

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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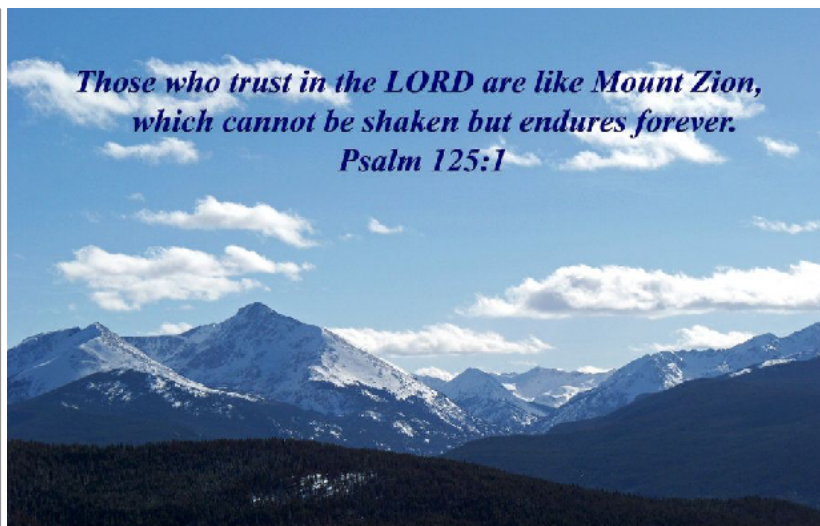
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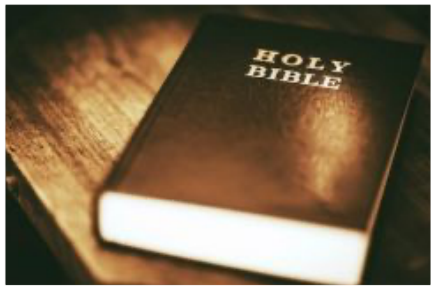


*Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
Psalm 125:1*

Pastoral Message

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever" (Ps. 125:1). This verse has served as an anchor, a mooring post, a great comfort throughout my life. Even in my relatively short 40 years on this planet, I have witnessed and experienced challenges and chances, ups and downs, successes and failures. Even the church and the life of faith have changed dramatically since I was a child.

One thing I have discussed with many of you in recent weeks is the depth and rate of change that has taken place in our nation in the last, say, 30 or 40 years. Where once we spent most of our lives in one location, sharing life with generations of our family, we now move far and frequently for career, education, adventure and opportunity. When I was a kid almost everyone belonged to a service club, went to church, supported a union and/or political party and, often, voted as their parent's had always voted lest "Dad roll over in his grave". We believed the world was ordered, straight forward and predictable. Things were pretty black and white. What was yesterday, was also today and will be tomorrow. I suspect our world was never really as simple as we believed it to be, but we perceived it such and drew comfort from the certainty this offered.



July Readings & Services

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

Sunday 4th - Pentecost 6

2 Samuel 5.1-5; 9-10
 Ps. 48
 2 Corinthians 12.2-10
 Mark 6.1-13

Sunday 11th - Pentecost 7

2 Samuel 6.1-5; 12b-19
 Ps. 24
 Ephesians 1.1-14
 Mark 6.14-29

Sunday 18th - Pentecost 8

2 Samuel 7.1-14a
 Ps. 89.21-38
 Ephesians 2.11-22
 Mark 6.30-34; 53-56

Sunday 25th - Pentecost 9

2 Samuel 11.1-15
 Ps. 14
 Ephesians 3.14-21
 Mark 7.1-8; 14-23



In the last few decades, the world has experienced rapid and pervasive change like never before. Personally, I have shed tears and taken a few years to come to terms with the fact that I don't and can't live in the bush anymore, that "community" as it shaped me as a child no longer exists, that church and, for me, ordained ministry, is not what it was as a child nor what I understood my ordination to mean. I've been at sea for some years now. Unable to make sense of the present and anxious about the future. I know many of you feel the same. Like the disciples amid the stormy waters, we Christians are so blessed that our true source of life and love is not of this world - that God in Christ is like Mount Zion, earthed, solid, eternal. I pray this conviction offers you the same comfort and confidence it has and to continues to offer me. Go gently, beautiful humans.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

July Ministry

CANCELLED 3rd Cursillo 10am speak with Jennifer Crisp
 27th Mother's Union Eucharist & Meeting in the Church
 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th cenTered - speak with Asta
 11th and 25th PeACE Patrol after church Sundays - Asta

July Notices

1st Parish Council 7.15pm
 6th SAILS at Bayside Meeting, St Peter's, Wynnum
 10th - Street Market - speak with Isobel or Ailsa
 15th Tatters & Chatters 9.30am - speak to Lynn
 18th Community Lunch 12noon Parish Hall

For Our Prayers

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

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