

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

October 4th 2026

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there
too.

He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah, I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
(R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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 6/10	Kooweerup	No Mass
Wed 7/10	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 8/10	Iona	9.30am
Friday 9/10	Funeral Iona	11.00am
Saturday 10/10	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 11/10	Maryknoll- Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Lang Lang	9.30am
Latin Mass	Iona NO MASS 4/10	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.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT

Diner and talk by Dr Kim Daniels at St Patricks Parish Hall, Pakenham October 14th 7.00pm

Cost \$30 per person.

RSVP: Bookings are essential by October 4th.

Secure your tickets online at trybooking.com/DOZKU or scan the QR code on the promotional flyers in the church foyer

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 Beasly, Frank Caffarella, Colin Goldsmith, Colleen Kerr, Catherine Archibald, Brian Rinaldi, Danial Power, Fr Peter Slater, Natalie Hearn

Anniversaries : Ron O'Connor

Recent Deaths: Giuseppe (Joe) Scamperlino

The funeral for Mr Scamperlino will be held at St Joseph's Iona on Friday Oct 9th at 11am

"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—\$1035.25 Presbytery \$521.65

KWR: Stewardship—\$356.30 Presbytery \$339.50

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

Mission Sunday is on the weekend of October 17th/18th. Envelopes will be available in church foyers

This weekend in the Iona parish
we welcome



Ainsley Claire and Penny May Ashton

Daughters of Blair and Courtney

**Our parish welcomes these children 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

7th October

21st October

4th November

18th November

2nd December

16th December

For more information please contact

Rhiannon 0422 779 305 or Kylie 0426 920 528

Parish Reading Rosters

October 3rd/4th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Theresa Ventura	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Nella	Peter K	Anne
IONA	Lucy	Choir	Liz
MKNOLL	Jo	Kerry	Sharon
LANG LANG	Mary C	Mick K	
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	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA-MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
October 4th	Alison	
October 11th	Jo/Kerry	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
October—Kate	Cleaning Oct 6th —Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	27/9 to 10/10—Sharon
November—Kate	Flowers - 11/10—Catie	11/10 to 24/10 Mary Claire

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 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 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. **Next date Oct 7th**

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.