



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

**ST LAURENCE  
DEACON & MARTYR**

*Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Sunday 10 August 2025

10:00AM CHORAL 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Today is also the Feast of St Laurence, a 4<sup>th</sup> century Deacon and Martyr of Rome.

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.

Fr Michael Deasey OAM

*Locum Tenens*

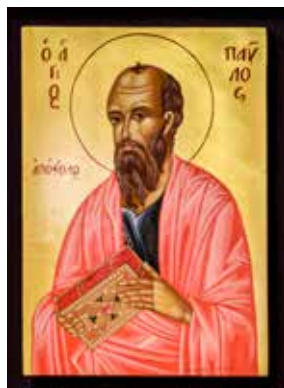
*Please take this order of service home.*

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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 choir and clergy process to the chancel.*

*Remain standing for the Processional Hymn which is introduced with the following:*

Let us proceed in peace.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

REGENT SQUARE 87 87 87

Henry Smart (1818-79)



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|--|--|
| 1 Light's abode, celestial Salem,<br>Vision dear whence peace doth<br>spring.<br>Brighter than the heart can fancy,<br>Mansion of the highest King;<br>O, how glorious are the praises<br>Which of thee the prophets sing!         | 4 O how glorious and resplendent,<br>Fragile body, shalt thou be,<br>When endued with so much beauty,<br>Full of health, and strong, and free,<br>Full of vigour, full of pleasure<br>That shall last eternally! |
| 2 There for ever and for ever<br>Alleluya is outpoured;<br>For unending, for unbroken<br>Is the feast-day of the Lord;<br>All is pure and all is holy<br>That within thy walls is stored.  | 5 Now with gladness, now with courage,<br>Bear the burden on thee laid,<br>That hereafter these thy labours<br>May with endless gifts be paid,<br>And in everlasting glory<br>Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.   |
| 3 There no cloud nor passing vapour<br>Dims the brightness of the air;<br>Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,<br>From the Sun of suns is there;<br>There no night brings rest from<br>labour,<br>There unknown are toil and care. | 6 Laud and honour to the Father,<br>Laud and honour to the Son,<br>Laud and honour to the Spirit,<br>Ever Three and ever One,<br>One in love, and One in splendour,<br>While unending ages run. Amen.            |

Latin 15th century. Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

## 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.**



Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.  
Let us pray.

# Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

# Gloria

*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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 1.1, 10–20

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** 50.1–8, 23–24

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:  
and summoned the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.
- 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty:  
God has shone out in glory.
- 3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:  
before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above:  
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful ones:  
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'

- 6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 'Listen my people, and I will speak:  
O Israel, I am God your God, and I will give my testimony.
- 8 'It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.
- 23 'O consider this, you who forget God:  
lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.
- 24 'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and to him who keeps top my way  
I will show the salvation of God.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

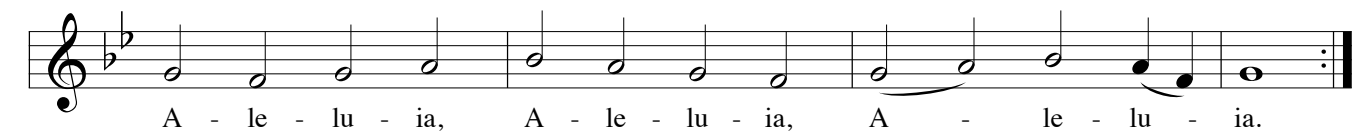
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand with the celebrant for the gospel acclamation*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Alleluia is sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.*



*Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*The Alleluia is repeated by all.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel: Luke 12.32–40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

