



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Sunday 16 August 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 Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord.

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.

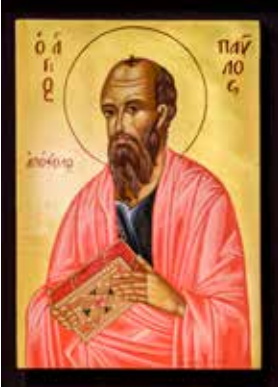
We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. Refreshments (tea/coffee), when served, are available in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church.

Please take this order of service home.

About Today’s Celebration

The life of the Virgin Mary holds a special place in Christianity. God chose her to be the vessel through which his Son, Jesus Christ, would take on flesh and enter the world as a human being. Mary’s obedience and devotion to God played a crucial role in the unfolding of God’s redemptive plan.

On 15 August, Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of St Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord (a Holy Day in the Lectionary), honouring the remarkable life of the mother of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a joyous occasion filled with reverence, thanksgiving, and reflection on Mary’s profound role in the salvation story.



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Cover Photo: The Assumption of Mary (artist unknown).

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.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God’s children.
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

Let us pray.
Loving God, who chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son: grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

All SIT for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Isaiah 61.10–62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm: Song of Mary

*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 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: *(pause)*
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- 2 **Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: *(pause)***
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me: *(pause)*
and holy is his name.
- 4 **God has mercy on those who fear him: *(pause)***
from generation to generation.
- 5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm: *(pause)*
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 6 **Casting down the mighty from their thrones: *(pause)***
and lifting up the lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with good things: *(pause)*
and sent the rich away empty
- 8 **He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: *(pause)***
to remember the promise of mercy,
- 9 The promise made to our forebears: *(pause)*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4–7

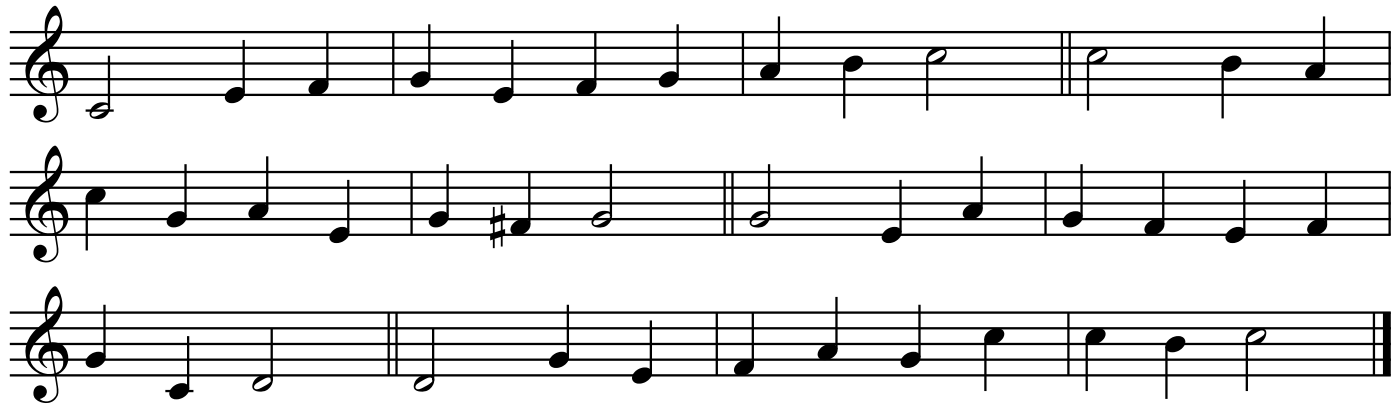
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

All STAND with the celebrant for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

FARLEY CASTLE 10 10 10 10 Henry Lawes (1596-1662)



- 1 Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Bethl’em came that happy morn;
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.
- 2 As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary with man’s Saviour in embrace
Joyed for herself and for all human race.
- 3 All saints are by her son’s dear influence blest,
She kept the very Fountain at her breast;
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.
- 4 Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she’s of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up into heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 2.1–7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Ms Rosemary King

Lay Minister

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.

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.

The Lord has mercy on those who fear him from generation to generation.

(Silence may be kept)

Let us humbly confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident that God will raise us up.

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 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 silent bow towards those seated around you.

Please remain standing for the offertory hymn.

An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be given in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 15 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.



There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.

