

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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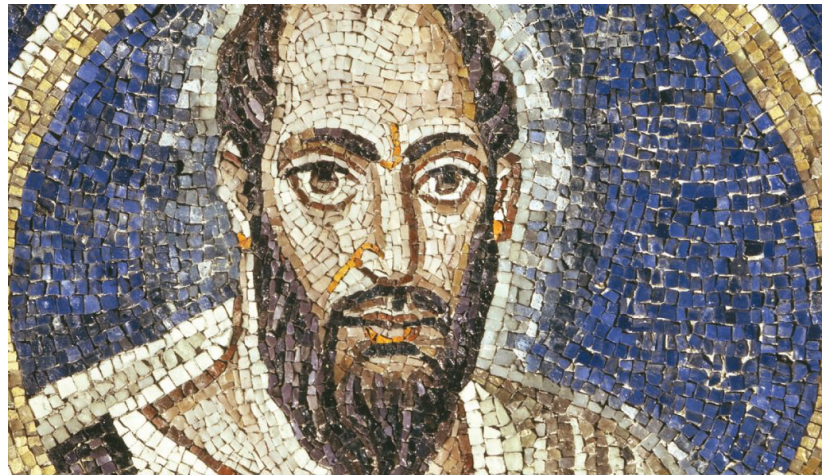
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CRUCIFIED LORD**
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Pastoral Message

To live as a disciple of Christ is to seek to imitate the ways of Jesus of Nazareth. We are called not to follow Jesus as a leader but to emulate his time on earth, to fashion our lives in the pattern of his. This is not so much a system of belief, but a particular way of seeing, feeling and behaving toward God, creation and all humanity. It is a lifelong journey requiring constant, intentional commitment, nourished by spiritual practice in community with fellow disciples.

At the heart of the story of Jesus of Nazareth is the cross. The theological significance of the cross and the crucifixion across the Christian Church is couched in a variety of ways but no one disagrees the "the cross is the signature of the one who is risen", as Ernst Käsemann wrote.

While the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are all part of the work of Christ, the cross is of particular prominence in Christian imagination. It was of central importance for Paul.



March Readings & Services

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

Sunday 6th - Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11
 Ps. 91.1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10.4-13
 Luke 4.1-15

Sunday 13th - Lent 2

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18
 Ps. 27
 Philippians 3. 17-4.1
 Luke 13. 31-35

Sunday 20th - Lent 3

Isaiah 53. 1-9
 Ps. 63. 1-9
 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13
 Luke 13. 1-9

Sunday 27th - Lent 4

Joshua 5. 2-12
 Ps. 32
 2 Corinthians 5. 16-21
 Luke 15. 11-32



So it is that Paul placed particular emphasis on living a cruciform life in his writings. "Paul can say with utmost conviction and honesty that his mission was to "know" - to experience and to proclaim in both word and deed - nothing but "Jesus Christ, that is Jesus Christ *crucified*" (1 Cor. 2:2) (Gorman, p.98). For "I have been *crucified* with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Gal.2:19b).

What might it mean to live a cruciform life? How might we put on the mind of Christ? And what do Paul's letters reveal about living our lives through the lens of the cross?

Seeking to explore these questions together, we will in Lent 2022 work our way through our next teaching series, *At the name of Jesus: a cruciform life*. This six part resource will guide us during our season of lent, as we ourselves reflect upon our own journey to the cross.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

March Ministry

Lent Teaching Series - At The Name of Jesus
 2nd Ash Wednesday at St Paul's 9.30am, St Peter's 10am & 7pm
 4th World Day of Prayer at St Paul's 9.30am
 5th Cursillo speak with Jen
 13th & 27rd PeACE Patrol after church Sunday - Asta
 17th Tatters & Chatters Craft Group 9.30am
 22nd 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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