

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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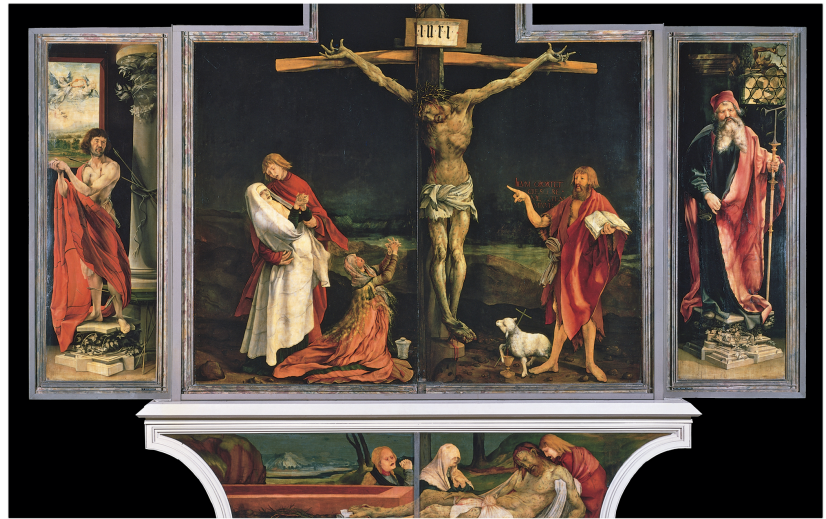
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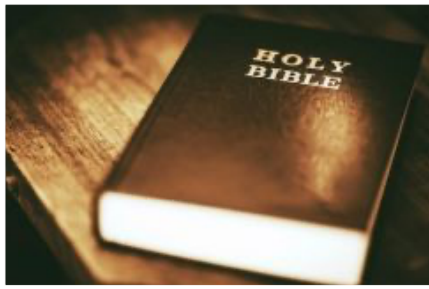


Pastoral Message

For a people who live after the Enlightenment and the advent of modern science, Christians continue to make some bewildering and mystifying claims. "God is my salvation" (Ps. 68:19). "Jesus is my Saviour" (Jn. 4:42). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21).

What? How? Saved from what?

While the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are all part of the work of Christ, the cross has taken on particular prominence in Christian imagination. While Christians across the theological spectrum tend to emphasise particular elements more than others, all revere the cross. The New Testament uses a range of metaphors to express the reconciling work of the cross. Drawing upon the cultural context of the time, these metaphors include, among others, financial, legal, military and sacrificial. They each offer a rich depth and breadth of meaning and illuminate something of the salvific work of Christ. Some of the metaphors have over time been elaborated by



March Readings & Services

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

Sunday 7th - Lent 3

Exodus 20.1-17
 Ps. 19
 1 Corinthians 1.18-25
 John 2.13-22

Sunday 14th - Lent 4

Numbers 21.4-9
 Ps. 107.1-3; 17-22
 Ephesians 2.1-10
 John 3.14-21

Sunday 21st - Lent 5

Jeremiah 31.31-34
 Ps. 119.9-16
 Hebrews 5.5-14
 John 12.20-33

Sunday 28th - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a
 Ps. 31.9-18
 Philippians 2.5-11
 Mark 14.1 - 15.27

On Palm Sunday, we welcome Archbishop Phillip Aspinall to lead our worship and guide us into Holy Week.

theologians into “theories of atonement” (Hebrew: kâpar, to make amends, pardon, release, appease, forgive). These theories are the focus of our 2021 Lenten Study here at St Paul’s. As we journey to the cross of Good Friday, we do so in prayer and reflection seeking to discern what this means for us today. Like most things in the church, there is not one theory or interpretation of the cross that has received universal acceptance. These theories are not mutually exclusive. Nor does any one theory sit neatly within the life of any particular denomination. As we will see, they each enrich the other along the arc of church history, constantly evolving as an organic theological exploration. Or as St Anselm once famously wrote about theology, “faith seeking understanding”. I pray you are able to carve out some space for yourself this Lent, space to reflect upon the ways in which you need to let go and let God.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

March Ministry

6th Cursillo Group 10am
 13th Pace Book Club launch - speak with Fr. Daniel
 25th MU Eucharist/Meeting 9.30am
 Lenten series *“How are we saved? Reflections on the Cross”*

March Notices

2nd SAILS at Bayside AGM 7pm St Andrew’s, Ormiston
 4th Parish Council Thursday 7.15pm - speak with Fr. Daniel
 14th Mothering Sunday
 18th Tatters & Chatters 9.30am in Parish Hall - speak to Ailsa

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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