Offertory Hymn

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Cyril Taylor (1907-91)



- 1 Sing we of the blessed Mother Who received the angel's word,
 And obedient to his summons Bore in love the infant Lord;
 Sing we of the joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed
 Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.
- 2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, Of the sword that pierced her through,
 When beneath the cross of Jesus She his weight of suffering knew,
 Looked upon her Son and Saviour Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
 Saw the price of man's redemption Paid to set the sinner free.

- 3 Sing again the joys of Mary When she saw the risen Lord,
 And in prayer with Christ's apostles, Waited on his promised word:
 From on high the blazing glory Of the Spirit's presence came,
 Heavenly breath of God's own being, Manifest through wind and flame.
- 4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary When on earth her work was done,
 And the Lord of all creation Brought her to his heavenly home:
 Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, Raised on high, and crowned with grace,
 May your Son, the world's redeemer, Grant us all to see his face.

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

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

God our Saviour, your word proclaims our salvation which we taste in the bread of life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary that we, too, may respond as willing servants and bear your Word to our 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

WOODLANDS 10 10 10 10

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my, soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024); based on Luke 1:46-55

Blessing

The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace; 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

Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux from Mass for the Parishes

François Couperin (1668-1733)

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 Notices

Lunchtime Recital

Our next lunchtime recital will take place this **Tuesday 18 August** at 1:15pm and will feature the pianist D J Ha. Entry is by note donation/tap.

Used Stamps

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

Friday Services

Our Friday services are currently on the **last** Friday of the month: 5.40pm Evening Prayer & 6.00pm Holy Communion. The next Friday services will be held on **Friday 28 August**.

Violin Recital

At 4:00pm on **Sunday 30 August** violinist Andrew Wang and pianist Bernice Chua will present “Melodie Affetuose” at St Paul's before they return to continue their studies at the Mozarteum University, Salzburg. Andrew has performed several times at our Lunchtime Recitals. The program will include the Franck Violin Sonata in A major. Bookings at events.humantix.com. Tickets: \$45 and \$25 (concession).

Upcoming Fundraising Events to raise money for the Rectory

- High Tea in the Rectory on **Saturday 12 September** at 2:00pm.
Contact Pam Brock for more details (0402 547 892)
- Kitchen Kapers (Trivia Night) on **Saturday 24 October** at 5:00pm.
See Margaret Whittaker for more details.

Nomination Process

Please pray for our Parish Nominators: Carolyn Blanden, Jane Carrick, Elizabeth Griffiths, Brian Luhr and Neil McEwan as they begin shortlisting and interviewing potential candidates to further progress the process of selecting a new Rector for St Paul's.



The flowers in the church today are given by Denise Wagener in thanks to God and in loving memory of her father:

Sidney Stephens

whose years' mind is 13 August.

Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church in Wales.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for The Trustees and residents of Blacket House.

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, Elaine Gow, Meg Harley, Karen, Kate, Lewis, Andrew McCulloch, Angie McIntyre, Pat Phillips, David Priest, Colleen Riley, Ryan, Sam, Sharon Sandstrom, Elizabeth Scott, Dawn Sheppard, Ajun and Paul Sibun, Jill Sharwood, Steve, Barbara Stone, Naomi Swadling, Lingling Wang, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, Barry Brandy, Belinda, Dale Berry, John Burns, Leonie Cable, Debbie, Susanna and Richard Gore, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Barbara Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Stephen Laurence, Clyde Livingstone, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Yolande Phillips, Michelle Phillips, Pam Priest, Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, others known to us and those who have no one to pray for them.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We give thanks for the lives of the recently departed, particularly Judith Stevens, and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Sidney Stephens, Fay Joyce Woods, Robert Charles McKinnon, Raymond Ronald Arthur Robertson, Annetta Lilian Roberts, Patrick Roche Thompson, Br Ned Lynn Gerber OSB, Richard Creak, Gordon McColl, Ross Gough, Pauline Gladys Taylor, Robert Arthur Cranley, William Hamilton Spicer, Ena Gillespie.

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

PRAYER FOR A PARISH DURING VACANCY

Heavenly Father, we hold before you all who live and work in our Parish of Burwood, and all who gather to worship you at St Paul's.

*Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for our parish
and we know that those plans are good.*

Wise and Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right priest to be our next Rector, and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry.

*Together, may we all discern your way for the future
and be further equipped to grow your kingdom in this place.*

Amen.



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Offertory

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Offertory: \$2,613.28

Parish Pantry: \$255.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,868.28

Thank you for your generous donation.

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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 to this account 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 (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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