



# Father Paul writes 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2026

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

I welcome you as we come together in our worship during this cold snap where winter has really arrived. I hope you are all coping with it. I know for some, they have escaped or are escaping to some warmer weather for the next few weeks or months! Despite the cold weather, you will always receive a warm welcome here at St Saviour's with a warm environment too with our air conditioning system and our hospitality afterwards over morning tea.

Hospitality is very much the focus of our Gospel reading today, with words of Jesus stressing the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to others. Jesus says even giving a cup of water to a child as a disciple of Jesus Christ will be rewarded. This example of Jesus is a good model of unselfish service. Jesus is calling us and indeed challenging us to live a life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created. Challenging and demanding though it is, each one of us is called to be a 'little Christ'.

Speaking of hospitality, we will give thanks to our Parish Secretary and Administration Officer for the past 10 years over morning tea after the 10 am service this morning. Bobbie Luks has faithfully served this parish by supporting us with the administration of the parish, the cemetery and the memorial garden, along with the collation of the pew sheets and other week by week duties. Bobbie has been providing support to Bryan Robinson over the past two weeks or so who officially takes over next week. My sincere thanks to Bobbie. I look forward to the opportunity to officially say thank you to her today (Sunday). I hope you can join us. Our parish email and contact details remain the same.

My thanks to everyone who helped support our Pastoral Care Workers (Chaplains) at our local schools at the Quiz Night on Friday of last week. Around 12-thousand dollars was raised to help fund their positions. Barely a day a week covers their role through Federal Government funding, the rest comes from the schools, the Burnside Interchurch Council and the fundraising efforts of the local churches, including St Saviour's with its monthly trading table.

Thank you too to those who assisted with the monthly BBQ at Mitre 10 at Unley yesterday. Much appreciated. Our efforts in supporting our missions continue this Thursday with a BBQ at Bunnings Mile End, in association with St Michael's Mitcham. There is a roster at the back of the church so please help if you can.

Your priest and friend, Paul