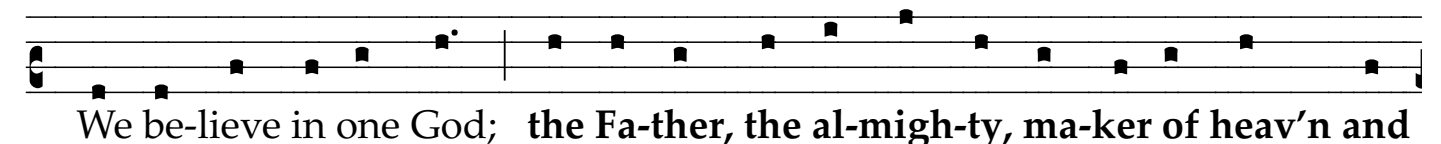
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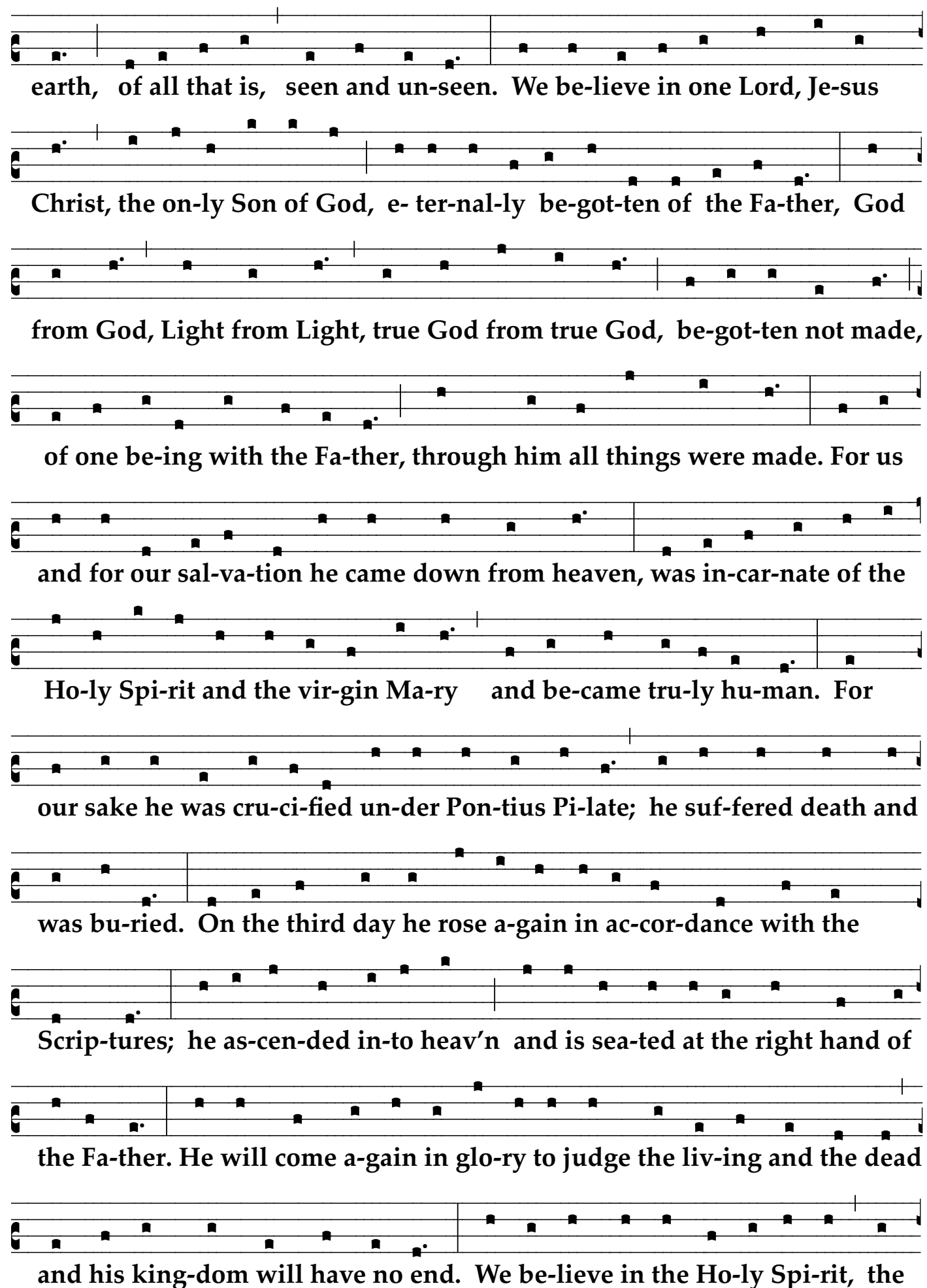
