

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

October 11th 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

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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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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.

Tuesday 13/10	Kooweerup School Mass	9.15am All welcome
Wed 14/10	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 15/10	Iona	9.30am
Friday 16/10	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 17/10	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 18/10	Lang Lang Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll	9.00am
Latin Mass	Iona	1st Sunday of the month 5pm



During the month of October, there will be Rosary before Masses at Kooweerup, 9.00am and Iona 10.30am

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.

2026 Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October** with Commitment ceremonies at each Parish Mass. Students need to be in Grade 3 and be baptised in the Catholic faith, to be eligible to prepare for the reception of this Sacrament.

If you know of any families who do not attend our Parish schools and they wish their children to prepare for and receive the above mentioned sacrament, please pass this information on in addition to the following contact email: hvester@bunyip.catholic.edu.au for further information.

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the **bulletin via email**, I send it out every Friday morning in PDF format, it often includes extra information about events happening in our diocese

Just send an email request to the office ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au and I will add you to the mailing list

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>

Parish office: 0456000990 **Email:** ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au or kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Anniversaries : Vida Worcester

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—\$1092.70 Presbytery \$461.65

KWR: Stewardship—\$412.00 Presbytery \$284.50

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

****There will be a special collection for Mission Sunday
next weekend October 17th/18th.****

Envelopes are available in church foyers if preferred



This weekend in the Iona parish at NNG
we welcome

Josiah Joseph Arima

Son of Solomon and Maddy

**Our parish welcomes this child with joy
into the Christian community
and life of Christ**

**..may the flame of light received today be kept alive and
shine and glow for others to see and to use..
..to be a light of Christ for all.**

PLAYGROUP/MUM'S GROUP

Welcome back Playgroup/ mothers group for term 4

10.30am at Saint Joseph's Iona hall

21st October

4th November

18th November

2nd December

16th December

For more information please contact

Rhiannon 0422 779 305 or Kylie 0426 920 528

All Welcome!

Parish Reading Rosters

October 10th/11th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Theresa V B	Paul	Sharon
KWR	Joan		Connie
IONA	Ronny B	Pamela	Mary S
MKNOLL MASS	Ann	Sharon	Gady
LANG LANG	Mick K	Marlene	
October 17th/18th	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Paul	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Sue V G	Peter K	Gina
IONA	Sam	Choir	Alison
MKNOLL	Kate	Gady	Kerry
LANG LANG	Marlene	Mass	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
October 11th	Jo/Kerry	
October 18th	Liz	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
October—Kate	Cleaning Nov 3rd —Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	11/10 to 24/10 Mary Claire
November—Kate	Flowers - 11/10—Catie	25/10 to 7/11—Theresa

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

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

Next meeting November 5th

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
Email: ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au

Kooweerup Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St) Office hours
are Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00pm Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au Ph. 0456000990
Contact Sharon Sparks Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

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: TBD 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 Tuesday October 13th 5.30pm at NNG

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 Wee 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 October 25th 9.15am before Mass at Iona**

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The Iona branch of the CWL meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Iona hall
Next meeting: Wednesday October 28th 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.

Parish Youth Group

Our new **Parish Youth Group** 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 **NEXT MEETING— Oct 16th**



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.