

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

September 13th 2026

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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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Diocesan Pilgrimage:

Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

Saturday October 3rd

Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**.

This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. Together, we will travel to **Benambra**—nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains—home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

To help the host parish at Benambra, (which is a small parish with about 10 parishioners) plan the sausage sizzle, please encourage all parishioners planning to attend to register in advance via the link below:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi>

CWL FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the Father's Day raffle, which was drawn last Sunday at Iona.

1st prize—Rob Harrison

2nd prize—Tory Mullen

3rd prize—Stephen Pugsley

An amazing total of \$710.00 was raised.

Thanks so much to all who purchased tickets and to everyone who assisted in promoting and selling the tickets.

Thank You!

Tuesday 15/9	Kooweerup	NO Mass
Wed 16/9	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 17/9	Iona	9.30am
Friday 18/9	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 19/9	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 20/9	Lang Lang Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll	9.00am
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.

PLAYGROUP/MUM'S GROUP at Iona hall 10.30am

Running fortnightly during School term.

Next date October 7th All Welcome!

For more info contact

Rhiannon 0422 779 305 or Kylie 0426 920 528

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Anniversaries : Maureen Goldsmith, Bill O'Donohue

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—\$1126.95 Presbytery \$424.95

KWR: Stewardship—\$723.70 Presbytery \$322.80

PWF collection: Iona/MK—\$523.05 KWR- \$587.10

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

60 years celebration of the St Vincent De Paul Society in Koo Wee Rup/Iona Maryknoll Catholic parishes

Many people are unaware that the St Vincent de Paul Society has been operating in this district across the Koo Wee Rup Swamp for 60 years.

St Vinnies as it is now called, started in France, but was welcomed to Australia. It is delivered by providing material aid support to those needing "a hand up", through local "conferences" in many parishes.

The Koo Wee Rup and Iona Maryknoll Conferences amalgamated some 3 years ago and it is the Koo Wee Rup parish that is celebrating 60 years.

Most people are unaware that the majority of funding for our material aid work and community programs, comes from the well-known Op Shops throughout our communities.

Join us for morning tea at 10.30 am (following mass at 9.30 am), to celebrate our birthday on Sunday 20th September ,in the church foyer at St Johns Church Station St Koo Wee Rup.

YOUTH GROUP

Please join us for the next youth night at St Joseph's Hall, Iona . **Friday September 18th 7:30-9:30pm.**

The session will include a reflection on the Sunday gospel, some games and a light supper.

Ages 16-25 (guardian required for 16,17 yrs).

Contact Donna for more info. dtvels11@gmail.com

Parish Reading Rosters

Sept 12th/13th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Volunteer pls	Paul	Volunteer pls
KWR	Anne		Nella
IONA	Alison	Pamela	Martin
MKNOLL	Bernadette	Gady	Kerry
LANG LANG	Mick K	Marlene	
Sept 19th/20th	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Paul	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Estelle	Peter K	Donna
IONA	Mary S	Choir	Martin
MKNOLL	Sharon	Bernadette	Jo
LANG LANG	Marlene	MASS	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA-MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Sept 13th	Liz	
Sept 20th	Lucy/Frances	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
September—Sharon	Cleaning Oct 6th —Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	13/9 to 26/9 Marg
October—Mary Claire	Flowers - 20/9—Cath	27/9 to 10/10—Sharon

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

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

Next meeting October 1st

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: 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 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 **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 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

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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.