



Father Paul writes – 31st of August 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

I welcome you on this last day of winter for 2025! It certainly has been a trying time for some people, with the colds, viruses and the flu that have lingered on for weeks on end. With spring around the corner, I hope the warmer weather brings some comfort to those who have battled illness in recent months.

The bible readings today stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. In the first reading from Proverbs, Jesus made this proverb a parable which we hear in today's Gospel reading; that is, we should not seek honour for ourselves. It is better to quietly and faithfully accomplish the work God has given us to do rather than thrust ourselves forward and engineer our way to the top. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God.

Martyrs Day

I invite you to a service on Tuesday night where we will honour the memories of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea. This includes Lila Lashmar, a parishioner at St Cuthbert's Prospect, before she became a missionary teacher in PNG and who was subsequently martyred in 1942. A Eucharist will be held at St Cuthbert's, Prospect on the day at 6 pm. The ABM Education Missioner, the Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry will preach and I as the Chair of the ABM Provincial Council will preside. Students from Lashmar House at St Columba's College at Andrews Farm in Adelaide's north will offer the prayers. The service will be followed by a supper. There will also be an opportunity to offer support through the Martyrs Gift. The appeal offers practical support through a couple of programs in strengthening the work of the Anglican Church of PNG. All are welcome.

Friendship Lunch

On Tuesday also is our monthly Friendship Lunch at St Saviour's. This is a great opportunity to come and interact with others from our church and to invite others as well. The lunch begins at midday with refreshments and the meal itself at 12.30 pm. The cost is just 10 dollars. There is a sheet at the back of the church to register, otherwise call Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552.

Season of Creation

St Saviour's will again be part of what has become part of the annual church calendar worldwide in the Season of Creation. It is a time for Christians to come together in prayer and action for Creation, in dedicating the time to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is "Peace with Creation". It will be an opportunity to work and pray for peace and justice in a 7 troubled and divided world, including peace with Creation. Starting next Sunday, we are focussing on the readings from Jeremiah which offers powerful environmental themes through vivid imagery and prophetic warnings. Sunday the 7th of September will be celebrated as Creationtide Sunday; Sunday the 21st of September will be Stewardship Sunday, focussing on our own stewardship for God's creation and to St Saviour's; and on Sunday the 11th of October, the Blessing of the Animals. There will also be an opportunity to actively support environmental programs through the ABM.

Fathers Day

Next Sunday is also Father's Day. It is a time to give thanks for our Fathers and at a time to support them in the responsibility of being a father. Unfortunately, one in six children in Australia now live without their biological father. This creates many of the social issues facing our society today. We will give thanks to

fathers in our prayers today and encourage them to be a role model to their children.

Parish Vision

The Parish Council has agreed in principle to an updated mission action plan which is summarised as part of the diocesan vision plan. This plan follows a parish forum, which reflected on the current mission action plan and a presentation on what makes flourishing churches thrive. The plan also follows a workshop by a Parish Council committee, which presented the plan to Parish Council. We would like parish input into the plan before it is adopted. This updated plan will encompass more detail under each of the headings, giving us more specifics on what we would like to achieve. This will be a living document, and so I encourage you to reflect on it and provide any feedback or further suggestions. Copies of the updated mission action plan are available in the narthex.

Parish Roll

There is a slip in the pew sheet today to assist the Parish update its Parish Roll. It's not been updated since I arrived and so it would be helpful if you could fill it with your most up to date details. Please return the slip over the coming weeks.

Otherwise, email the Parish Secretary at saviours@adam.com.au The Parish Roll is a document that is kept confidential.

Your friend and priest, Paul