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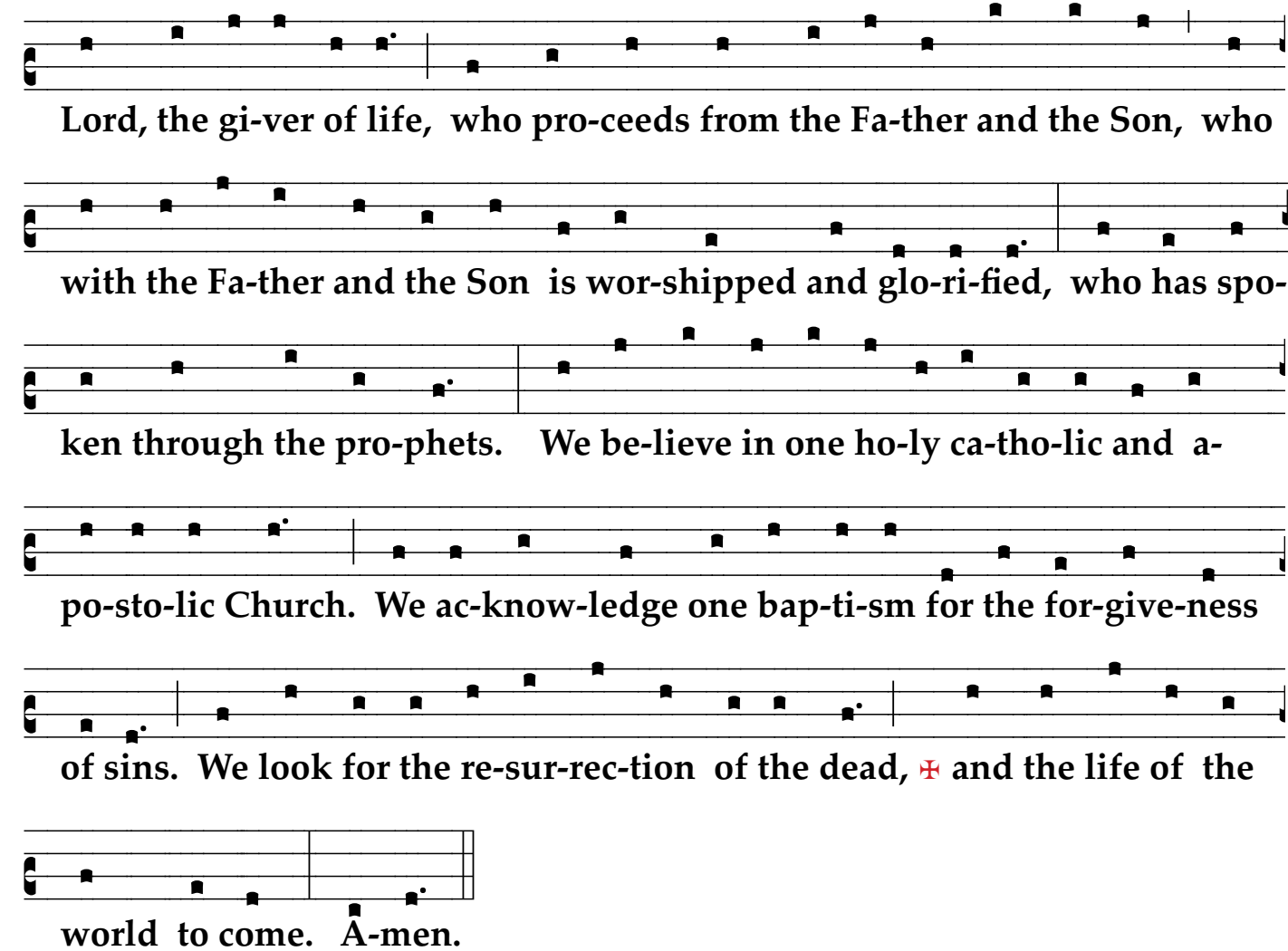
*Please stand for the Creed.*

