



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 February 2025

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Paul's

We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today on the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany.

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

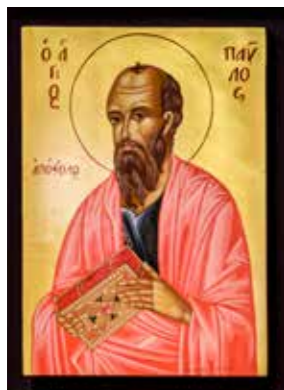
Please take this order of service home.

Are you a new parishioner or do you need to update your details?



Use this QR code to update your details in our parish database and ensure you are kept up-to-date with everything going on at St Paul's Burwood.

Alternatively, you can contact the parish office by phone: (02) 9747 4327 or email: info@stpaulsburwood.org.au



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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 sanctuary party processes to the chancel.

Greeting

✠ 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:

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is king to the ungrateful and the wicked. 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.

Kyrie eleison

The congregation repeats each petition after the priest.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

All remain standing as the priest says the collect of the day.

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Genesis 45.3–11, 15

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 37.1–11, 40–41

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.

- 1 Do not vie with the wicked: *(pause)*
or envy those that do wrong;
- 2 **For they will soon wither like the grass: *(pause)***
and fade away like the green leaf.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good: *(pause)*
and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.
- 4 **Let the Lord be your delight: *(pause)***
and he will grant you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord: *(pause)*
trust him, and he will act.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: *(pause)***
and your innocence as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: *(pause)*
do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.
- 8 **Let go of anger and abandon wrath: *(pause)***
let not envy move you to do evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be cut down: *(pause)*
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
- 10 **In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: *(pause)***
you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.
- 11 But the meek shall possess the land: *(pause)*
and enjoy the abundance of peace.
- 40 **Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: *(pause)***
he is their strength in time of trouble.
- 41 The Lord will help them and deliver them: *(pause)*
he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,
because they come to him for refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35–50

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

MANNHEIM 87 87 87

Melody in F. Filitz's *Choralbuch* 1847
Harmony by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 6.27–38

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.*

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

Ms Natalie McDonald
Lay Assistant

Please stand for the Creed.

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the Faithful.

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy. or Father, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A selection of Scripture sentences may be used, concluding with the Prayer of Approach:

We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The priest introduces the confession.

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

(Silence may be kept)

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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.

All stand.

Greeting of Peace

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace with the following words:

We are the body of 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 for the offertory hymn on the next page.

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 15 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

SLANE 10 11 11 11

Traditional Irish Melody
Harmony by Erik Routley (1917-82)



- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish c. 8th century; Tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

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 also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. **Hosanna in the highest.**

✠ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel. The priest then continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

✠ 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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever,
Amen.**

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your 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, ✠ 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

ST STEPHEN CM

William Jones (1726-1800)



- 1 In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
- 3 In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Please sit for the notices.

Postlude

Fughetta in B Flat

Georg Andreas Sorge (1703-1778)

Organ: Michael Deasey OAM FRSCM HonFGCM

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.



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**CHORAL
EVENSONG**

for the EVE OF ST MATTHIAS
5:00pm – TONIGHT
followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

David Russell
Director of Music

Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for the ministry and worship of past parishioners and clergy of St Paul's.

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, Florence, David, Syd Farrow, Margery and Peter Foss, Gemma, Merle Gorman, Elaine Gow, Jean Greenwood, Graham Griffiths, Gwen Hackett, David Holland, Lyle Jaeske, John, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Vanessa McNeill, Yolande Phillips, Pam Priest, Fay Sprague, Joyce Bannister, Barry Brandy, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Deb Edmeades, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Malcolm Green, Barbara Hawkins, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Larry Howley, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Michelle Phillips, Mark Roberts, 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, particularly Martin Bullock, Concettina Raguso and those who have their year's mind at this time:

May Quested, Keith Linden, Michael Page, Ian Bannister, Rev'd George Sanders, Marion Lyons, Dorothy Rose, Irene Campbell and Beryl MacPherson.

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

At St Paul's, we pray by name for people who have either asked for our prayers or for whom someone else has made a request. This list is updated every 3 months or when we receive a new request. Some names are on our list on a long-term basis while others reflect a more immediate need and are short term.

We will only be reading the names on the short-term list in the services but the whole list will still be included in the printed prayers for parishioners to use throughout the week. The full list of names will be read in our midweek service.

Names can be added to or removed from the lists at any time.



