



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

26th October 2025

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of
a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I
have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to all those who have longed for
his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a
single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted
me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord
stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the
whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring
me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for
ever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray,
one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you,
God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest
of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."
The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I
tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



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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To

HARRY VAN DEN BROEK

Who will celebrate his
100th birthday
on October 30th

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

REMEMBRANCE MASS AT KOOWEERUP

A remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St John's
Kooweerup on Sunday November 9th
Followed by a cuppa in the foyer
All Welcome!

CWL LUNCHEON

The Iona-Mknoll CWL will be hosting a sit down lunch
at Iona after 11am Mass on Sunday November 23rd
Please add your name to the lists in church foyers if
you wish to attend, contact Liz, Cath or Mary Sayers for
more information.

ALL WELCOME!

JOB VACANCY - PARISH SACRAMENT CO-ORDINATOR:

St Patrick's parish is seeking to fill the role of Parish
Sacrament Co-ordinator. If you have good interpersonal
skills, can work as a team member, are outgoing, and
interested in organising parish events, this job is for
you. We are looking to employ someone for
approximately 20 hours a week, which includes some
evening and weekend hours. The successful applicant
will be responsible for the preparation and
management of the parish sacrament programs
including Baptisms, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist,
Confirmation and RCIA. Applications can be emailed to:
parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au by Mon Nov
10th. For a copy of the job description, please contact
the parish office via email or on 03 5941 7315.

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.

Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Brian Rinaldi, Damian Power, Val Feltham, Fr Michael Willemsen, Fr Peter Slater, Natalie Hearn, Ray Rogers, Ellie Gardiner, Jacqui Vandelight and Antoinetta Ventura.

Anniversaries :

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—\$826.60 Presbytery \$485.25

KWR: Stewardship— \$447.00 Presbytery \$669.05

Catholic Missions: Iona—\$418.20

Kooweerup—\$622.50

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

St Sofia festival today Sunday 26th October at St John's KWR

Mass at 9.30am followed by a procession with the saint, picnic lunch, food vans and loads of entertainment.

Pizza, Gelato and Coffee vans. Jumping castle and entertainment by Johnny Vegas.



Auction at 1.00pm
ALL WELCOME!

Renewal Day - CCR- Diocese of Sale

Jesus is our Living Hope

10.00am St Michael's Hall, Church St Traralgon

Saturday November 1st

Guest speaker—Fr Mark Hughes (Bairnsdale)

All Welcome!

Enquiries: Lindsay 0432 375 391

Columban Calendars 2026

2026 Calendars are available for \$10 each

Please see Anne at KWR or Liz at Iona

A big thank you to our parish representatives that gave up their time to attend our school expo on Tuesday night.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vinnies, Catholic Women's league, Parish pastoral council, Baptism and Sacraments were all represented and promoted within the school community.

Thanks again, Kelly Columba Primary



Parish Reading Rosters

Oct 25th/26th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Gady	Jo	Sharon
KWR	Nella		Sue
IONA	Veronica	Reuben	Liz
MKNOLL	NO LITURGY		
LANG LANG	Volunteer	Mary C	
NOV 1st/2nd	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Sharon	Paul	Marg
KWR	Anne		Connie
IONA	Ronny B		Mary S
MKNOLL	Kerry	Bernadette	Jo
LANG LANG	Mary C	Mick K	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Oct 26th	Veronica	
Nov 2nd	Lucy/Frances	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
November - Sharon	Cleaning Nov 4th —Mary P, Arlyn, Miriam PB. & Liz	19/10 to 1/11— Alanna
December—volunteers	Flowers - Nov 2nd Mary	2/11 to 15/11 Sharon

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Thursday of the month 1.00pm at St John's

****Next meeting Nov 13th ****

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
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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 Bortel Next meeting: **Friday December 5th at 7.00pm 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, Minutes secretary—Sharon
Sparks Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kolaris

Next meeting Thursday November 20th 5pm at NNG

HALL HIRE: For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - **Iona hall**— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844
OR TEXT Miriam 0417542134, **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 **November 23rd 10.30am** (after Mass) at St Johns

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The Iona branch of the CWL meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Iona hall

Next meeting: Wednesday 26th November 10.30am ALL WELCOME.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of
charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May
those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of
Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and
peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo insists upon our recognising 'the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for
the poor.' The Pope reminds us that 'contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of
encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.'

Think about that for a moment: Here, now, our Lord is speaking. Where need is present, Christ is present.

The Lord of History is ever calling to us, summoning us to action. 'In hearing the cry of the poor,' the Pope says,
'we are asked to enter into the heart of God, who is always concerned for the needs of his children, especially
those in greatest need.' We, therefore, should constantly seek to reenter 'the heart of God' by listening to those
who cry out for justice.

It is 'Christ himself', the Pope reminds us, who suffers with the materially poor, the 'socially marginalised', and
the culturally impoverished. To ignore the poor is to ignore Christ.

We must learn to see beyond any ideology or prejudice that justifies inaction or indifference – even those
cloaked under the cover of pious affirmations. As the Pope declares emphatically, this is not optional for
Christians because charity is 'the burning heart of the Church's mission.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html]

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