## Creed





earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus  
 Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God  
 from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,  
 of one be-ing with the Fa-ther, through him all things were made. For us  
 and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heaven, was in-car-nate of the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit and the vir-gin Ma-ry and be-came tru-ly hu-man. For  
 our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and  
 was bu-ried. On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the  
 Scrip-tures; he as-cen-ded in-to heav'n and is sea-ted at the right hand of  
 the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead  
 and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the



Lord, the gi-ver of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son, who  
 with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied, who has spo-  
 ken through the pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly ca-tho-lic and a-  
 po-sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-ti-sm for the for-give-ness  
 of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, † and the life of the  
 world to come. A-men.

*Please kneel for the prayers.*

## Prayers of the Faithful.

*The following response is used:*

Lord, make us faithful and, in your mercy;  
 Hear our prayer.

*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.*

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*(Silence may be kept)*

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord 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 for the Greeting of Peace.*

## Greeting of Peace

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 stand for 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 23 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

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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. 8<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)  
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

## The Preparation

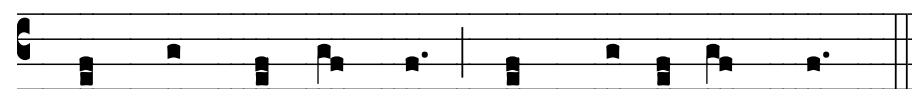
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

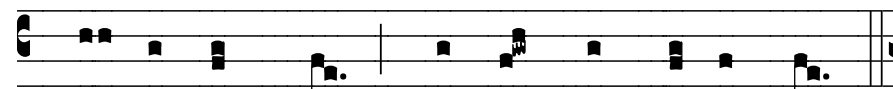
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

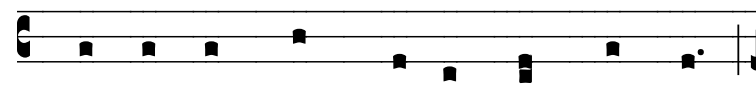
## Great Thanksgiving



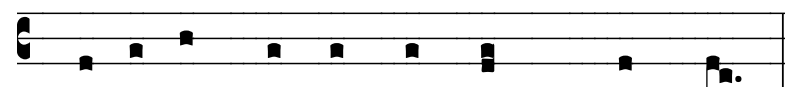
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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.*

*Please kneel as the sanctuary bell is rung three times.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sung by the choir.*

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,*

*Dominus Deus sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit*

*in nomine Domini*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

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.

*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:

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest says or intones:*

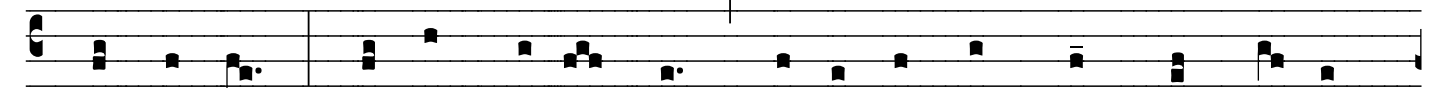
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:



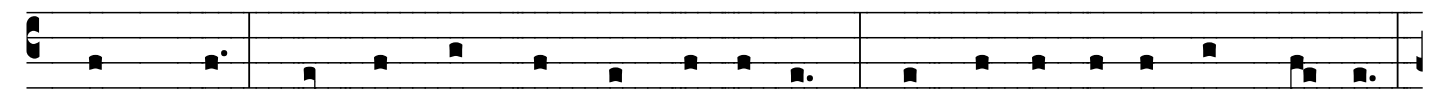
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be your name; Your King-dom



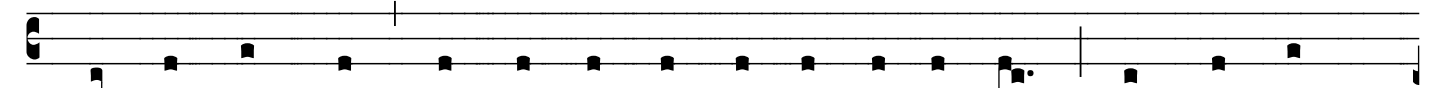
come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our



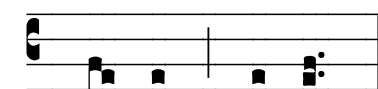
dai-ly bread for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-



gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e- vil



For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours, now and for



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

*Sung by the choir.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins 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 length of the communion rail.*

*Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.*

## Communion Motet

**Ave verum corpus**

Giulio Bentivoglio (1864-1939)

