



Father Paul writes – 7th of June 2026

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Today's bible readings focus on faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ, in the calling of Abraham and one of Jesus' apostles Matthew, in Jesus eating with sinners and with two healings. Our Old Testament reading from Genesis recalls Abram (Abraham) being called to leave his country and travel to another, which would become a great nation. The NT reading speaks of Abraham's faith in God in travelling to this new country, while in our Gospel reading, Jesus shocks the religious leaders by eating and drinking with sinners and calling one of them to be an apostle. As Jesus was eating and drinking with sinners, we gather around the Lord's Table as people today, and where we also need God's forgiveness and healing and to go out into the world acting with compassion for others.

Over the past week, we have marked two events, the Global Day of Parents on Monday and National Reconciliation Week. The value of the Global Day of Parents may have been lost for many people. However, the annual event offers an opportunity to thank our parents, those who are still with us and those faithfully departed, for all they have done. Hardly a day goes by without thinking of my parents, in being instrumental in forming my personality, values and critical thinking and the support they have given me in my life. Over the past week, we have also celebrated National Reconciliation Week. The annual observance finished on Wednesday, but the event is about creating a future where First Nations people are acknowledged, respected and celebrated.

Have you ever thought of how to meditate in a Christian environment? Well, a four-week introductory course is being offered at St Saviour's from Wednesday July the 1st. The course has never been offered before and has been developed by a Roman Catholic priest, Father Laurence Freeman, who is the Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. It will be held each week for an hour or so on Wednesday nights at 7 pm during July, so please come along and be part of it by registering through dianneschaefer@yahoo.com.au

Our next BBQ fundraiser will be on Saturday the 27th of June at Mitre 10 at Unley. The monthly fundraiser for the church is also a great opportunity as an outreach to the wider community. The BBQ is run from 9.30 am to 3 pm. If you would like to help for an hour or so, just place your name on the sheet at the back of the church or ring Rob Symons on 0419 834 982.

Your friend and priest,

Paul