



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sunday 23 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 Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost.

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.

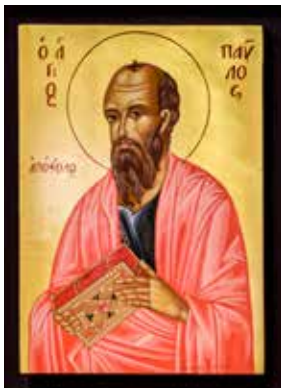
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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

Jesus said to them, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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, the fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All SIT for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Exodus 1.8 – 2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord.

4 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: Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All STAND for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

ALL FOR JESUS 87 87

John Stainer (1840-1901)



- 1 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.
- 3 Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.
- 4 Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Brian Foley (1919-2000)

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.*

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 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of

the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr Michael Deasey

Senior Assistant Priest

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.

The following response is used:

Jesus, 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.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

(Silence may be kept)

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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

CONTEMPLATION CM

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley (1825-89)



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| 1 When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise. | 4 When worn with sickness oft hast thou
With health renewed my face;
And when in sins and sorrows sunk,
Revived my soul with grace. |
| 2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed. | 5 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death in distant worlds
The glorious theme renew. |
| 3 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
And led me up to man. | 6 Through all eternity to thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
For O, eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise. |

Joseph Addison (1672-1719)

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

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your
goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us
to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally
be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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

WILTSHIRE CM

George Smart (1776-1867) in his *Collection of Sacred Music* (1863)



A - men.

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| 1 Through all the changing scenes of life
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ. | 4 O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide. |
| 2 O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came. | 5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care. |
| 3 The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust. | 6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen. |

Psalm 34, Tate and Brady New Version (1696)

Blessing

The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Preamble from Seven Sketches

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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

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 **this coming Friday, 28 August**.

Choral Evensong

Our next Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of the Martyrs of New Guinea will take place on **Sunday 6 September at 5:00pm**. Our guest preacher will be Fr Antony Weiss, Chaplain of St Paul's College in the University of Sydney. Evensong will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Upcoming Fundraising Events to raise money for the Rectory

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

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.

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).

Monthly Parish Lunch

The next monthly parish lunch at Club Burwood will take place at 12:30pm on **Sunday 13 September**. Please speak with Phillip Seale for more details and to confirm your attendance.

Nomination Process

Please pray for our Parish Nominators: Carolyn Blanden, Jane Carrick, Elizabeth Griffiths, Brian Luhr and Neil McEwan as they prepare for their next meeting with the Diocesan Nominators to further progress the process of selecting a new Rector for St Paul's.

Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we give thanks for the ministry and worship of past parishioners and clergy of St Paul’s.

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, Neil, 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 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 and those whose year’s mind occurs at this time:

Phyllis Leadbeater, Heather Rae Thomson, Yvonne Lenna McKee, Lorna Gladys Steele, John Malcolm Green, Geoffrey Arnold, Janet Anne Francis, Margaret Agnes MacPherson, Phyllis Howell, Kathleen Priscilla Meggitt.

✚ 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.

Offertory

Budget to end of July: \$134,000 – Receipts: \$126,313

Collection and other donations this week:

Offertory: \$4,006.83 Parish Pantry: \$505 Votive Candles: \$44.30
Consort 8 Concert Donation: \$750

TOTAL GIVING: \$5,306.13

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Account Name: Parish Pantry
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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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