

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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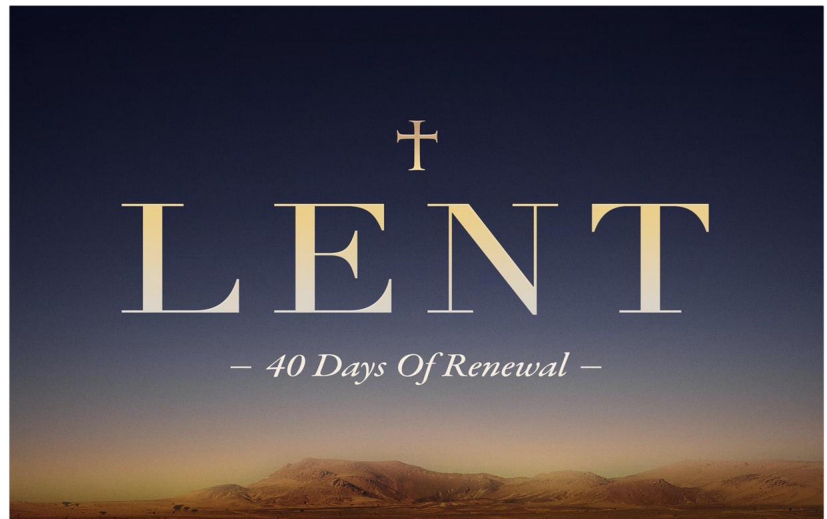
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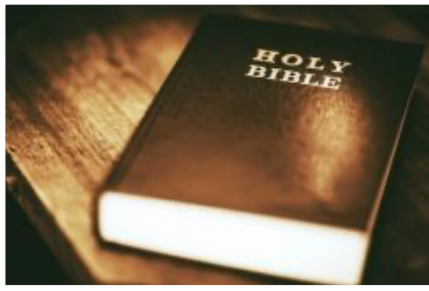
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Pastoral Message

Thank you one and all for sharing in a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year at St Paul's! As 2021 gets underway proper, it is that time when we gather for our Parish AGM. This annual meeting is an important opportunity to reflect upon the year that was, review our ministry and mission and discern God's call on the life of our community for the year to come. Please take a moment to hold the parish in prayer as this meeting approaches on February 7 and carefully review AGM materials. You might also dedicate some time and prayer to your ministry at St Paul's - what might God be calling you into in 2021? What might you need to let go of in 2021? How might your time, talents and treasure be well stewarded toward the fulfilment of God's vision for God's world in 2021? We are each members of the Body of Christ, called upon to play our part in pursuit of this life-giving, holistic vision!

As of February 17 2021, we begin the Season of Lent. This is a season in the life of the church dedicated to self-examination through prayer, fasting and penitence. The 40 days of Lent



February Readings & Services

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

Sunday 7th - Epiphany 5

Isaiah 40.21-31
 Ps.147.1-11
 1 Corinthians 9.16-23
 Mark 1.29-39

Sunday 14th - Transfiguration

2 Kings 2.1-12
 Ps. 50.1-6
 2 Corinthians 4.3-12
 Mark 9.2-9

Ash Wednesday 17th 9.30am

Isaiah 58.1-12
 Ps. 51.1-17
 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10
 Matthew 6.1-21

Sunday 21st - Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17
 Ps. 25.1-10
 1 Peter 3.18-22
 Mark 1.9-15

Sunday 28th - Lent 2

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16
 Ps. 22.24-32
 Romans 4.13-25
 Mark 8. 31-38

mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, without distraction or disturbance, discerning God's will for him following his baptism by John in the Jordan river. The new life made possible by baptism is also an invitation to examine ourselves - our lives, our conduct, our priorities - with a view to drawing nearer to God through Christ. The wilderness experience of the desert is no mere metaphor. We all experience such moments in life. Amid the isolation and uncertainty we are afforded a paradoxical experience - we are isolated and uncertain, yet in the midst of this we are also blessed with a unique opportunity - the invitation to draw nearer to the source of all life. I pray Lent 2021 and our teaching series, *Lenten Reflections On The Cross*, unsettles us this year while at once revealing a little of the Divine as it calls, equips and sends us out into the God's world.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

February Ministry

6th Cursillo Group 10am - speak to Jen.
 13th Introduction to Spiritual Direction - speak to Fr Daniel.
 17th Ash Wednesday Service 9.30am.
 18th Tatters & Chatters 9.30am in Parish Hall - speak to Ailsa.
 20th Lenten Quiet Day 9.30am - 2.30pm - speak to Fr Daniel.
 23rd M.U. Eucharist 9.30am - speak with Ailsa.

February Notices

2nd SAILS at Bayside Monthly Meeting 7pm.
 4th M.U. Planning Day 10am - speak with Ailsa.
 7th Parish AGM 10am.

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, Paul G, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Ellen, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle and Lowie.

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