Father Paul writes – 13th of July 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome you all as we come together to worship God and to give thanks for the many blessings he gives to us. If you are a visitor, I welcome you; please make yourself

welcome at the conclusion of the service.

God's mandate seems straightforward: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." But what does this mean practically in our everyday lives? Jesus provides the example in today's Gospel reading of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate what loving our neighbour looks like. In our own lives, on any given day, we could be walking down the street and come across s person on the footpath, lying on a piece of cardboard, with a notice in front requesting money or assistance. What do we do? What can we do? What would Jesus do? In that moment we can stop and bend down and ask the person 'how can I help'? It shows God's love and concern toward others. Just as God is always here for us.

There are several outreach events coming up at St Saviour's in the next month or so. Our next Friendship Lunch will be held on Tuesday the 5th of August from midday. This is a great opportunity to come together in fellowship with others in our parish community but also to invite someone else or others too. The cost for the two course meal along with refreshments is just 10-dollars. There is a sheet at the back of the church to register for the day. Otherwise, ring Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552. The Adelaide Metropolitan Male Choir will perform at St Saviour's on Sunday August the 10th at 2 pm. Tickets are available through Clive Waters or in the phone numbers listed in the flyer in the pew sheet. Tickets can be bought beforehand or on the day. St Saviour's will also be part of the National Grandparents Conference

simulcast from St Paul's Castle Hill. The conference will feature some great speakers, all of whom aim to encourage us in how we can leave a legacy for our grandchildren and children. The cost is just 25-dollars. Registration can be made through myself by email or by phone.

There has been a desire to have everyone's names and phone numbers listed for all who assist in the various volunteer positions at the church and on the roster. If you have any objection to having your name and phone number listed, please let me know ASAP. We hope to finalise this list in the next week or so, so that if you need to do a swap with someone, you are able to with ease! It's always good for me to know as well so I am aware, and adjustments can be made in the pew sheet if possible before the weekend.

We are blessed with the fine standard of music with our organists and choir each week at out 10 am Sung Eucharist. If you are at all interested in joining the choir, please let me know or speak to our Choir Director, Margaret Taylor. The choir meets for a practice at 5 pm on Thursdays and then again before the service at 10 am.

As we start a new financial year, I wish to thank you to everyone who generously support the Parish financially in maintaining our ministry at St Saviour's. If you are not a regular giver, there are several options available, all of which are found on the back page of the pew sheet. Besides giving through the envelope system and the direct debit system through your bank, we do offer credit card facilities as well. If you wish to give through a credit card, please let one of the welcomers know as you arrive or as you leave and they should be able to assist. Giving as part of our time, talent and treasure is an important part of maintaining the ministry of the church.

Your friend and priest,

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