



Father Paul writes – 24th of May 2026

Pentecost

Today is a day where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to send to all his people, including us through the sacrament of baptism. The disciples received the Holy Spirit on the day of the resurrection of Jesus, but it was 50 days later, when the Holy Spirit was extended to all people. Pentecost then is a time to focus on the spiritual gifts we have received and with the call to share them with others in ministry.

Today is also the climax of the worldwide prayer program called “Thy Kingdom Come” where over the past 10 days, we have been asked to pray specifically for five people to come to Jesus Christ. I hope you have had an opportunity to let them know that you have been praying for them. I hope it has enabled you to also deepen your relationship with Jesus with the daily resources provided and to pray for God’s spirit to work in the lives of those you know. It is a day where we also should look at our Mission Action Plan. The plan sets out our objectives and actions as a parish for the remainder of this year and in 2027. They are opportunities for growth in our Parish. The objectives of the mission action plan involve all of us using our time, energy and gifts with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Ian Saunders has decided to retire from playing the organ at St Saviour’s. His last Sunday will be next Sunday. Ian began playing the organ at the age of 14 and now in his 80’s has decided to call it a day. He has played once month over recent years on the first Sunday of the month and for other services including funerals. We will have the opportunity to thank Ian for his many years of faithful service at St Saviour’s next Sunday with a morning tea. Please join us as we give thanks to Ian and for the support given by his wife Mary.

Next month on Friday the 19th of June, The Burnside Interchurch Council will hold its annual Quiz Night at the Burnside City Uniting Church starting at 7 pm. In past years, we have had two or three tables representing St Saviour’s. Tickets are available by using the QR code in the pew sheet at 25-dollars each. If you do book, let me know for table numbers. If not, please give me the 25-dollars and I will book on your behalf. It’s always a fun night and for a good cause raising money to support the pastoral support workers at our schools in the Burnside area. This includes Linden Park Primary School.

Your friend and priest Paul