Joseph's Church, Warragul. Enter car park from Bowen Street)

Below is a link to the Diocesan page which includes all the events happening around our diocese and online. Well worth a look!

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/parish-resource>

Tuesday 1/9	Killara Aged Care	10.30am
Wed 2/9	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 3/9	Iona	9.30am
Friday 4/9	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 5/9	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 6/9	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll Lang Lang	9.00am 9.30am
Latin Mass	Iona	1st Sunday of the month 5pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Exciting news!

The **Maryknoll Fire Choir** is holding their 2026 Annual Concert **this Sunday 30th of August** at 2pm at the Holy Family Church, Maryknoll.

This will be the Choirs only performance in Maryknoll for the rest of the year so be sure not to miss out!

Entry is \$5 and the performance will be followed by their famous afternoon tea.

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Todd Biffin, Jane Beasley, Anne Scanlon, Frank Caffarella, Colin Goldsmith, Colleen Kerr, Catherine Archibald, Brian Rinaldi, Danial Power, Fr Peter Slater, Natalie Hearn

Anniversaries : Bill Nunn, Eileen O'Meara, Val Goldsmith

Recent Deaths:

"Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Iona: Stewardship—\$920.65 Presbytery \$673.80

KWR: Stewardship—\$640.00 Presbytery \$466.00

***Thank you for your contributions,
they are greatly appreciated.***

***New Planned giving envelopes for Iona parish are
available in church foyers at NNG and Iona***

Thank you.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE—NEXT WEEKEND

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other clergy and deacons' wives in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for Kelly, our clergy care nurse (two days per week)

The new and improved website for Iona parish is now 'live' . www.catholicparish.app/iona-maryknoll
Stay tuned for Kooweerup website, coming soon!



**You can use the above URL
or scan the QR code to access
it.**

**I will send out a direct link
with the bulletins email.**

PLAYGROUP/MUM'S GROUP at Iona hall 10.30am

Running fortnightly during School term.

Next date Sept 9th All Welcome!

For more info contact

Rhiannon 0422 779 305 or Kylie 0426 920 528

Parish Reading Rosters

Aug 29th/30th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Therese V	Paul	Marg
KWR	Sue		Gina
IONA	Sam	Pamela	Liz
MKNOLL	NO LITURGY		
LANG LANG	Volunteer	volunteer	
Sept 5th/6th	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Theresa V B	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Donna	Peter K	Connie
IONA	Leonie	Choir	Mary S
MKNOLL	Kate	Jo	Gady
LANG LANG	Mary C	Mick K	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
August 30th	Alison	
Sept 6th	Jo/Kerry	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
September— Sharon	Cleaning Sept 8th —Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	30/8 to 12/9 Jett and Merri
October—Mary Claire	Flowers - 6/9— Mary S	13/9 to 26/9 Marg

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

1st Thursday of the month 11.00am at St John's

Next meeting Sept 3rd

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, ALL WELCOME

Parish Groups/Information

PARISH OFFICES Iona-Maryknoll parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon -
Open Tuesdays 9.00am to 2.00pm and Friday 9.00 to 1.00—Sharon (Parish Secretary) Ph. 0456000990
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Kooweerup Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St) Office hours
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IONA-MARYKNOLL PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Des Wynne (Chair), Gady Noonan (minutes) Frank Rovers, Leo
Garvey, Sharon Sparks, Ray Hearn and John Van Boxtel **Next meeting: Thursday September 17th at 5.00pm NNG**

KOOWEERUP FINANCE COMMITTEE: Members—John Hester, Enzo Buccheri, Harold Keily, Peter Feltham
Parish Finance committees advise the Parish Priest on financial policies and matters of the Parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Iona-Mknoll reps: Sam Franzi, KWR reps: Connie Bontorno, Justine Minutes secretary—
Sharon Sparks Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Liam Doherty

Next meeting Wednesday Sept 9th 5.30pm at KWR

HALL HIRE: For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - **Iona hall**— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844 or Alison
0431104572 **Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll**— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: St Vinnies Contacts Koo We Rup /Iona Maryknoll Conference

Referral for material aid support needs to go via the Cranbourne Call Centre on 5995 0211

Anyone interested in volunteering locally ring Deb Kerr President on 0408 971 063

Our meeting is on the 4th Sunday of the Month. The next meeting is **Sept 27th at KWR** after 9.30 Mass

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The Iona branch of the CWL meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Iona hall

Next meeting: Wednesday September 23rd ALL WELCOME.

Parish Pastoral Plan

As a parish community, we continue to put our Parish Pastoral Plan into action. We are grateful to everyone who has embraced these new initiatives and contributed to the life of our parish. Here are some of the developments that have already been implemented:

Weekly Saturday Morning Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

A **Saturday morning Mass at 9:30 am** is now celebrated each week, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

This initiative provides parishioners with an additional opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist, spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and receive God's mercy through Confession.

Mothers' Group—Iona hall

We have established a **Mothers' Group** for mothers with children below school age. Meeting **fortnightly**, the group offers a welcoming space for friendship, mutual support, prayer, and faith-sharing while building connections among young families in our parish. **Next date Sept 9th**

Parish Youth Group

Our new **Parish Youth Group** began on 14th August, providing young people with opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, participate in parish life, and deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer, formation, and community activities. Contact Donna for more info dtvels11@gmail.com



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU

International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28)

The International Eucharistic Congress 2028 will be held in Sydney in 2028. As a Church, we are now entering a period of preparation. It will be a moment of profound joy for the Church in Australia as we welcome pilgrims from around the world, including the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As we prepare for this great event, all Catholics are invited to a time of personal and communal reflection and prayer deepening our understanding and appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Let us keep this journey in prayer.