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in  
cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum fluxit unda et sanguine; esto  
nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu  
fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered upon the cross  
for mankind: from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood; give us  
now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food. Gentle, holy Jesus,  
Son of Mary.*

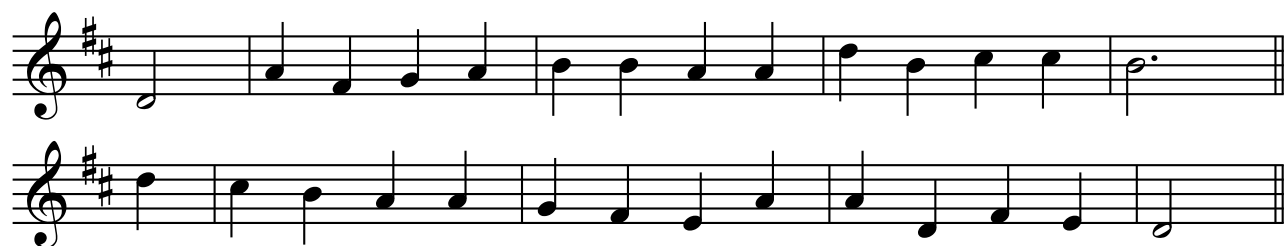
13<sup>th</sup> century Eucharistic hymn; attrib. Pope Innocent III (1198-1216)

*Please remain kneeling or seated to sing the communion hymn.*

## Communion Hymn

SONG 67 CM

Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)  
from E. Prys's *Llyfr y Psalmau* 1621



- 1 Give me the wings of faith to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The saints above, how great their joys,  
How bright their glories be.

- 2 Once they were mourning here below,  
And wet their couch with tears;  
They wrestled hard, as we do now,  
With sins and doubts and fears.
- 3 I ask them whence their victory came;  
They, with united breath,  
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
Their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
His zeal inspired their breast,  
And, following their incarnate God,  
Possess the promised rest.
- 5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
For his own pattern given;  
While the long cloud of witnesses  
Show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*All stand.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the following seasonal prayer:*

Let us pray:

God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as  
strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with Laurence and all your  
saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

**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.**

*Remain standing for the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

MICHAEL 87 87 33 7

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



- 1 All my hope on God is founded!  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone,  
calls my heart to be his own.



- 2     Pride of man and earthly glory,  
      Sword and crown betray his trust;  
      What with care and toil he buildeth,  
      Tower and temple, fall to dust  
      But God's power, hour by hour,  
      is my temple and my tower.
- 3     God's great goodness aye endureth,  
      Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
      Splendour, light and life attend him,  
      Beauty springeth out of naught.  
      Evermore from his store  
      New-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4     Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
      Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
      His desire our soul delighteth,  
      Pleasure leads us where we go.  
      Love doth stand at his hand;  
      Joy doth wait on his command.
- 5     Still from man to God eternal  
      Sacrifice of praise be done,  
      High above all praises praising  
      For the gift of Christ his Son.  
      Christ doth call one and all:  
      Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)  
based on the German of J. Neander (1650-80)

*Remain standing for the blessing and dismissal.*

## Blessing

*The priest says this seasonal Blessing:*

God give you grace to follow Laurence and all the saints in faith and hope and love; 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.

## Postlude

Toccata in D minor from 12 Stücke, op. 59 no. 5

Max Reger (1873-1916)

*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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## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

**Setting:** Missa Brevis No. 3 (Healey Willan, 1880-1968)

**Motet:** O taste and see (Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958)

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## UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:

**Sunday 10 August – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost [19] / St Laurence**

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist

**Mass for three voices** (William Byrd, c.1540-1623)

*Ave verum* (Giulio Bentivoglio, 1864-1939)

**Friday 15 August – Mary, Mother of our Lord**

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist

*Missa de angelis* (Gregorian chant)

**Ave Maria** (Gian Paolo Dal Dosso, b.1978)

**Sunday 17 August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost [20]**

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist

**Mass of the Quiet Hour** (George Oldroyd, 1886-1951)

**Lead me, Lord** (Charles Wesley, 1707-1788)

**Sunday 24 August – Bartholomew**

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist

*Collegium Regale* (Herbert Howells, 1892-1983)

**Now the God of peace** (Gerald Knight, 1908-1979)

**Sunday 31 August – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost [22]**

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist

*Missa Brevis* (G.P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594)

