



## Father Paul writes – 3rd of May 2026

I welcome you on this fifth Sunday of Easter and where we today hear of Jesus speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper about Him being the way, the truth and the life. He also speaks about the close relationship between himself and His Heavenly Father, and of a place where all who believe will be welcomed.

Leading up to Pentecost, I encourage you to take part in the ecumenical worldwide prayer movement “Thy Kingdom Come”. It began in 2016 in England and is now available worldwide. It is where we pray during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost for a renewal of the church, to commit ourselves to help proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to pray for family and friends to become followers of Christ and to ask God to help us witness God’s grace and mercy to others. To help us along the way, there is a prayer journal and a Novena bible study available today and next week, to be used during the 10 days from May the 14<sup>th</sup> to May the 24<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is “God with us” through his spirit, who longs to reveal Himself to those who do not know Him. Our hope is that we pray for five people who will experience the life changing love of God and choose to follow Him. Please think of five people you would like to pray for.

The month of May has been set aside in the Diocese to celebrate and give thanks for our chaplains based in Anglican Schools, hospitals, Anglicare SA and across the community. They serve on the front lines of care and offer spiritual and pastoral support and provide assistance in challenging times. On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, the chaplain at Lyell McEwin and Modbury Hospitals Judy Bowyer will be our guest preacher and will talk about her chaplaincy work. My congratulations also to Judy and Sr Cheryl Wiseman who have been granted lay licences at St Saviour’s. The licences will enable them to offer extended communion to those in need and be able to lead lay led services such as Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Anglican Church today is marking today as Domestic Violence Aware Sunday. It aims to highlight the issue of domestic and family violence and to support the church’s work of prevention and response. DV Sunday is a compassionate, faithful step toward ensuring that in our communities, harm is neither ignored nor excused, and those who suffer know they are seen and supported. St Peter’s Cathedral will tonight have a DV Aware Service at 6 pm, of which you are welcome to attend.

Your friend and priest,

Fr Paul