



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# HOLY INNOCENTS

Sunday 28 December 2025

9:00AM SUNG 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 Feast of Holy Innocents.

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.

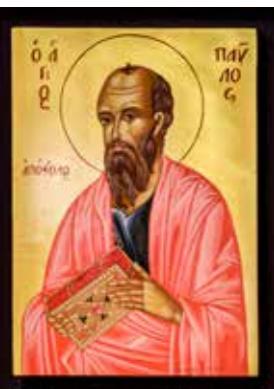
May God richly bless you!

Peace,  
Fr James Collins OAM  
Rector

*Please take this order of service home.*

## TODAY'S MUSIC DETAILS:

**Setting:** **Mass of St Francis** (Paul Taylor, b.1957)



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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.*

*The Processional Hymn is introduced with the following:*

Let us proceed in peace.

✠ In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Processional Hymn

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 87 87 87 7

Melody from *Piae Cantiones*  
Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582



- 1 Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain all that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic Close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 2 By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 3 He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 4 O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation by the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
- 5 This is he, whom seer and sibyl sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed in the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry!  
*Evermore and evermore.*

6 Let the storm and summer sunshine, gliding stream and sounding shore,  
sea and forest, frost and zephyr, day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee through the ages evermore,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

7 Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Whereso'er ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Latin, Prudentius (348-413)  
Tr. R.F. Davis (1866-1937)

# 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:*

O Lord our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Your glory above the heavens is sung by the mouths of babes and infants.

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

*Cantor*

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

*Cantor*

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

*Cantor*

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

## Gloria

*All remain standing for the collect of the day.*

## Collect

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at cruel hands, though they had done no wrong: give us grace neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently by, but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong: in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please SIT for the readings and psalm.*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31.15–20

Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.

Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading: 'You disciplined me, and I took the discipline; I was like a calf untrained. Bring me back, let me come back, for you are the Lord my God. For after I had turned away I repented; and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh; I was ashamed, and I was dismayed because I bore the disgrace of my youth.' Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he the child I delight in? As often as I speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore I am deeply moved for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: 124

*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 If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say: (pause)  
if the Lord had not been on our side,  
when our enemies rose against us,

2. Then they would have swallowed us alive: (pause)  
when their anger was kindled against us.

3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
and the torrent gone over us: (pause)  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

4 But praised be the Lord: (pause)  
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler: (pause)

the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

### 6 Our help is in the name of the Lord: (pause) who has made heaven and earth.

### Second Reading: 1 John 1.5–2.2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND for the gradual hymn.*

### Gradual Hymn

ES IST EIN' 'ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

German Carol Melody

harmonised by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



1 A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure.

*Repeat the hymn again!*  
*'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!'*

2 The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.

3 While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans clap your hands.

4 Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'em, the Saviour and the Lord.  
5 And idol forms shall perish, and error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield his sceptre, our Lord and God for ay.

Greek, St Germanus (634-734)  
Tr. J. M Neale (1818-66) & others

*Remain standing for the gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*You are God: we praise you. You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.*

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

## Gospel: Matthew 2.13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

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

## Sermon

*Please STAND to sing the Creed.*

Fr James Collins  
Rector

## Creed

We be-lieve in one God; **the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and**  
**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, <sup>†</sup> and the life of the  
 world to come. A-men.

*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.*

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:  
<sup>†</sup> 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 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 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

WINCHESTER OLD CM

First published in Thomas Este's *Psalter* 1592

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.
- 2 'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind);  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.
- 3 'To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:
- 4 The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.'
- 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:
- 6 'All glory be to God on high,  
And on the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

## 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.*

*Remain standing to sing the Sanctus and Benedictus.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - - ry. Ho -

sa - na in the high - - - est. 3 **+** Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - - - est.

*Please KNEEL as 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 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.

*Please STAND to sing the Agnus Dei*

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us 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.*

*At the end of the distribution of communion, all STAND for the post-communion prayer.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*The priest says the following seasonal prayer:*

God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with 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.

## Blessing

*The priest says this seasonal Blessing:*

God give you grace to follow 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.

*Remain standing to sing the final hymn.*

## Final Hymn

PUER NOBIS 76 77

Melody from *Piae Cantiones* 1582  
Harmony by G.H. Palmer (1846-1926)



- 1 Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,  
Came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.
- 2 Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see that he all men surpasses.
- 3 Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.
- 4 Omega and Alpha he! let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee doth rend the air asunder.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*Please sit for the notices.*

## Postlude

Alle Menschen müssen sterben

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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 Canada.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for our state, country and all nations and peoples of the world.

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

Barry Brandy, Leonie Cable, Tiffany Cheng, Deb Edmeades, Dela Gibson, Elaine Gow, John, Kate, Andrew McCulloch, Denise McManus, Elizabeth Morris, Pam Priest, Geoff Riccord, Sam, Elizabeth Scott, Ajun and Paul Sibun, Steve, Bob Woods, Joyce Bannister, Belinda, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Margery and Peter Foss, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Gwen Hackett, Meg Harley, Alec Harris, Barbara Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Larry Howley, Clyde Livingstone, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Yolande Phillips, Michelle Phillips, Mark Roberts, Peter Sorensen, Barbara Stone, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, David Wheatley, 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 and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Ivia Walker, Fr Tony Wood, Edna Kathleen Stubbs, Cicely Minola O'Brien, Elias Nemer Chamie, Gunnar Jussberg.

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

## Parish Notices

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be intermittently staffed during early January. For urgent pastoral matters, please contact a member of the clergy.

### Summer Service Schedule

**Sunday Services:** From Christmas Day until Sunday 18 January 2026 (inclusive), there will be one combined Sunday service at 9:00am, followed by refreshments in the hall.

The regular schedule of 8:00am and 10:00am will resume on **Sunday 25 January 2026** when we will celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Paul.

**Wednesday Mid-week Eucharist** will resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

**Friday Services** will resume on Friday 30 January 2026.



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
**Sunday 4 January 2026**  
**9:00am Sung Eucharist**



**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**Sunday 11 January 2026**  
**9:00am Sung Eucharist**



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

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 BSB: 032-062 Acc: 812 238

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Account Name: National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood  
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**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

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## HOLY COMMUNION

Summer Schedule: (from 28 December 2025 to 18 January 2026)

**9:00am** Sung Eucharist

**Sundays throughout the year:** (resume on Sunday 25 January 2026)

**8:00am** Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

**10:00am** Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

**Wednesdays:** (resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026)

**10:30am** Eucharist

**Fridays:** (resume on Friday 30 January 2026)

**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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