

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

September 27th 2026

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God

but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



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>

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



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.

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your Heart for Love.

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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 : Giuseppe (Joe) Cammarano (1 month), Louis Bayard

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—\$1003.50 Presbytery \$505.50

KWR: Stewardship—\$809.00 Presbytery \$381.90

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

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.

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>

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 Reading Rosters

Sept 26th/27th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Kerry	Bernadette	Jo
KWR	Connie		Sue
IONA	Loren	Pamela	Leonie
MKNOLL	NO LITURGY		
LANG LANG	Volunteer	Mary C	
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	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA-MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Sept 27th	John	
October 4th	Alison	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
October—Mary Claire	Cleaning Oct 6th —Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	27/9 to 10/10—Sharon
November—Kate	Flowers - 4/10—Mary S	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 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
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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 Boxel **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 **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 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.