



Father Paul writes – 8th of February 2025

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

I welcome you on the fifth Sunday of Epiphany, where we hear today of Jesus speaking about us being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Jesus is speaking about his disciples in playing a vital role in the world with their good deeds. In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too is light an important necessity of life. These images make the same point: Jesus' disciples have a vital role to play in the world. When we stop doing this, we become useless as salt which has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light. So, Jesus encourages us to be the salt and light for the world. When we do this, we're able to make a difference, and to witness to this way of living.

The season of Lent is not all that far away. It is a time where Christians set aside a time for prayer, fasting and reflection. It begins on Ash Wednesday on February the 18th with two services at 10 am and 6 pm. The night before, we will hold a Pancake Night beginning at 6 pm. The pancakes will be supplied but we ask if possible that you bring either a savory or a sweet filling, I will also use the opportunity to burn palm crosses from last year for the imposition of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. I encourage you to return your palm crosses from last year next Sunday.

The season of Lent is also a time to connect with Jesus Christ, each other and those around us. Hence, I invite you to take part in our Lenten bible studies. We have selected the study "The King Has Come" by Bp Reg Piper. The study centres on the Gospel of Matthew which is our Gospel set for this year. There are daily reflections but with discussion points within them, which will be the focus of the study groups on Wednesdays at 10.45 am in the meeting room and at 7 pm in the chapel. The cost of the bible studies is 15-dollars. They are available at the door of the church over the next two Sundays.

The new Archbishop of Adelaide, the Right Rev'd Brad Billings will be installed on Saturday the 7th of March at 10 am at St Peter's Cathedral. You are welcome to attend the service, but you need to RSVP to the Bishop's Secretary, Jennifer Ramos by Thursday week. Details of the invitation and RSVP details are in the pew sheet.

Your friend and priest,

Paul