

ST PAUL'S NEWS

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WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong. St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

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Pastoral Message

Thank you one and all for an excellent Holy Week and Easter! It has been very encouraging to receive so much positive feedback about our services and teaching. Many of our guests also spoke fondly of our community and the welcome they received.

I also wish to thank you for the way in which we collectively conducted ourselves throughout the process of public consultation and the Public Meeting. While this is a sensitive subject, everyone from the Bishop to the local MP and many others have expressed how impressed they were with our professional approach, community culture and Christian love. I was truly gobsmacked by how well the Public Meeting went!

With this important piece of work behind us, we move now to two tasks that require input from our whole parish: 1) Lota House Chapel restoration and 2) Our model of ministry for when we get there. There is plenty of work to do to make these things happen and, as I have said many times, both are and must be the work of the people - you need to own this process and take responsibility for your community and the faith it proclaims. Parish Council will be in touch soon to start these conversations across the parish.



May Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am
 Sunday Lota House 10.30am
 Tuesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

Sunday 1st - Easter 3

Acts 9.1-6
 Ps. 30
 Revelation 5.6-14
 John 21.1-19

Sunday 8th - Easter 4

Acts 9.36-43
 Ps. 23
 Revelation 7.9-17
 John 10.22-30

Sunday 15th - Easter 5

Acts 11.1-18
 Ps. 148
 Revelation 21.1-6
 John 13.31-35

Sunday 22nd - Easter 6

Acts 16.9-15
 Ps. 67
 Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5
 John 5.1-9

Sunday 29th - Easter 7

Acts 16.16-34
 Ps. 97
 Revelation 22.12-22
 John 17.20-26

We also share our Easter Season Teaching Series during May. As we share the journey of resurrection, the Season of Easter, we are reminded that all Christians are one in Christ. All who seek in this life to emulate Jesus the Christ have, once and for all, been reconciled to God and to each other by the cross of Christ. The unveiling of our union with God, places before each of us the call to the "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18). As we have been eternally blessed by the peace and hope offered by our covenant with God, we each seek to bless others with this gift. In so doing, we play our part as members of the Body of Christ, inching this world ever closer to mirroring the world to come.

The *Way of the St Paul's* serves as our guide on this path of discipleship. By drawing nearer to God through prayerful study and formation focused on Jesus, Spirituality, Communion and Tradition we "equip the Saints" for the ministry of the church, the ministry of reconciliation, restoration, resurrection.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

May Ministry & Notices

9th Parish Council 7.15pm
 14th Cursillo 10am speak with Jen
 19th Tatters & Chatters Craft Group 9.30am
 8th & 22nd PeACE Patrol after church Sunday speak with Asta
 24th Mother's Union Eucharist & Meeting 9.30am in Church

For Our Prayers

Please hold in prayer those who are unwell at this time or have asked for our prayers: David, Nancy, Veronica, Michael C, Gloria, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle & Lowie, Harline, Peter and Jean, David and Jody, Bev and Bruce and Alison.

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