**O Lord increase our faith** (Henry Loosemore, c.1607-1670)

**Sunday 7 September – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost [23]**

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist

**Communion Service** (Thomas Causton, d.1569)

**If ye love me** (Thomas Tallis, c.1505-1585)

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – **Eve of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Service in G** (Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924)

*Ave Maria* (Robert Parsons, c.1535-1572)

**Responses** (Harrison Oxley, 1933-2009)

## Next Week's Readings

Sunday 17 August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**OT:** Isaiah 5.1–7

**NT:** Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

**PS:** 80.1–2, 8–19

**Gospel:** Luke 12.49–56

## Parish Notices

### Safe Ministry

If you hold a position, paid or unpaid, at St Paul's then you are required to complete your Safe Ministry Certificate before 31 December 2025. Face to face courses are on the Notice Board. Otherwise you can complete an online course by visiting [safeministry.training](https://safeministry.training)

If you are unsure if this applies to you, please contact Rosemary in the Parish Office.

### Spring Fundraiser – Date Claimer

The 'Spring Fundraiser' will be on **Sunday 14 September** – please save the date! Tickets are available from Andrew Connolly after the 8:00am service and from the Trading Table after the 10:00am service.

### Donations needed

The church would appreciate contributions towards the cost of the extra musicians for the orchestral mass on Sunday 6 July 2025. This can be done directly into the Wardens account or, if you would like tax-deductibility, to St Paul's Music Incorporated (see details on page 22.)

### New Fob Key System

The installation of St Paul's new fob key system has now been completed. This system greatly enhances the security of our buildings and each fob will have a level of access to the places only required by each user. If you are a regular site user and have not yet been issued with a fob, please see Rosemary in the Parish Office.

### Join us at our Parish Lunch today

The next Parish Lunch will be held today at Burwood RSL Club, 96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood at 12.30pm. Please see Phillip Seale if you need a lift.

### Friday 15 August 6pm Eucharist for Mary Mother of Our Lord

A Choral Eucharist will be offered in honour Mary Mother of Our Lord on Friday 15 August. St Paul's is following the commemoration as set out in *A Prayer Book for Australia*. Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of St Mary the Virgin, honoring the remarkable life of the mother of our Saviour. It is a joyous occasion filled with reverence, thanksgiving, and reflection on Mary's profound role in the salvation story.

### St Laurence Deacon and Martyr of Rome 225 AD–258 AD

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Laurence Deacon and Martyr. Traditionally, Deacons of the Church were responsible for the administration of money and properties. This feast day occurs on a Sunday every seven years. He is the Patron Saint of people who work with open fires; cooks, bakers, tanners, those whom fire means harm; librarians, archivists, miners, comedians and especially of the poor. He lived during the persecution of Roman Emperor Valerian. Arrested by the prefect and called to deliver up the property and treasures of the Church, his answer was to point to a crowd of poor people, "Here are the true treasures of the Church." As a result he was roasted alive on a gridiron. His love and service to the poor and needy is in line with St Paul's service to the people of Burwood, by way of the Parish Pantry. Holy Paul, pray for us. Holy Laurence, pray for us.

### St Paul's Interregnum

In mid-year 2026 Fr James will leave the Parish to enjoy the time off that he is owed that will take him up to his retirement date later in 2026.

From the date he goes on leave until his retirement a Locum Tenens will be appointed to manage the Parish as a part of the Leadership Team. From the day after Fr James' retirement the Archbishop / Bishop's appointed Acting Rector will cover until a new Rector is appointed.

Fr Michael has made it known that he does not wish to undertake either of these roles. Fr Mark has volunteered to take them on and this has been approved by the Bishop. Fr Mark would have the 'title' to ensure we are compliant with the legislation required under Church Law but he will function as a part of a Leadership Team.

The team includes Brian and the servers; David, Bailey and the choir; Natalie, Judith and the prayer team; the people who support our refreshments and so many others who make this Church such a wonderful place.

The concept of any Interregnum is to hold a Church and Congregation together so that what one Rector leaves, the next can easily understand and run with. We should not be introducing any big new initiatives or indeed cancelling any activities already in place.

