



Father Paul writes – 14th of June 2026

Third Sunday of Pentecost

I welcome you in this season of Pentecost where there is a clear theme through all the three readings today, where God takes the initiative. Our first reading begins with Abraham showing hospitality to three visitors, while journeying to the Promised Land. God then urges Abraham to maintain his journey, which he does, and where he would be made the father of a great nation. Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows God taking the initiative in loving us, because Jesus Christ died for us while we were still sinners, while in the Gospel reading Jesus takes the initiative in reaching out to people, in showing compassion to them and calling his 12 disciples to assist Him in his mission for the Kingdom of God. We too are also agents of Jesus, in being bearers of his love in a fractured world. This is our mission.

The FIFA World Cup has begun with 48 nations competing over the next five weeks in Mexico, Canada and the United States. Australia has qualified again and will play Türkiye (Turkey) today. I must admit I prefer the AFL but in any sport like the Olympic Games, people give their best, as Port Adelaide and Sydney I am sure did last night at Adelaide Oval. Whether you enjoy watching soccer or not, it is wonderful opportunity for nations to come together and for it to be an instrument of peace and goodwill for each other. May Australia do well!

Next Sunday, we will mark the 150th anniversary of the Mothers Union. The 150th anniversary of the Mothers Union was celebrated in the UK last Wednesday but June the 21st has been set aside to celebrate it in Anglican dioceses in Australia. We will give thanks for the Mothers Union in our prayers, for their role in supporting mothers in family life over the past 150 years. The MU was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876. The Mothers Union at St Saviour's meets after the 10 am service on the last Wednesday of the month. New members are welcome.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist at our next BBQ fundraiser for St Saviour's on Saturday the 27th of June at Mitre 10 at Unley. If you are able to help, there are a few spots still available so please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church. We will also be assisting St Michael's Mitcham with their monthly BBQ at Bunnings at Mile End on Thursday the 2nd of July. This BBQ is part of raising funds for the mission agencies we support such as the ABM, the BCA and the pastoral care workers in our local schools.

Your friend and priest,

Paul