

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

October 18th 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



Iona-Maryknoll & Kooweerup

Parishes in partnership

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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.

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This weekend in the Kooweerup parish
we welcome



Charli and Kyd Collins

Children of Steven and Catherine

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

..may the flame of light received today be kept alive
and shine and glow for others to see and to use..
..to be a light of Christ for all.

CELEBRATION OF ST SOPHIA

Fr Avinash will be offering Mass for St Sofia at St John's
on Sunday October 25th (no more festivals)

After Mass, tables have been booked at the Kooweerup
Hotel for lunch at 12.00 if anyone would like to join us...
it will be at your own cost ... please ring or msg Nella on
0414 366 167 for bookings

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>

Tuesday 20/10	Kooweerup	9.15am
Wed 21/10	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 22/10	Iona	9.30am
Friday 23/10	NNG Whole school	9.30am
Saturday 24/10	Iona NNG	9.30am 5.00pm
Sunday 25/10	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll Lang Lang	NO Liturgy 9.30am
Latin Mass	Iona	1st Sunday of the month 5pm



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.

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Parish News and Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Anniversaries : Tony Sheppard Snr

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.**

**There will be a special collection for Catholic Mission
this weekend - envelopes are available in church foyers
if preferred**

In this centenary year of World Mission Sunday, we
are invited to join Pope Leo XIV and Catholics around
the world as

One in Christ, United in Mission,
standing alongside our brothers and sisters in
communities such as Kampira, Malawi.

A video of Pope Leo's message can be viewed on our
website: <https://catholicparish.app/iona-maryknoll>

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting
this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided
appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit

catholicmission.org.au/united
to make a difference today.

PLAYGROUP/MUM'S GROUP

Welcome back Playgroup/ mothers group for term 4

10.30am at Saint Joseph's Iona hall

21st October

4th November

18th November

2nd December

16th December

For more information please contact
Rhiannon 0422 779 305 or Kylie 0426 920 528

All Welcome!

Parish Reading Rosters

October 17th/18th	Readers	MUSIC /LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Paul	Sharon	Marg
KWR	Sue V G	Peter K	Gina
IONA	Sam	Choir	Alison
MKNOLL	Kate		Kerry
LANG LANG	Marlene	Mass	
October 24th/25th	Readers	MUSIC/ LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Bernadette	Jo	Gady
KWR	Peter K		Nella
IONA	Leonie		Sam
MKNOLL	NO Liturgy		
LANG LANG	volunteer	Mary C	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
October 18th	Liz	
October 25th	Lucy/Frances	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA - cleaning - flowers	NNG—cleaning
October—Kate	Cleaning Nov 3rd — Mary P, Arlyn, Liz, Kylie and Leonie	11/10 to 24/10 Mary Claire
November—Mary Claire	Flowers - 25/10 —Liz	25/10 to 7/11 Theresa

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

1st Thursday of the month 11.00am at St John's
Next meeting November 5th

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 Bortel **Next meeting: October 29th 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 November 24th 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 October 25th 9.15am before Mass at Iona**

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

Next meeting: Wednesday October 24th 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 21st**

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.