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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th October 2025

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ

Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



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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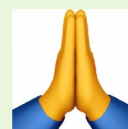
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2025 Sacramental Program

Reconciliation candidates will be making their commitment at Masses this weekend as they prepare for their Sacrament on November 13th at Kooweerup Please keep these children and their families in your prayers



2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival – The ultimate Catholic youth experience!

ACYF is on again. It's going to be bigger, bolder, and more inspiring than ever! Join thousands of young people from across the country for Australia's largest gathering of Catholic youth!!

WHERE? Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.

WHEN? Sunday AFTERNOON, 30th November to Tuesday EVENING, 2nd December 2025.

WHO? Anyone from Year 9 (in 2025) up to 25 years old.

WHAT'S IN STORE? Powerful keynote speakers, live music & concerts, interactive workshops, games & creative zones, justice discussions & community vibes, prayer, Mass, and a buzzing expo. Whether you're searching for meaning, a different community vibe, a new faith experience, or just an unforgettable experience – ACYF is your place to be!

INTERESTED? contact your Parish Priest or Parish Office to register your interest

****Registrations Close October 30th ****

Tuesday 21/10	Kooweerup	NO Mass
Wednesday 22/10	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 23/10	Iona	9.30am
Friday 24/10 Whole school Mass	NNG	9.30am
Saturday 25/10	NNG	5.00pm
Sunday 26/10	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Lang Lang	9.30am
Latin Mass	Iona	1st Sunday each 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.



The rosary will be prayed at St John's Kooweerup before Mass every Sunday morning during October

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—\$966.85 Presbytery \$714.25

KWR: Stewardship— \$760.00 Presbytery \$479.50

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

TODAY is Catholic Mission Sunday

There will be a special collection at all Masses

Envelopes are available in church foyers

Please give if you can

*you can also donate via the website
catholicmission.org.au

St Sofia festival

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

Parish Reading Rosters

Oct 18th/19th	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Theresa V B	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Connie		Nella
IONA	Loren B	Choir	Sam
MKNOLL	Sharon	Des	Kerry
LANG LANG	Marlene	MASS	
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	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Oct 19th	Jo/Kerry	
Oct 26th	Veronica	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
October - Jo	Cleaning Nov 4th —Mary P, Arlyn, Miriam PB. & Liz	5/10 to 18/10 Mary Claire
November - Sharon	Flowers - Oct 26th Liz	19/10 to 1/11— Alanna

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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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 October 23rd 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 **October 19th 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

Justice, Pope Leo says, 'cannot be reduced to the mere application of the law or the work of judges, nor limited
to procedural aspects.' As the Pope points out, 'the persistence of the widow who urges the judge to recover his
sense of justice' speaks to the real meaning of the concept. Justice means more than the keeping or enforcing
of rules.

Because justice is a cardinal virtue, the Pope reminds us, it should always inform and guide our consciences
and actions. 'When justice is exercised,' he says, 'one places oneself at the service of individuals, society and
the state, with full and unwavering dedication.'

Referring to 'the deep desire for justice that is present in each of us, the thirst for justice that is the key instru-
ment for building the common good in every human society,' the Pope encourages us to consider what justice
demands with respect to individual dignity and communal relationships. True justice, he affirms, 'establishes a
circularity of social relations, which places the value of every human being at its core.'

For Christians, therefore, justice cannot be selfish or dismissive. Rather, justice should positively orient our rela-
tions with each other. 'As we know,' the Pope continues, 'justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to oth-
ers, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is
achieved.'

[Quotes from Address for the Jubilee of Justice, 20 September 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250920-giubileo-operatori-giustizia.html>] © Nick Brodie