



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 10 May 2026

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter and we welcome our Regional Bishop, Michael Stead, as he confers the sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

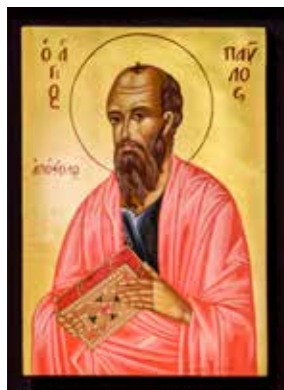
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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady

All 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.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises,' and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

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.

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

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All SIT for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Acts 17.22–31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 66.7–19

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.

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples: *(pause)*
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 **Who has held our souls in life: *(pause)***
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God: *(pause)*
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the net: *(pause)***
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
- 11 You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water: *(pause)*
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 12 **I will come into your house with burnt offerings: *(pause)***
and I will pay you my vows,

- 13 The vows that opened my lips: *(pause)*
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
- 14 **I will offer you burnt offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams: *(pause)***
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.
- 15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God: *(pause)*
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 16 **I called to him with my mouth: *(pause)***
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: *(pause)*
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 **But God has heard me: *(pause)***
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Praise be to God: *(pause)*
who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.8–22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

‘Those who desire life
and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the

days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All STAND for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

FRANCONIA SM

W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)



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| 1 | Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode. | 3 | Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart. |
| 2 | The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King; | 4 | Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee. |

John Keble (1792-1866) and others

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Gospel: John 14.15–21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Right Rev. Dr Michael Stead
Bishop of South Sydney

All 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.

All KNEEL for the prayers.

- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

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.**

All 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.

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Most glorious Lord of life,

we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.

Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,

that we may witness to the resurrection

and show your glory to all the 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.

Remain standing to sing the final hymn.

Final Hymn

NARENZA SM

Melody from Leisentritt's *Catholicum Hymnologium*
Cologne 1584 adapted by W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)



- 1 The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.
- 2 The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.
- 3 The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1844)

Blessing

The bishop says this seasonal Blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness Op. 122 No. 5

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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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Parish Notices

Welcome to Bishop Michael

We welcome our Regional Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr Michael Stead, to both services this morning as he confers the sacrament of confirmation at the 10:00am Choral Eucharist.

Congratulations to those who are being confirmed today. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension – the Fortieth Day of Easter – is a major celebration in the Church's calendar and commemorates Jesus' ascent into heaven, marking the end of His earthly ministry. This will be celebrated this coming **Thursday 14 May** with a Choral Eucharist at 6:00pm.

Festival of Wild Ideas 2026

St Paul's Festival of Wild Ideas takes a short break today and continues next week, Sunday 17 May, with **Associate Professor David Smith**. David is jointly appointed between the United States Study Centre and the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Sydney. His research examines conflict over religion & culture in America, and Australia including politics. His presentation is titled: *The US and us: making sense of American politics*.

Cost: \$20 to cover light lunch and drinks afterwards.

NSW Ecumenical Council

A Service for Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on **Friday 22 May** at 6:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This is followed by the Annual Fundraising Dinner for the NSW Ecumenical Council at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet like-minded Christians of other denominations.

If you need a lift to the service or dinner or have any questions about this event please contact Phillip Seale via email: phillip@pscontracting.com.au

Burwood Community Choir

The Autumn concert for the Burwood Community Choir @ St Paul's is on **Friday 22 May** in the parish hall at 7:00pm. Admission by donation and all proceeds from the concert will go to the Parish Pantry.

Rectory Appeal

Thank you to those parishioners who have already given generously to the appeal. As we approach the end of the financial year, the Wardens would like to remind you of the National Trust account into which all donations are tax-deductible.

Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).
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:

Vanessa Brandy, Tiffany Cheng, Deb Edmeades, Richard Gore, Elaine Gow, Kate, Ralph Lane, Lewis, Andrew McCulloch, Angie McIntyre, Pat Phillips, David and Pam Priest, Geoff Riccord, Sam, Sharon Sandstrom, Elizabeth Scott, Ramona Sharp, Dawn Sheppard, Ajun and Paul Sibun, Jill Sharwood, Steve, Lingling Wang, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, Barry Brandy, Belinda, Leonie Cable, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Susanna Gore, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Meg Harley, Barbara Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, 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, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We give thanks for the lives of the recently departed, particularly Sam Sarkis, Robert Najjar and Rod Madgewick, and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Fr John Henry Adams, Fabian LoSchiavo, Marjorie L.E. Thorp.

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



A kind donation to St Paul's Music Inc in lieu of flowers, is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Marjorie Thorp

13th May 1976 (50 years ago at Broken Hill)

Daughters Marion, Glynis and Family

*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



Ascension Day – Thursday 14 May 2026

6:00pm Choral Eucharist

Setting: **Missa de Angelis** (Gregorian chant)

Motet: **Ascendens Christus** (Jacobus Gallus)



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Burwood

CHORAL EVENSONG

TRINITY SUNDAY
5:00pm – Sunday 31 May 2026
followed by refreshments in the parish hall

Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

David Russell
Director of Music

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17 May: Associate Professor David Smith – The US and us: making sense of American politics.

David is jointly appointed between the United States Study Centre and the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Sydney. His research examines conflict over religion & culture in America, and Australia including politics.



24 May: Mark Squire – Tales from the Crypt

Mark is a lawyer of long standing who specialises in Wills and Estates including complex drafting, Probate and intestate estates.



31 May: Professor Holly Seale – Immunisation Supporting Healthy Ageing

Holly is a social scientist at the University of NSW who studies how people and health systems respond to public health programs. Her work focuses on vaccination, infection prevention and control, responsible antibiotic use and pandemic preparedness in Australia and around the world.



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BSB: 032-044 Acc: 742 926
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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

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 (weekly during Lent & Advent)*

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



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