

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Burwood

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 6 April 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent, sometimes known as Passion Sunday.

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*

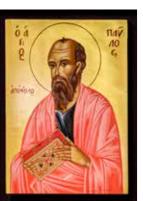
Please take this order of service home.

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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Cover Photo: Reredos Window (detail); Photo: Des Chu 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

♣ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts

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.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

All remain standing for the collect of the day.

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16–21

At the end of the reading: For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 126

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.

When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: *(pause)* then were we like those restored to life.

- Then was our mouth filled with laughter: (pause) and our tongue with singing.
- Then said they among the heathen: (pause) 3 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- Truly the Lord has done great things for us: (pause) and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: (pause) as the streams return to the dry south.
- Those who sow in tears: (pause) shall reap with songs of joy.
- They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: (pause) shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.3–14

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

SONG 46 10 10

First strain of Song 46 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)



- 1 Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet, Which brought from heaven The news and Prince of peace.
- 2 Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.
- 3 In your deep floods Drown all my faults and fears; Nor let his eye See sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

Gospel: John 12.1–8

Priase to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Priase to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. With all your heart turn to me; for I am tender and compassionate.

Priase to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

♣ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

The following response is used:

Father, 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.

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.**

All stand.

Greeting of Peace

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

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 19 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

PASSION CHORALE 76 76 D

Traditional secular melody in H.L. Hassler's *Lustgarten* (1601); Harmony by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



- 1 O sacred head, sore wounded,
 Defiled and put to scorn;
 O kingly head, surrounded
 With mocking crown of thorn:
 What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
 Can death thy bloom deflower?
 O countenance whose splendour
 The hosts of heaven adore.
- 2 Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
 Hath vanished from our sight;
 Thy power is all expirèd,
 And quenched the light of light.
 Ah me! for whom thou diest,
 Hide not so far thy grace:
 Show me, O Love most highest,
 The brightness of thy face.
- 3 I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
 Me, Shepherd good, for thine;
 Who to thy fold hast won me,
 And fed with truth divine.
 Me guilty, me refuse not,
 Incline thy face to me,
 This comfort that I lose not,
 On earth to comfort thee.
- 4 In thy most bitter passion,
 My heart to share doth cry,
 With thee for my salvation
 Upon the Cross to die.
 Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
 To stand thy Cross beneath,
 To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
 Yet thank thee for thy death.

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5 My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife;
To me thine arms extended
Upon the Cross of life.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-76) from a 14th century Latin hymn *Tr.* Robert Bridges (1844-1930

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 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 mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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

HORSLEY CM

W. Horsley (1774-1858)



- There is a green hill far away,
 Without a city wall,
 Where the dear Lord was crucified
 Who died to save us all.
 - We may not know, we cannot tell, 4
 What pains he had to bear,
 But we believe it was for us
 He hung and suffered there.
- He died that we might be forgiven,
 He died to make us good;
 That we might go at last to heaven,
 Saved by his precious blood.
 - There was no other good enough
 To pay the price of sin;
 He only could unlock the gate
 Of heaven, and let us in.
 - 5 O, dearly, dearly has he loved,
 And we must love him too,
 And trust in his redeeming blood,
 And try his works to do.

Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-95)

Please sit for the notices.

Postlude

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 Anglican Church of Chile.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for David our Director of Music, members of our choir and Bailey our organist.

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

Florence, David, Grace Gartrell, Elaine Gow, Richard Gore, David and Alec Harris, Fr Robin Hutcheon, John, Terry and Betsy McKay, Vanessa McNeill, Phil, Pam Priest, Elizabeth Scott, Steve, Barbara Stone, Joyce Bannister, Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Barry Brandy, Belinda, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Margery and Peter Foss, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Gwen Hackett, Barbara Hawkins, David Holland, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Larry Howley, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Yolande Phillips, 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 commend to your merciful keeping all who have died, especially Christian Tait and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Bernard White, William McMillan; Thelma Norman; Lorna Spicer; George Howie; Barbara Ball, Indranee Boniface, Shirley Gregory and Francis Zammit.

♣ 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

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Parish Notices

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 on 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th April at 7:00pm on Zoom.

