



Father Paul writes 18th of October 2026

I welcome you all as we today celebrate St Luke an evangelist and martyr. He is the writer of St Luke's Gospel and the Book of Acts. He was also a physician, he was a loyal companion to Paul, and he is the patron saint of doctors and healing. In today's Gospel reading from Luke – Jesus sends out 70 of his followers into various communities and villages, ahead of him, as he makes his way to Jerusalem. The mission of these 70 people was the same as Jesus' ministry: to cure the sick and tell others that the kingdom of God has come near to you. We hear this Gospel reading today with this continuing challenge passed onto us. Jesus invites us to widen our understanding of mission and salvation to embrace an inclusive, pluralistic and universal vision in our journey as disciples. The Good News of Jesus Christ is not our private possession but one that needs to be shared and multiplied in the concrete situations of our daily life. This is the focus of a new vision which has been considered by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide this weekend. A workshop was held as part of Synod to consider a proposed framework in how as a diocese representing 58 parishes grows, in sharing the Gospel and renewing worshipping communities. Also, in connecting in a shared mission between neighbouring parishes, partnerships with schools, Anglicare and chaplaincies, in caring for the wider community and being a faithful public witness, working for justice, reconciliation and the common good. Looking further ahead, the Melbourne Cup Friendship Lunch will be held at St Saviour's on Tuesday the 3rd of November. The cost is amazingly just ten dollars for the lunch but come along with some cash for the prizes on the day. There will also be a prize for the best dressed. You can register by placing your name on the Friendship Lunch sheet at the back of the church or by contacting Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552. Please bring along your friends as well. On Sunday the 1st of November, we will be remembering those who have gone before us at a memorial service at 4.30 pm at St Saviour's. It is a service which coincides with the celebration of All Saints Day on Sunday at 8 am and 10 am. With every blessing, Paul