



First Reading

Wis 3:1-6. 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

He accepted them as a holocaust.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his
temple. (R.)
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let us walk in newness of life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were
baptised in his death; in other words, when we were
baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined
him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the
dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall
also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that
our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy
this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin.
When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return
to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised
from the dead will never die again. Death has no power
over him any more.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 25:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation
of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Come, you whom my Father has blessed.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes
in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his
seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be
assembled before him and he will separate men one from
another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He
will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his
left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand,
"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your
heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave
me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a
stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you
clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you
came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in
reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or
thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a
stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you;
sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will
answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one
of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."
Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from
me, with your curse upon you, to eternal fire prepared for
the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never
gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me
anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made
me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in
prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn
to ask, "Lord when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a
stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to
your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in
so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of
these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away
to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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 celebrated his
100th birthday
on October 30th

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Please join us for a cuppa and cake after 11am Mass
at Iona this Sunday Nov 2nd to celebrate Harry!

Tuesday 4/11	Kooweerup	NO MASS
Wednesday 5/11	Iona	NO MASS
Thursday 6/11	Iona	NO MASS
Friday 7/11	**KOOWEERUP Whole school Mass	9.30am Grandparents Day
Saturday 8/11	NNG	5.00pm
Sunday 9/11	Maryknoll- Kooweerup Iona	8.00am 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.

Catholic Women's League Fundraiser.

Parish Dinner, Sunday Roast-Dessert.

Gluten Free available

Sunday 23rd. Nov at the Iona hall after 11am Mass

The CWL supports Seminarians. Missionaries of God's

Love. FR Avi. Bible Society. Right to life and the

Columbian Missionaries. Lunch is by donation.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Please register on the lists provided in the church Foyers.

Telephone Mary 0414950629 or Liz 0437759844

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.

Parish office: 0456000990 **Email:** ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au or kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

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 : Pat Noonan, Mary Donegan, Lucy 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—\$826.60 Presbytery \$485.25

KWR: Stewardship— \$447.00 Presbytery \$669.05

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

REMEMBRANCE MASSES AT KOOWEERUP and IONA

Remembrance Masses will be celebrated at St John's Kooweerup and at St Joseph's Iona on Sunday November 9th
Followed by a cuppa



All Welcome!

ADVENT BOOKS

Advent books are available to purchase for \$5 each
Please see Anne at Kooweerup or Liz at Iona or contact the parish office

Columban Calendars 2026

2026 Calendars are available for \$10 each
Please see Anne at KWR or Liz at Iona



There will be a **Safeguarding Meeting** at our parish with **Lorraine Jennings**, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

This session will provide a clearer understanding of our responsibilities in safeguarding matters and how we can

continue to create a safe environment for all.

****All parish volunteers are expected to attend.****



Date: Wednesday, 26th November



Time: 4:00 PM



Venue: Koo Wee Rup

Please mark this date in your diary and make every effort to be present.

Parish Reading Rosters

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	
NOV 8th/9th	READERS	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Paul	Sharon	
KWR	Joan		Gina
IONA	Lucy	Pamela	Alison
MKNOLL	Bernadette	Sharon	Jo
LANG LANG	Mick K	Marlene	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA-MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
Nov 2nd	Lucy/Frances	
Nov 9th	John	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
November - Sharon	Cleaning Nov 4th —Mary P, Arlyn, Miriam PB. & Liz	2/11 to 15/11 Sharon
December—volunteers	Flowers - Nov 9th Cath	16/11 to 29/11 Karen Lawlor

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
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 Boxel 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
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

Drawing our attention to how Jesus' death manifested the most 'radical poverty', Pope Leo reminds us that
Jesus 'died as an outcast'. God became human, sharing in our experiences of rejection and suffering – even
death.

On this basis, the Pope affirms, Christ 'asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favour of
the weakest.' We are called to be a compassionate Church, a people prepared to share the suffering of others in
order to lift them up. We are called to be 'a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and
walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place.'

After all, the Pope says, Jesus came into human history 'not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of
and for the poor.' His followers therefore are called to follow him in this 'preference for the poor.' We are all
summoned to 'become an image of Christ and his mercy towards the weakest.'

Therefore, as the Pope declares: 'The clear and forceful words of the Gospel must be put into practice.' Like the
earliest Christians, who 'had no doubt' about their charitable responsibilities, we must learn to follow Jesus 'by
placing charity towards all at the centre' of everything we do.

[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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