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

Fridays in Lent

As part of your Lenten discipline, why not join us for Evening Prayer and Holy Communion on Friday. Beginning at 5:30pm, it is a lovely meditative way to end the week. Enter through the Belltower porch.

Morning Tea Donations

The Credit Card Machine which was in the kitchen is no longer available. Please bring coins as a donation for morning tea.

Trading Table

We look forward to serving you with our butters, chutneys/pickles and marmalades. Books \$2 each, near new \$3

DVD's \$1 & CD's available at \$1 each

Polishing Brass and Communion Vessels, Dusting, Cleaning and Gardening

We will have a busy bee at the Church on Holy Saturday 19 April at 10.00am. Please bring some soft rags with you and come along and help to make St Paul's look beautiful for Easter.

If you prefer to be outdoors, we also need help to tidy up the grounds and gardens.

Join us for our next Parish Lunch

St Paul's Parish Lunch will be held at Burwood RSL Club next Sunday 13 April at 12.30pm at 96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood.

Please Contact Phillip Seale on 0405 198 420 or at phillip@pscontracting.com.au to confirm you will be attending or need a lift.

Please wear your name tag so we can get to know each other better.

You will need a driver's licence or other ID to enter the club. If you wish to join the club it is a \$2 membership fee per year.

Please note that the Parish Lunch will be held on the second Sunday of the month.

2025 Sydney Anglican Diocese Chrism Eucharist

This year Chrism Eucharist will be held at Christ Church St Laurence, George Street on Tuesday 15 April at 11:00am. Bishop Michael Stead will preside and preach. All clergy and lay ministers are invited to robe (cassock and cotta/surplice or alb, and white stole as appropriate) and to renew their vows. The oils will be available after the service for decanting into parish stocks. Clergy and laity are warmly invited to a light lunch in the parish hall. There is no need to RSVP for the luncheon, however, it would be helpful to know how many clergy and lay readers will be robing for the service. Please send this information to Peter Bruce (Parish Administrator) office@ccsl.org.au or 9211 0560 no later than Friday 11 April.

St Paul's Choir invited to sing at CCSL

The Choir of St Paul's Burwood has been invited to sing Evensong with the Choir of Christ Church St Laurence on Sunday 27 April (Low Sunday / Second Sunday of Easter). The service will feature the combined forces of both choirs with the Directors of Music and Organists from both parishes sharing the music.

The service begins at 6:30pm at Christ Church St Laurence, 812 George Street, Sydney (opposite Central Station).

Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets now available at \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Prizes include hand knee crocheted rug, king sized super soft mattress protector

Name Badges

Don't forget to wear your name badge so that newcomers can get to know you. If you are a new parishioner and need a name badge, please fill out the form at the back of the church. Thank you.



Pew Reflections – Anglican Board of Mission

Lent 5 C – Sunday 6 April 2025

Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.1-8

Today we hear the story of a dinner party at the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. During the dinner, something odd happens: not only does Mary anoint the feet of Jesus – something a servant would normally do as people arrived for dinner, but she used a whole pound of the very costly unction, wiping his feet with her hair. The expense was about the annual wage for a labourer. Jesus commends her and reproaches Judas, who carped about the cost. Only the best is good enough for God.

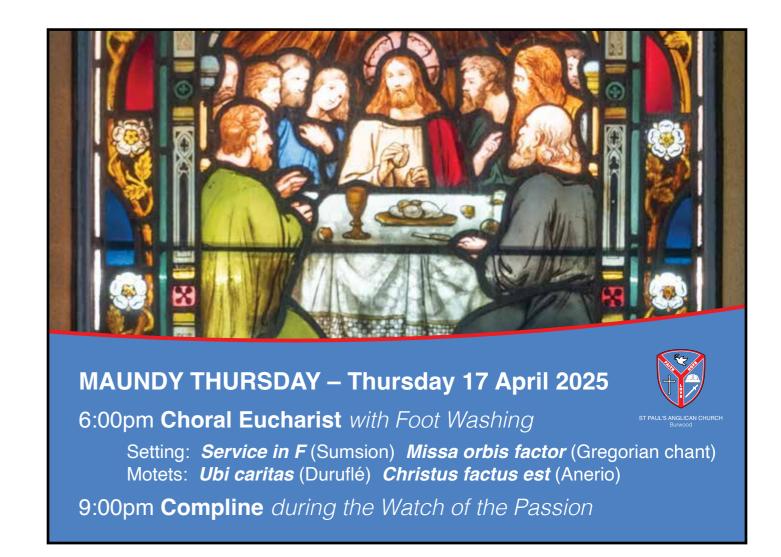
- Give thanks for all those who give of their best to God, and pray that we might be numbered among them.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Bangladesh.