Fr Michael will lead the Pastoral work which will include home and hospital visiting and weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Fr Mark will pick up on all of the more administrative roles, including finance oversight, employee support and, with Rosemary, liaise with both Burwood and Strathfield Councils and the Diocese. He will also work with Rosemary and Jane Carrick in the application for grants appropriate to the parish.

Rosemary will continue to run the Parish Pantry and all the other myriad jobs she does.

Our aim would be for Fr Michael and Fr Mark to run both the 8:00am and 10:00am services on a week about basis to give both a break on the interim Sunday. Fr Mark will lead the Wednesday Communion Service and Fr Michael will take the Friday evenings and additional weekday services such as Ascension etc.

Fr Michael, Mark, Rosemary and Natalie will each Preach one Sunday a month with cover for the 5 Sunday months / Easter and Christmas decided between them.

In addition, Fr Mark will work with our architect Morgan, Rosemary and others to oversee the renovations at the Rectory whilst Phillip has volunteered to drive the fund raising.

From a financial perspective Fr Mark is not allowed to earn money by working as part of his visa. By taking this route the Parish would save between \$80,000 and \$100,000 in wages / super from employing a full time Locum Tenens / Acting Rector which can then be invested into a substantial refurbishment of the Rectory.

The above proposal would commence for a period of 1 year from the date Fr Mark is appointed Locum Tenens, however, it is expected that the appointment of a new Rector will take this whole process into a 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

*Fr's James, Michael, Mark, Rosemary, Wardens and Parish Council*



## Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda. In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Parish Pantry Team and Friends. We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Anne, Leonie Cable, Caroline, Tiffany Cheng, David, Florence, Dela Gibson, Elaine Gow, Meg Harley, Alec Harris, John, Loraine and Phil James, Rose-Marie Lavery, Terry and Betsy McKay, Vanessa McNeill, Veronica Meadan, Elizabeth Morris, Phil, Pam Priest, Sam, Elizabeth Scott, Jill Sharwood, Jenny Sherman, Steve, Barbara Stone, Jayne Styler David Wheatley, Bob Woods, Susan Allen, 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, Karen, 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 and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We give thanks for the lives of the recently departed especially Enid Kell, Arden Riley and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Stephen Jordan, Joyce Harvey, Florence Dobbins, Anthony Artinian, Polihronia Tsangidou, Sidney Stephens, Fay Woods and Robert McKinnon.

✠ 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.*



**Mary Mother of our Lord – Friday 15 August 2025**

**6:00pm Choral Eucharist**

Setting: *Missa de angelis* (Gregorian chant)  
 Motet: *Ave Maria* (Gian Paolo Dal Dosso, b.1967)




 **MUSIC @ ST PAUL'S**  
 Recital Series

**LUNCHTIME  
 RECITAL**

**Artist: BENJAMIN LAM**  
*piano / chamber ensemble*

**1:15pm – Tuesday 19 August 2025**  
 Note donation or book online by scanning the QR code:



David Russell  
 Director of Music

205-207 Burwood Road, Burwood NSW 2134  
 music@stpaulsburwood.org.au

Sheryl Southwood OAM  
 Recital Convenor





ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood



# CHORAL EVENSONG

for

## THE EVE OF THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:00pm – Sunday 7 September 2025

*followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall*

Fr Michael Deasey OAM  
Locum Tenens

David Russell  
Director of Music

[info@stpaulsburwood.org.au](mailto:info@stpaulsburwood.org.au)

### Offertory Budget to end June \$101,400 - Receipts \$91,597

Collection and other donations from 26 June – 2 July 2025:

Offertory: \$4,987.40

Parish Pantry: \$1,585.00

**TOTAL GIVING: \$6,572.40**

### 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: 818 285

*please note that our bank details have recently changed*

#### 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: *last Friday of the month*

**5:40pm** 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](http://stpaulsburwood.org.au)



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**Lay Minister**  
**Director of Music**  
**Organist**  
**Sacristan**  
**Lay Assistant**

Fr James Collins OAM  
Fr Michael Deasey OAM FRSCM  
Fr Mark Battison  
Ms Rosemary King  
Mr David Russell  
Mr Bailey Yeates  
Br Brian Luhr OGS OAM  
Ms Natalie McDonald