

# ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Burwood

# **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** *First Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday 12 January 2025

9:00AM SUNG EUCHARIST with BAPTISM

# Welcome to St Paul's

We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. We particularly welcome Matthew McGirr, sometime Organist of this parish, as our visiting organist this month.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, I welcome you to St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blacket. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. Refreshments (tea/coffee), when served, are available in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church.

May God richly bless you!

Peace, Fr James Collins OAM Rector

*Please take this order of service home.* 

#### **TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:**

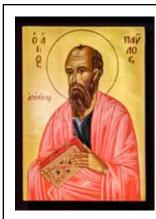
Communion Service (John Merbecke, c.1510-1585) Setting:

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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul, in the Chapel of Our Lady

#### Please stand as the bell is rung and the servers and clergy process to the chancel.

# Greeting

H Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

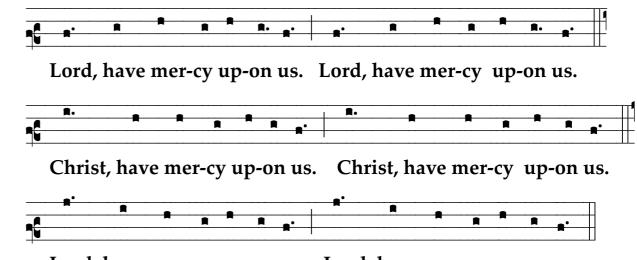
And also with you.

*The priest continues with the opening sentence:* The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remain standing for the Kyrie and Gloria which are sung by the congregation.

# **Kyrie**



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Please kneel for the confession

# **Confession and Absolution**

The priest introduces the confession.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

#### (Silence may be kept)

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

#### Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

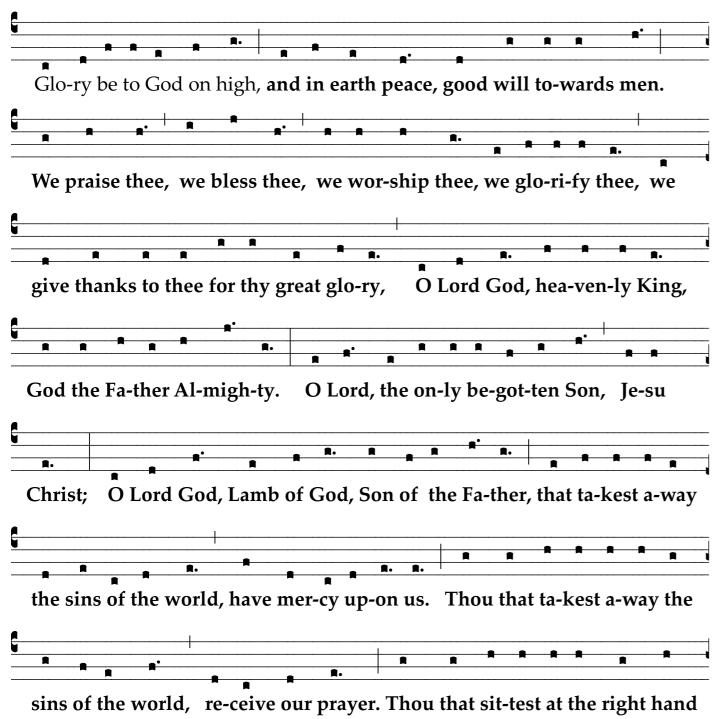
#### The priest pronounces the Absolution.

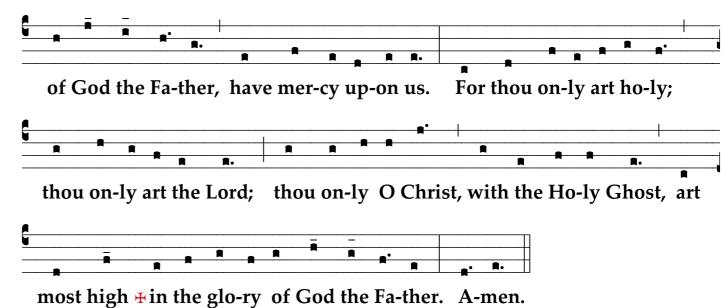
Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: + pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Please stand to sing the Gloria.

