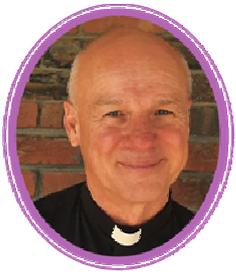


Father Paul writes 8th of March 2026



I welcome you on this third Sunday of Lent, as we journey towards Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Today we hear of the moving encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her – the gift he called ‘living water’. We today come as Jesus offers us that same gift – a share in the very life of God. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the halfway point of the Season of Lent, which is also referred to as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday or Laetare Sunday. We will share some Simnel Cake and some posies for Mothers and as a refreshment during our time of fasting and prayer.

The Annual Vestry meeting will be held after the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday the 22nd of March at 11.30 am. The vestry reports will be available today so please take a copy and pre-read it, in preparation for the annual meeting of the Parish. There are also forms in the narthex for the various positions, the People’s Warden, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators and representatives for the Burnside InterChurch Council. Please give this prayerful consideration as to whether you could represent the Parish in one or more of these positions.

The meeting room at St Saviour’s will become a polling booth for the State election on Saturday the 21st of March. Hence, we will hold a BBQ and have a trading table including a plant stall as a parish fundraiser. There is a sheet at the back of the church to assist on the day and with what time you may be available. Any donated goods would be much appreciated.

St Saviour’s along with the Burnside Interchurch Council is supporting the Linden Park Primary School with a bake stall at the school on Thursday the 26th of March. We are after donated goods to sell. Beth Walton is the coordinator on 0438 916 499. More details are in the flyer in the pew sheet.

Easter is not far away. A full schedule of the Holy Week and Easter services is available in the pew sheet. Please note the differing times of the services during Holy Week and Easter including the one service at 9 am on Palm Sunday and again at 9 am on Easter Day. Flyers have been produced for distribution. If you can assist in placing them in letter boxes in your immediate area, please fill in the area you will cover on the map with the flyers. Please also invite your family and friends to this most important week of the Church Year.

Your friend and priest, Paul