



Father Paul writes – 30th of August 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

I welcome you to St Saviour's Glen Osmond. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known and join us for morning tea afterwards.

Last Sunday, we heard of Jesus questioning the disciples and asking who they thought he was. Simon Peter stated he was the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus asked this as he was about to start his final journey to Jerusalem and where in today's Gospel reading, Jesus foretells his suffering and death. We see this faithfulness of Jesus and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who will follow him.

On Wednesday during our 10 am service, we will remember the martyrs of New Guinea. They were missionaries, teachers and nurses who were killed by the Japanese when they invaded Papua New Guinea in 1942. We will also remember them at the annual Martyrs Day Service at St Cuthbert's Prospect at 6 pm on that day, of which you are all welcome. The Bishop of Willochra, Jeremy James will preside and celebrate at the service. One of the martyrs, Lila Lashmar was a parishioner at St Cuthbert's before she moved to PNG. All are welcome.

During the month of September, St Saviour's marks the Season of Creation, otherwise known as Creationtide. The season is dedicated to God and Sustainer of all life. The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is living water, based on Ezekiel 47: 1-12. It is a call for transformation – that Christians will be immersed in the living water flowing from the throne of God and inspired by the Spirit of God, in working together for the renewal of Creation. The theme is particularly relevant given the devastation caused by the torrent of water from a glacier in Nepal in the past week. The Season of Creation begins on Tuesday (September the 1st) and finishes on Sunday the 4th of October, around the commemoration of St Francis of Assisi. It is where we invite all pet owners, to bring their dogs, cats, birds or whatever to be blessed for the annual Blessing of the Pets. The Season of Creation will also be marked each Sunday during September.

Next Sunday is Father's Day where we give thanks for Dad's in our prayers. I certainly welcome as always families to be part of the service at 10 am next Sunday and to give thanks for their role in family life and to pray for them. It is also a Sunday (the first Sunday of the month) where we have promoted "Kids at Church", that is giving more emphasis in inviting families and children to our service on that day.

Your friend and priest, Paul