# Gloria





# Collect

All remain standing for the collect of the day. Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 43.1–7 At the end of the reading: For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm:** 29

The verses are said alternately between the reader and the congregation. Please observe a short break at the colon in the middle of each verse.

- Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: (pause) 1 ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: (pause) 2 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: (pause) 3 the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
- The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: (pause) 4 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees: (pause) 5 the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

- He makes them skip like a calf: (pause) 6 Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- The voice of the Lord divides the lightning flash: (pause) 7 the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, 8 and strips bare the forests: (pause) in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood: (pause) 9 the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- The Lord will give strength to his people: (pause) 10 the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

# Second Reading: Acts 8.14–17

At the end of the reading: For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

# **Gradual Hymn**

ST MATTHEW DCM

William Croft (1678-1727)



- Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old 1 Was strong to heal and save; It triumphed o'er disease and death, O'er darkness and the grave; To thee they went, the blind, the dumb, The palsied and the lame, The leper with his tainted life, The sick with fevered frame.
- 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, Gave speech, and strength, and sight; And youth renewed and frenzy calmed

Owned thee the Lord of light; And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as of yore, In crowded street, by restless couch, As by Gennesareth's shore. Be thou our great deliverer still, Thou Lord of life and death; Restore and quicken, soothe and bless With thine almighty breath; To hands that work, and eyes that see, Give wisdom's heavenly lore,

3 That whole and sick, and weak and strong, May praise thee evermore.

#### Remain standing for the gospel.

# **Gospel:** Luke 3.15–22

Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Alleluia, Alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## After the Gospel:

For the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Sermon

# The Baptism

## The priest introduces the baptism.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Edward Plumptre (1821-91)

#### Ms Natalie McDonald Lay Assistant

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time, these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

#### The priest invites all candidates and their sponsors to stand at the Chancel steps.

We welcome *those* who come to be baptised. I invite *their* sponsor(s) to present *them* now.

#### The sponsors answer:

#### We present [N] to be baptised.

#### The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves:

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing [N] for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of [N] I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage [N] in the life and faith of the Christian community?

## I will, with God's help.

The priest addresses the sponsors and those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil? I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God H deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

## The priest says to the candidates and sponsors:

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end? I will, with God's help.

## All stand. The priest says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support *them* in this calling?

## We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that [N] may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them.

#### Amen.

Give to *their* sponsors the desire to share with *them* what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

#### Amen.

May *they* know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

#### Amen.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten the day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

#### Amen.

## The priest invites all candidates and their sponsors to process to the font.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

## Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

#### Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called [N] to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and **H** sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The priest addresses the candidates, their sponsors, and all in the congregation.

# The Creed

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, **H** and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Each candidate is brought to the water.

[N] I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

When all have been baptised, the priest makes a cross on the forehead of each person, saying:

[*N*], I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

> Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

#### Each candidate is presented with a lighted candle.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

The people greet the newly baptised.

The priest blesses the congregation with the Baptismal water, as a symbol of their own baptism, and it is customary at this point to make the sign of the cross.

# **Greeting of Peace**

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. His Spirit is with us. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The greeting of peace is exchanged through a bow towards those seated around you.

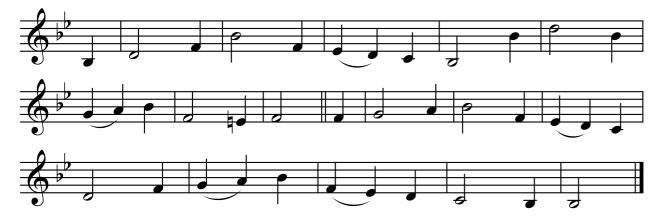
Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn. An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 17 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.

There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.



**Offertory Hymn** DEUS TUORUM MILITUM LM

Grenoble Church Melody. Harmony by M.F.



