



Father Paul writes – 20th of July 2025

I extend a warm welcome to you on the sixth Sunday after Pentecost. I hope you are able to join us for morning tea at the conclusion of the service.

The Gospel today is about hosts and guests and hospitality, but Jesus puts an unparalleled twist on the notion of hospitality. Martha's hospitality was made edgy because of her becoming burdened with the cooking and serving and focussing only on that, losing sight of Jesus. Mary's hospitality was more gracious than that of Martha because she focussed her attention on Jesus because "she sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying". The surprise is that Jesus affirms that the "better part" is to listen, which is the stance of a disciple. The "better part" Jesus promises is not just listening and being a disciple, but it is also sharing the new life that Jesus offers to others. Discipleship and listening cannot be separated. Neither can listening and serving. The effectiveness of our serving (and teaching, being disciples, caring for others) is determined by the way we listen to others and to Jesus through others.

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 known as our Patronal Festival. It is where we give thanks to this church dedicated in the name of Jesus. The service will incorporate a confirmation, where Polly Kasprzak will renew her baptismal promises – which were made on her behalf by her parents and godparents. She will also be renewed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and receive communion. The Sung Eucharist and confirmation will be followed by a special morning tea.

That afternoon, the Adelaide Metropolitan Male Choir will perform at St Saviour's at 2 pm. The choir recently gained acclaim with 12 other choirs at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in a national gathering. Now, they come to perform at St Saviour's, which we are extremely grateful for. One of our choir members, Clive Waters is a member of the choir and so come along and enjoy their repertoire at the church. Booking details are available through Clive Waters and in the flyer in the pew sheet. Tickets will be available at the door on the day.

St Saviour's will take part in the National Grandparents Conference on Saturday the 23rd of August. The conference will be simulcast from St Paul's Church at Castle Hill in Sydney. The conference focuses on equipping and encouraging grandparents who have a desire to leave a living faith legacy for their grandchildren. The conference will be held from 8.30 am to 4 pm SA time. The conference in its eighth year will feature a range of speakers on the theme this year being "Live Differently for their Sake". The cost is 25 dollars per person and will include refreshments. For those who attended in previous years, we all came away inspired by what was delivered on the day. Registration details are available at the back of the church or in the pew sheet.

St Saviour's is continuing to take part with cathedrals and churches across the Australian church in the first trial of new translations of ten psalms by the Rev'd Associate Professor Matthew Anstey. The psalms have been adapted to new music and in contemporary language. We are encouraged to provide feedback so please let me know what you think.

A new agreement has been made with Metropolitan Plumbing regarding the use of the church property for car parking for the next 12 months. The company has been allowed to utilise 10 car parking spaces at a cost of seven thousand dollars. These car parking spaces

will be fully utilised during the week and to a lesser amount on weekends. The car park will not be available to Metropolitan Plumbing on Sunday mornings between 8 am and midday and for special events such as funerals. The extra income will assist our projected deficit budget of 19-thousand dollars this year.

Finally, we are extremely grateful for those who have generously through the Parish with a bequest over the years. If you would like to consider leaving a bequest to the parish in your will, a brochure outlining how you may do so is available in the narthex near the entrance to the church.

Your friend and priest,

Paul