



Father Paul writes – 3rd of August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

I welcome you as we today explore the theme of our enduring inheritance in the kingdom of God. The first reading reminds us that, of earthly treasures: “All is vanity”. The second reading urges us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and that “the life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). Then in the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who stores up treasure, but in vain, for he soon dies. Jesus advises the crowd that “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:14).

Next Sunday, Bp Sophie Relf-Christopher will preside and preach at our “Feast of Title” Service, otherwise known as our Patronal Festival. It will be our one and only service of the day at 10 am and will incorporate the confirmation of Polly Kasprzak. I invite you all to be present as we give thanks for St Saviour’s Church and to witness Polly being strengthened by the Holy Spirit through confirmation. The service will be followed by a special morning tea.

I hope you will be able to stay on to hear the Metropolitan Male Choir perform at 2 pm, as part of our Feast of Title celebrations. The choir will sing from a selection of classical, religious and secular and pop genres. Pianist, Jonathon Wong will be the supporting artist. Tickets are just 25-dollars; 20-dollars concession. They can be booked by contacting Clive Waters on 0414 489 972 or seeing him today. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office on 8379 4114.

I also encourage you to register for a conference which encourages all of us to share our faith with others, particularly our grandchildren. The National Grandparents Conference at St Paul’s Anglican Church in Sydney will be simulcast at St Saviour’s on Saturday, the 23rd of August between 8.30 am and 4 pm. It does not mean you have to attend all day. Just come to hear some of the speakers when you can. For those who do register and not able to be there all day, the conference will be uploaded so that you can watch it later. Registration is just 25-dollars which includes refreshments. You can

register on the sheet at the back of the church or by contacting me on 0412 320 375. The cost is just 25-dollars.

I am sure we have all been shocked by the vision and pictures coming out of Gaza for some time now. The Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide, Geoff Smith has released a statement.....

The abject failure of Israel and Hamas to agree to terms for a ceasefire is contributing to an intolerable crisis in Gaza. The violence must stop urgently and people must have the food and water they so desperately need to survive.

I call for the release of remaining hostages being held by Hamas, an end to military action in Gaza by Israel, and free access for aid to the people of Gaza.

The political ambitions of Hamas and Israel are continuing to cause desolation and intolerable suffering to innocent children, women and men who are just trying to live their lives in Gaza.

The fact that more than 100 aid agencies have warned of mass starvation is a clear signal that this conflict has moved into a truly awful phase.

I ask members of the Anglican Church of Australia to pray and continue to pray for peace and a just outcome for the people of Gaza.

We may feel helpless in assisting. One way to help is to donate to the ABM's appeal for the Gaza and West Bank Emergency Appeal. The program provides emergency care for patients at Al Ahli Hospital (northern Gaza) as well as the hospital's outreach clinic in southern Gaza. In the **West Bank**, the program provides subsidised health services for in and outpatients at St Luke's Hospital, Nablus. You can donate on the website www.abmission.org/appeals

Your friend and priest, Paul