- 1 The sinless one to Jordan cam To share our fallen nature's blame; God's rightoueness he this fulfilled And chose the path his Father willed.
- Uprising from the waters there, 2 The voice from heaven did witness bear That he, the Son of God, had come To lead his scattered people home.
- 3 Above him see the heavenly Dove, The sign of God the Father's love, Now by the Holy Spirit shed Upon the Son's anointed head.

- How blest that mission then begun 4 To heal an dsave a race undone; Straight to the wilderness he goes To wrestle with his people's foes.
- Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin 5 Go forth with you, a world to win, And send the Holy Spirit's power To shield them in temptation's hour.
- 6 On you shall all your people feed And know you are the Bread indeed, Who gives eternal life to those THat with you died, and with you rose.

G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

# The Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

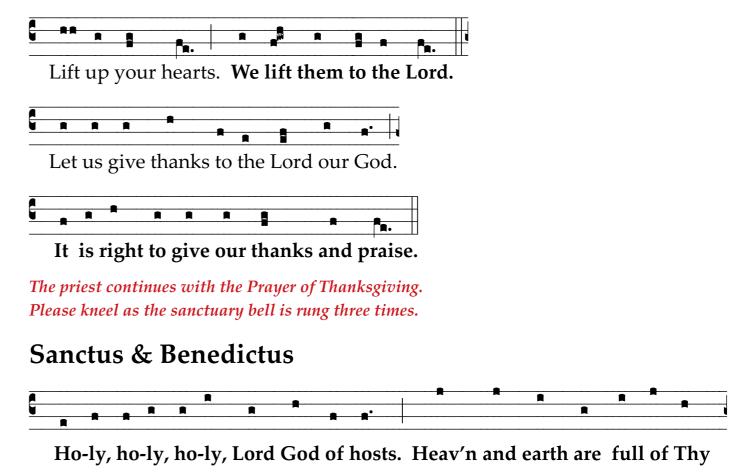
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

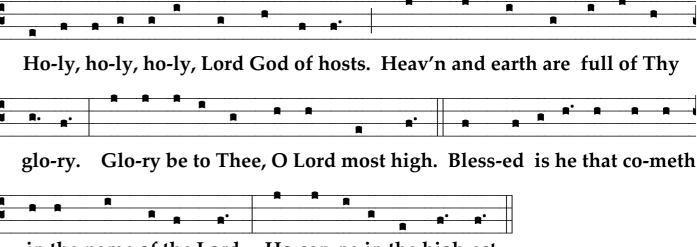
#### Blessed be God for ever.

# **Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.





in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

# Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded... ...his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

H Blessing and honour and glory and power, are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

#### The priest intones:

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



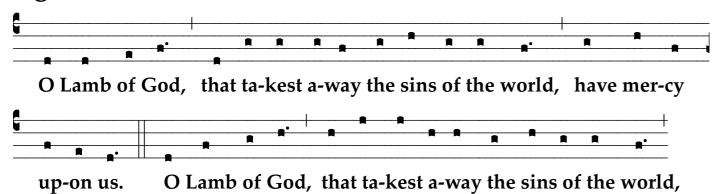


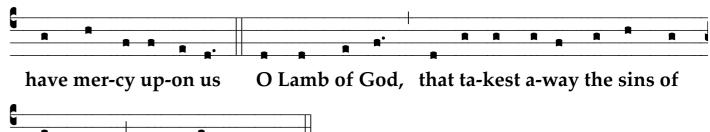
e-ver. A-men.

# The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following: [We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.] We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

# **Agnus Dei**





the world, grant us Thy peace.

# Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

# Communion

Communion is distributed along the full length of the communion rail. Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

The priest says the following seasonal prayer: God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

# **Blessing**

#### The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, **H** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

# Dismissal

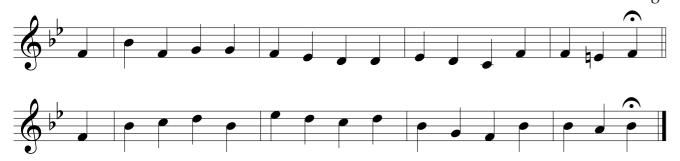
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **♣** In the name of Christ, Amen.