Decorating our church with flowers is one way to remember a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one, or as an offering of thanksgiving please contact the Parish Office at least a week prior to the date of the request.

office@stpaulsburwood.org.au or (02) 9747 4327

Parish Notices

Annual General Meeting

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 16 March at 12pm in the large hall. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. We need reports into the Office by Wednesday 26 February so that they can be printed.

Estate of Mrs Shirley Gregory

We give thanks to God for the life of Mrs. Shirley Gregory who died nearly a year ago. We have received advice from the lawyer acting on behalf of the executors of Shirley's estate that Shirley has kindly left St. Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood, a generous legacy in her will. Thanks be to God. We are grateful to Shirley for remembering the Parish in her will.

Palm Crosses

In preparation for Lent, it is time to return your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday services so that they can be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday (5 March). Simply place them in the offertory bag or hand them to a Welcomer. We need them by Sunday 2 March.

Lenten Book Discussion Group Led by Kerin Brown

Book: Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic - and Beyond by Matthew Fox and Mirabai Starr. Available on Kindle at \$9.89 or \$26.34 in paperback. ISBN 10 1663208689.

Background: This historical biography follows the extraordinary life of Julian of Norwich who lived through the bubonic plague that killed almost 50% of Europeans. As a theologian way ahead of her time she developed a feminist understanding of God as mother at the heart of nature's goodness.

Starts: Tuesday 11 March at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Book Offer: Peter Keenan has offered to buy books with payment up front - to confirm interest in the book offer refer to Phillip's contact below.

Contact: To confirm your interest in joining the Zoom meetings email Phillip Seale phillip phillip@pscontracting.com.au or Mob: 0405 198 420

Lenten Quiet Day - St John's Birchgrove Cnr Birchgrove and Spring Street

The Sydney Mission College of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd invites you to a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday 8 March 2025 9.30am to 4.15pm. The event will be led by the Reverend Dr. Erica Mathieson. Participants are requested to bring their own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee is provided.

For further enquiries, contact Br Brian Luhr OGS OAM 0400 193 626

ABM Stamps

We collect used stamps for Anglican Board of Mission. These are a good source of fund raising for ABM. Please leave a 2cm margin around them if possible.



Pew Reflections – Anglican Board of Mission

Ordinary Sunday 7 C – Sunday 23 February 2025

Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15; Psalm 37.1-11; 37.40-41; 1 Corinthians 15.35-50; Luke 6.27-38

Today's gospel continues on from last week's. Jesus now exhorts us to love our enemies, asking what good it is to love only those who already love us. He commands us to be merciful, just as God the Father is. And, perhaps most difficult of all, we are commanded to avoid judging others.

- Pray that we can love so extravagantly that there is absolutely no room for unrestrained judgementalism in our hearts. Pray that we can become ever more inclusive, both personally and as a Church.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Text: Robert McLean © Anglican Board of Mission, 2025

Next Week's Readings

Sunday 2 March – Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

OT: Genesis 45.3–11, 15

PS: 37.1–11, 40–41

NT: 1 Corinthians 15.35–50

Gospel: Luke 6.27–38



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Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2025

10:30am **Mid-Week Eucharist** *with imposition of ashes*

6:00pm **Choral Eucharist** *with imposition of ashes*

Missa orbis factor (Gregorian chant)

Teach me thy way, O Lord (William Fox, d.1579)

Offertory

Collection and other donations from 13th – 20th February 2025:

Offertory: \$3,231.24

Parish Pantry: \$385.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$3,616.24

Thank you for responding to God's generous love.

Support us @ St Paul's



Use this QR code to make a payment via PayPal directly from your mobile phone.

General Offertory / Donation Account

Account Name: St Paul's Anglican Church
BSB: 032-062 Acc: 250 028

Parish Pantry Account

Account Name: Parish Pantry
BSB: 032-062 Acc: 812 238

National Trust Account

Account Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood
BSB: 032-044 Acc: 742 926
donations over \$2 are tax-deductible

Donations & Bequests

"I bequeath the sum of \$___ to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable or other beneficial purposes of the parish."

Wills

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in drafting Wills. While he does not wish to have any commercial association with the church and/or its members, he has made an offer to assist, at no cost, senior parishioners and community members who wish to make donations to the parish in their Wills.

Mark is concerned to ensure that any senior who wants to help our wonderful parish this way is not deterred by the potential cost of so doing. Mark can be contacted via the parish office – (02) 9747 4327

JOIN US @ ST PAUL'S

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 Evening 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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