



Father Paul writes 22nd of June, 2025

I extend a warm welcome to you in the now season of Pentecost, otherwise known as Trinity or Ordinary Sundays. The season of Pentecost will continue until Christ the King on November the 23rd. The liturgical colour for the season of Pentecost is green, the reason being that it is a time of growth in our spiritual lives with God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday though, we will celebrate two great saints of the early Church, Peter and Paul. Peter was one of Jesus disciples and was commissioned by Jesus to found the church, while Paul became a missionary and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to Asia Minor and Europe. Both were to be believed to have been martyred on the same day, the 29th of June. Also, next Sunday at 5 pm at St Michael's Mitcham, the Diocese's Flourishing Communities Coordinator will be the guest preacher at the Sacred Space Sunday Service. She will speak on how we as a community grow in depth and breath of faith and live it out in the world. The theme of the service is titled "The Times, they are A-Changing". You may recall the Rev'd Phillips took part in our Introduction to Mission Action Planning Course at St Saviour's last year.

On Sunday August the 10th, Bishop Sophie Relf-Christopher, an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese will be with us for one service at 10 am. This will be Bishop Sophie's first visit to St Saviour's. The service will celebrate the Feast of Title of the church, otherwise our Patronal Festival. This will also be a confirmation service. If anyone wishes to be confirmed by Bp Sophie, please let me know or speak to me further. Confirmation is for anyone who has already been baptized as an infant and wishes to reaffirm their baptismal promises for themselves. Also, confirmation is available to anyone as a teenager or

as an adult who would like to be baptized and confirmed at the same time. It is where you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, enabling God and His Son Jesus Christ to dwell within you, and to become an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.

New church rosters are available at the back of the church. They have been sent out by email as well. At the same time, we are developing a contact list for those on the roster so that you can arrange a swap if needed. We just need your permission though to have your contact phone numbers included on the roster, so please let me or the Parish Secretary Bobbie Luks know by return email or by contacting the office on 8379 4114.

The Burnside Interchurch Council is holding its annual quiz night on Friday night in support of the pastoral care workers, the chaplains at our local schools. It is being held at the Burnside City Uniting Church starting at 7 pm. We have one table booked thus far. It's always a fun night and for a good cause so please let me know if you are able to join us next Friday night.

Our next friendship lunch is being held on Tuesday the 1st of July 2025. This is great opportunity to come and join in fellowship with others but also to bring along a friend, a neighbour or two or someone you have discussed your own faith with and would like to invite them to the lunch. We have a special guest as our chef next month, Shanka Wijesundara. Shanka has catered for us in the past with his Sri Lankan dinners, which have been hugely successful and has offered to prepare the meal for us, which we very much look forward to. The cost is just 10-dollars. Please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church or ring Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552 for bookings.

A parish forum which includes lunch will be held following the 10 am service on Sunday the 6th of July. The forum will be held to look at

updating our Mission Action Plan for the Parish and the diocesan vision plan for parishes. The Parish Council met nearly two weeks ago to look at some of the presentations from the Annual Clergy Conference at Murray Bridge last month. They included presentations on making flourishing churches thrive, in creating communities of belonging and in missional discipleship. Various ideas were subsequently shared. It was decided to hold an open forum for all parishioners over a light lunch following the 10 am service on Sunday the 6th of July. This is not being treated as a formal meeting but an opportunity to have your say in our future direction as a parish. All are welcome.

Your friend and priest, Paul