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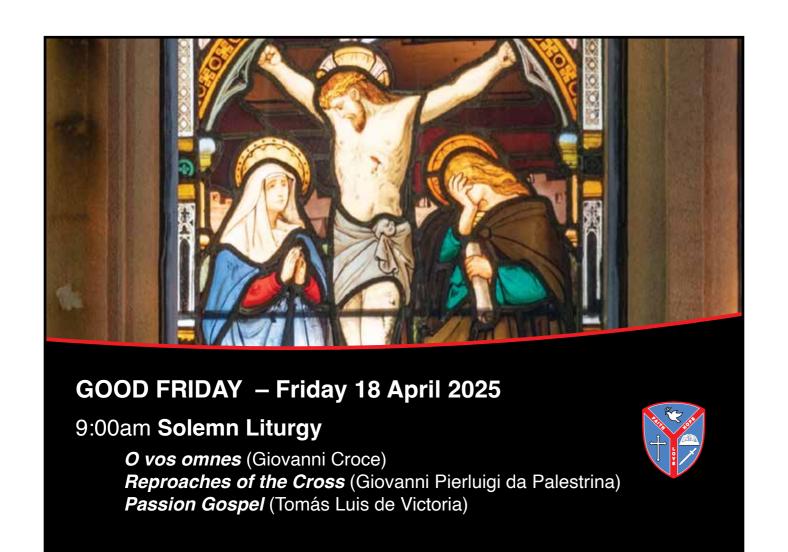
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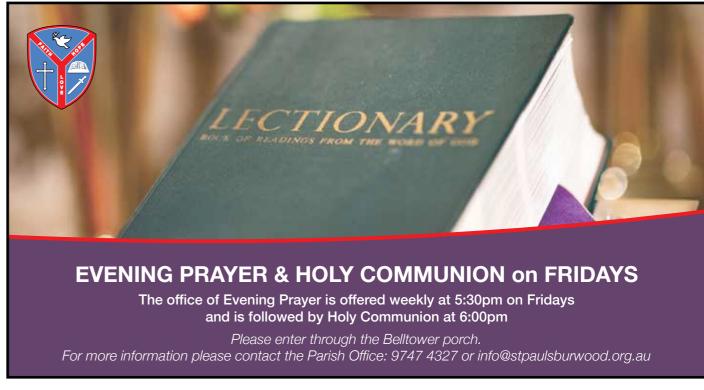












Next Week's Readings

Sunday 13th April – Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

OT: Isaiah 50.4-9a **PS:31.9-18**

NT: Philippians 2.5-11 **Gospel:** Luke 22.14-23.56



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING **OUR TEAM OF ALTAR SERVERS?**

If you would like to know more about this historic ministry, please contact the Head Server, Brian Luhr (sacristan@stpaulsburwood.org.au)



The Choir of St Paul's has been providing quality choral music for 150 years. The choir's repertoire spans over a thousand years from 10th century Gregorian chant to the music of the 21st century.

JOIN NOW!

to sing the musical treasures of the Church & help keep Church Music alive. For more information please contact the Director of Music, David Russell (music@stpaulsburwood.org.au)

Offertory

Collection and other donations from 27th March – 2nd April 2025:

Offertory: \$5,148.30 Parish Pantry: \$315.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$5,463.30

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

St Paul's Anglican Church Account Name:

> BSB: 032-062 Acc: 250 028

Parish Pantry Account

Parish Pantry Account Name:

> 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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