

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

September 6th 2026

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



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>

Tuesday 8/9	Kooweerup	9.15am
Wed 9/9	NO Mass @ Iona Funeral at KWR	11.00am
Thursday 10/9	Iona	No Mass
Friday 11/9	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 12/9	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 13/9	Maryknoll- Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Lang Lang	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.



This weekend in the Iona parish
we welcome

Reuben Charles Bello

Son of Kris and Andrea

Haisley Jasmine Gade

Daughter of Lloyd and Emily

AND

William Raine Sutherland

Son of Matthew and Rebekah

**Our parish welcomes these children with joy
into the Christian community
and life of Christ**

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Anniversaries : Jack Nunn

Recent Deaths: Giuseppe 'Joe' Cammarano
"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—\$4021.05 Presbytery \$429.05

KWR: Stewardship—\$524.00 Presbytery \$251.00

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

Thank you.

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

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	
Sept 12th/13th	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG		Paul	
KWR	Anne		Nella
IONA	Alison	Pamela	Martin
MKNOLL	Bernadette	Gady	Kerry
LANG LANG	Mick K	Marlene	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA-MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Sept 6th	Jo/Kerry	
Sept 13th	Liz	

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 - 13/9—Catie	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
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 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** 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 FRIDAY 18TH SEPT**



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.