

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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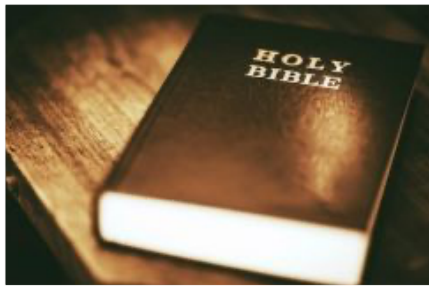


Pastoral Message

"The only constant in life is change" wrote the ancient Ephesian philosopher Heraclitus. As much as there is comfort and security in predictability and routine, life itself never sits still for long. Change can be uncomfortable, but whether we like it or not it is constant and, these days, rapid.

The question always before us is not "Will things change?" but rather "How will we respond when they do?". As a new year begins and we all seek to live authentic and faithful lives amid confusing times for the world and the church, how will you respond? How will St Paul's as a parish community meet the challenges of our time in such a way as to give glory to God, love all God's people and reveal to others a little of heaven on earth? Over more than a 120 years we've demonstrated our mettle as a courageous and proactive community of disciples. I reckon we're up for it again - whatever a new year brings!

And there's no greater inspiration, no more spiritually nourishing conviction, than the birth and baptism of our Lord. Every Christmas and Epiphany we celebrate not only



January Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am
 Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Tuesday Lota House 11am

Sunday 3rd - Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60.1-6
 Ps. 72.1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3.1-12
 Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 10th - Lord's Baptism

Genesis 1.1-5
 Ps. 29
 Acts 19.1-7
 Mark 1.4-11

Sunday 17th - Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20)
 Ps. 139.1-5, 12-18
 1 Corinthians 6.12-20
 John 1.43-51

Sunday 24th - Epiphany 3

Jonah 3.1-10
 Ps. 62.5-12
 1 Corinthians 7.29-31
 Mark 1.14-20

the revelation of God among us, but in equal measure the revelation of new life in Christ. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17). So "put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created you" (Col. 3:10).

2021 is bound to throw up changes and challenges. We at St Paul's are bound to be confronted by change we would much rather not experience. But "be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Josh. 1:9). Our shared vision of *The Way of St Paul's* with its focus on Jesus Christ, Spirituality, Communion and Tradition will guide our journey and hold us as one by the transformative and life-giving power of the Holy Spirit in 2021. Happy New Year!

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

January Ministry

14th Parish Council Thursday 7.15pm - speak with Fr. Daniel.
 21rd Tatters & Chatters 9.30am in Parish Hall - speak to Ailsa.

January Notices

26th No ministry on Australia Day
 30th Parish Jumble & Bathroom Wares Sale 7.30am-11.30am
 7 February Parish AGM 10am in the church
 2nd February 2021 M.U. Planning Day 10am - speak to Ailsa.
 23rd February M.U. 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: Chris & Barb, Ellen, David, Nancy, Michael C, Gloria, Margaret, Anise, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Ellen, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle and Lowie.

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Parish Prayer

Loving God,
 through humble beginnings in a stable the ministry of your Son Jesus brought us into deeper union with you and all creation.

By the presence of your Spirit, may your people of St Paul's be strengthened in faith, inspired by hope and encouraged by prayer to love and serve you in the life of our community here at the edge of the sea. Amen.