Please stand to sing the final hymn.

**Final Hymn** 

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690



- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry 1 Announces that the Lord is nigh; Come then and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings from the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast, And furnished for so great a guest! Yea, let us each our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without thy grace our souls must fade, And wither like a flower decayed.
- Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore, 4 And make us rise, to fall no more; Once more upon thy people shine, And fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free, Whom, with the Father, we adore, And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) Tr. John Chandler (1808-76)

#### Please sit for the notices.

# Postlude

Organ: Matthew McGirr

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

# **Parish Prayer List**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for All other volunteers within the parish.

We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Belinda, Pam Brock, James Budin, Florence, David, Merle Gorman, Graham Griffiths, Gwen Hackett, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Yolande Phillips, Pam Priest, Fr Ron Silarsah, Tammy, King Charles, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Joyce Bannister, Barry Brandy, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Deb Edmeades, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Kerryanne Graham, Malcolm Green, Barbara Hawkins, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Michelle Phillips, Robert, -Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We pray too for those we have loved and lost for just a while and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Daphne Victoria Furley, Rev. Lyn Plunkett, Jack Mannix, Cecil Duncan McKinnon, Ted Gough, Alice Aida Richardson, Mark Ross Evans, Valerie Claire Fuller.

H May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

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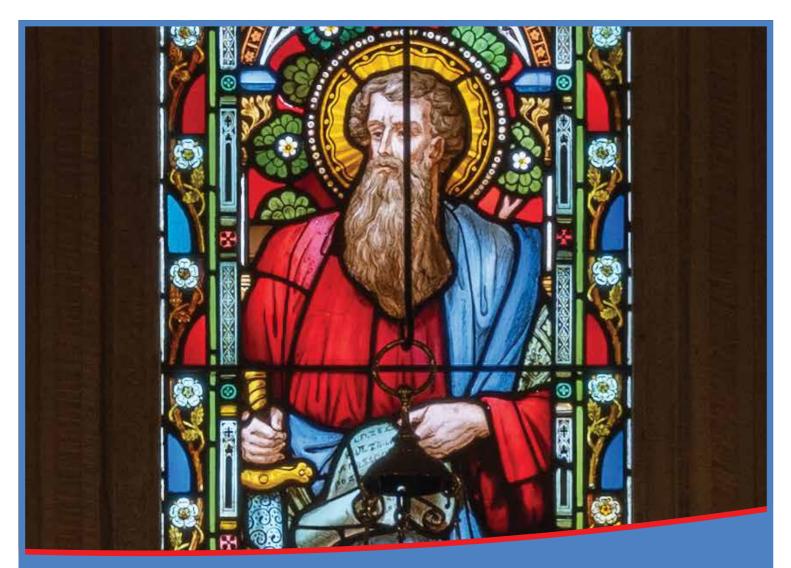
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# **CONVERSION OF PAUL** Sunday 26 January 2025 8:00am **Said Eucharist** with hymns



10:00am **Choral Eucharist** 

- Setting: Communion Service in G Francis Jackson
- Teach me, O Lord Motet: Thomas Attwood



**CANDLEMAS – Sunday 2 February 2025** 

MUSIC @ ST PAUL'S Recital Series

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Said Eucharist with hymns 8:00am **Choral Eucharist** 10:00am Missa L'hora Passa Viadana Setting: Motet: When to the temple Mary went Eccard

LUNCHTIME **18 February** 17 June 18 March **15 April** 20 May

15 July **19 August 16 September** 

1:15pm – Third Tuesday of the month Note donation or book online by scanning the QR code:



# RECITALS in 2025

21 October **18 November** 

**David Russel** Southwood OAM

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# HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

8:00am Said Eucharist – with hymns
10:00am Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's

#### Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

#### Fridays:

5:30pm	<b>Evening</b> Prayer
6:00pm	Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – with the Choir of St Paul's

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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