

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices for inclusion are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wednesday for publication the following Sunday.

Services Each Month:

7.30am every Sunday - Eucharist:

9.30am 1st Sunday - Communion

9.30am 2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer with band.

9.30am 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday – Morning Prayer

Readings for 23rd May 2021:

Acts 2.1-21

Psalms 104.26-36

Romans 8.22-27

John 16.26-27; 16.4b-15

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Office hours – the office is currently open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12noon.

Low gluten wafers are available.

Please indicate to the priest if you want low gluten wafers.

Bubbles and Bowties, it's Show Time! - Friday 4 June

Dig out your finery and bowties, and let's get dressed up for a night out at our next social night on Friday 4 June, starting at 7pm. It's time to share in the food, trivia, music and fun of the carnivals, and great shows from theatres and venues around the world.

Why not invite some friends, come along, reminisce, and have a good laugh. Step up, step up, every player wins a prize! \$15 entry covers meal and fun, with drinks on sale, and a raffle.

For catering purposes please let us know by 30 May if you will be coming along.

Pew Reflection:

Today the Psalmist gives us good guidance. He tells us that we should avoid ungodliness, sin and scornfulness. We should take delight in God's law. One way we can do just that is to read the Bible every day. Regular reading of the Scriptures brings us closer to God and his people over many centuries.

May we all devote a little more time to getting more deeply acquainted with the Scriptures every day.

☺ Sunday Smile – thank you Sunny:

A Bishop was invited to dinner. During the meal he was astonished to hear the young daughter of the house state that a person must be very brave to go to church these days.

'Why do you say that?' asked the Bishop.

'Because,' said the child, 'I heard papa tell mama last Sunday there was a big shot in the pulpit, the canon was in the vestry, the choir murdered the anthem and the organist drowned everybody.'

- Cambridge (England) Daily News

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 16 MAY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A very warm welcome is extended to all of you today. If you are new to the cathedral or visiting us please make yourself known to us.

Sentence

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' *John 17.11*

Collect

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth until the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

Church in Australia: Diocese of Newcastle

CQ Diocese: Special Ministry District of Blackwater, St Stephen's, Blackwater

People in the Parish and Beyond: Church Wardens, Parish Nominators, Synod Representatives, The Judiciary

Our partner Diocese – PNG: Oro Bay Archdeaconry, Banderi Parish, Barisari Parish, Urio (HMD)

Those known to us:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Carmel, Ray, Lorraine, Amy and family.

Recently Departed: Glenda MacDonald

In Memoriam: Clem Leisha, Alexander Vidler, Fanny Creed, Arthur Davis, Loris Cook, Kelvin Olive, Betty Jamieson, Cecily Primmer.

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

16 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter [Sunday after Ascension]

First Reading - Acts 1.15-17, 1.21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: **nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

² But their delight is in the law of the Lord: **and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water: **that yield their fruit in due season.**

⁴ Their leaves also shall not wither: **and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: **they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.**

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: **but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

2nd Reading – 1 John 5.9-13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the

testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel – John 17.6-19

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 17, reading from verse 6 to verse 19.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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Coming Soon.

There will soon be a new Welcome Brochure and New Parishioner Form

Morning Tea – Reminder 1: the new Covid rule requires anyone handling food or drink (tea, coffee etc) to have completed a TAFE food handling (Covid) course – Dining in (sitting).

Morning Tea – Reminder 2: Parishioners are reminded that due to Covid rules for churches, those attending morning tea can only sit with **five or fewer** at each table. This applies to everyone.

MU gathering at St Paul's 19 May.

On Wednesday night 19th May, at 7 pm, Dr Robin Ray will speak on her subject matter as Australian Coordinator of Overseas and Northern Outreach, with extra reference to our Link Dioceses in the upcoming Wave of Prayer. Robin will be known to many people from their time at Wandal, and later when Bill became Bishop of North Queensland, so we will welcome any who wish to come. We will gather in the big hall of the Cathedral Centre. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to this important work of Mothers Union.

Anglicare Bargain Store Fundraiser

The Anglicare Event in the Cathedral Centre on Friday and Saturday was a great success! The fashion parade on Saturday evening was sold out before the end of last week and everyone who attended was delighted with what they saw. There was also an excellent turnout on Saturday. Congratulations to all those who took part in the organisation and running of the event and a sincere Thank You to everyone who attended.