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The Conversion of Saint Paul
January 24th, 2021

Caravaggio

St Paul's Church
Gisborne
10 am

*The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land,
the peoples of the Kulin Nations,
and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.*

The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.

Today's worship

The Conversion of Saint Paul is one of the feasts that is deliberately set in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the time when we focus on the 'manifestation of the revealing of the Christ-child to the Gentiles. In terms of the feast of Christmas, this is the pointer to the 40th day of Christmas: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Saul of Tarsus, whilst the most unlikely of all people to be chosen, is in fact chosen.

Like many people throughout the story of God's interaction with Israel, it is the most unlikely who are chosen.

Saul, or as we know him, Paul, was a persecutor of the Church. He becomes the greatest of all evangelists and apostles. God chooses. Sometimes, we can only wonder "why?"

It is more than appropriate to celebrate his conversion in a Church that bears his name.

Today's liturgical team:		Next Week:
Presider:	Dennis Webster	Alan Smith
Preacher:	Dennis Webster	Dennis Webster
Minister of the Word		Debra Saffrey Collins
Reader:	Dorothy Hughes	Pospy Colquoun •
Intercessor:	Audrey Williams	Brett Collins
Music:	Shawn Ackers	Dianne Gome

Readings:

This Sunday:	Acts 22.3-16	Psalm 117
St Paul's Church, Gisborne	Galatians 1.11-24	Luke 24.44-48
Next Sunday: Epiphany 4B	Deut 18.15.20	Psalm 111
Church of the Resurrection	1 Cor 8.1-13	Mark 1.21-28

PARISH FIRE POLICY

If a **CODE RED** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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The Gathering of God's People

O Laughing Light, O first born of creation,
radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed,
you shine upon us.

Day's light is fragile, your light is eternal.
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit;
you shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy!
Giver of life and Child of God we praise you.
Hear as the universe now proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.

TiS 255 Tune 472
Sylvia G Dunstan 1955-93
based on *Phos hilaron*

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Presider welcomes the people

**I am unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the Church of God:
but by the grace of God I am what I am.**

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
✠ forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect (prayer) of the Day

Let us pray:

O Gods,
who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel,
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

All sit for the Reading appointed.

Acts 22.3-16

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 117 (paraphrase)

From all who dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

TiS 72
Isaac Watts
1674 – 1748 *alt*

The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

Galatians 1.11-24

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

We greet the Gospel:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

You will be the Lord's witness to all the world
of what you have seen and heard

Alleluia!

The reader says

The Lord is here!

God's Spirit is with us!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke,

Luke 24.44-48

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God:

✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Lord God, source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship
united in prayer and the breaking of the bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

**He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.**

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Offertory

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
for me, who him to death pursued?
**Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
**'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for, O my God, it found out me.**

'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:
who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
**My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
**bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Almighty God,
as we celebrate this holy Eucharist,
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We follow the narrative of sacrifice through the scriptures:

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

On the day of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
you strengthen us, like Paul, to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love.

And so, with angels and archangels
and with all the powers of heaven
we glorify your holy name,
in this their ageless hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We look towards our redemption

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread:

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

With this cup:

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We remember Jesus:

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life,
the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We dedicate ourselves to service:

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts,
courage in our actions
and power in our speech
to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with all your saints
to feast with you for ever.

Doxology

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
and in the Spirit's grace,
with heart and soul and mind and strength
we love and worship you alone, O God,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Come, this is not the table of the Church, but of the Lord.
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Communion is received in one kind only today.

Post Communion Prayer

Paul said, 'I urge you to take food for your salvation.'
Then he took bread and giving thanks to God,
broke it and began to eat;
and they were all encouraged and took food.

**Pour upon us, O God,
the Spirit of your love,
so that we who are nourished
by the one bread of heaven
may be made one body in Christ.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Dismissal

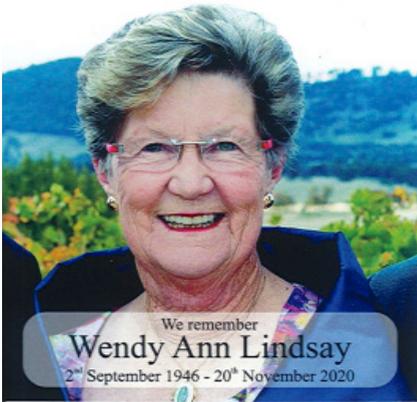
May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world:
and the blessing of God most loving,
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with us all, ever more. **Amen.**

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Services this coming week

Wed	January 27 th 10 am	Eucharist: St Paul's, Gisborne
Sun	January 31 st 10 am	Eucharist: Church of the Resurrection
Wed	Feb 3 rd , 10 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Sat	Feb 6 th , 10 am	Ordination of Debra Saffrey-Collins
Sun	Feb 7 th , 10 am	Festive Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection



Thank You

The family of

Wendy Ann Lindsay

would like to thank you very much for the kind expressions of sympathy shown following her sad passing.

Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.

"To God be the Glory"

From Debra **Re: Attendance at the Ordination to the Diaconate**
Saturday 6th February

Dear Friends,

Firstly may I thank you for your kind words and prayers since the announcement of my intention to offer for ordination. I am truly grateful and just a little overwhelmed by the support I have received, especially from Fr Dennis, those who have been my referees and the prayers of our EFM students. The process of discernment quite rightly, is lengthy to reach the point where the Archbishop and the Examining Chaplains say 'yes', but all along I have

felt the grace of all of you in every step, So now the time is nearly here. The Ordination to the Diaconate will be in St Paul's Cathedral, on Saturday February 6th at 10.30am. However, whereas in the past anyone could be in attendance, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, sadly that will not be the case this year.

There are 16 of us to be Ordained and to work with the restriction numbers, I am allowed to invite a very limited number (family and a few others), and two clergy who will process and support each candidate at the moment of ordination.

As you can imagine I am very disappointed, it is very important to me to share this moment with my parish family and many of you have said that you would have liked to be in attendance. I am so sorry that I have to let you know that this is not going to be possible.

The good news is the Service will be live streamed from the Cathedral and if you would like to you will be able to watch it by using this link:

<https://youtu.be/LbZolKrYqTI>

A copy of the service booklet will also be available there to download, so that you can follow along.

I look forward to us all being together again on Sunday at Church of the Resurrection and celebrating together then in our normal service.

Thank you for your prayers as I begin this next part of my journey

Blessings

Debra

Debra Saffrey-Collins

Head of Chaplaincy and Diocesan Partnerships

If you would like to gather at St Paul's, Gisborne, and watch the ordination 'live' in the Church, as well as receiving communion, could you please let the Parish Office know, or, on the Parish booking page (link) below, 'book a seat'.

Rev'd Dennis

<http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/Emmaus>

or

www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/other-parish-functions

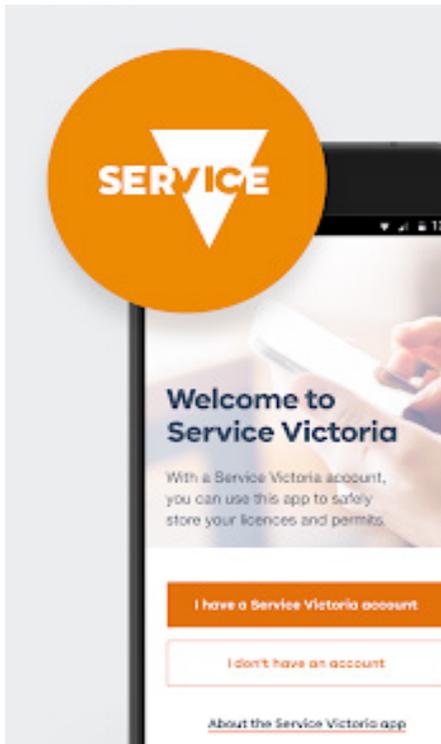
CHECK-IN APP



Have you seen this?

All centres in the Parish now have an unique identifying location and are directly linked to the Service Victoria database.

By using the State Government provided service, this is saving the admin team in the Parish considerable time 'double handling' the information.



The first time you scan, you will be prompted to download the Service Victoria App. It will ask you if you have an account: it's okay to say "No". (You can manage all sorts of government details on the app if you choose to register, including licences, WWC and VicRoads).

There is a bar towards the bottom that says "Quick Check-in" Click.

Add you name and phone number. Click "Submit" and a green tick comes up. An option to 'remember' you will also appear: very useful.

Show your green tick to the COVID officer, and come on through!

Lenten Studies

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on February 17th.

Service times will be published closer to the time with access to the Imposition of Ashes in all centres during the day.

Following the first Sunday of Lent, Lenten Studies will be offered both on line and in person (ZOOM).

The text for this year is *It's all about Hope* by Christopher Monaghan CP.

Chris, a Passionist priest, is the head of the Yarra Theological School, and is an excellent communicator and scholar in the field of the Gospels. During this weekly program, you are invited to 'journey' through the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent towards the Resurrection and beyond. Cost for the book is \$10.

Booking a spot (time/day to be negotiated) – Emmaus page.

A personal devotion called "Journey to lift up your eyes" is being prepared, and centred on the Labyrinth at Church of the Resurrection. More details to come.

Rosters and COVID-19 restrictions.

Rosters for all three centres are now available. If you need to make a change, please let your centre co-ordinator know, and also, the Parish Office.

A note regarding hospitality: tea and coffee can now be served.

Bishop Brad Billings, as Vicar General, has provided the following update:

Masks indoors

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. However, we still recommend wearing masks for singing and when in close proximity to other people. Parishes are free to insist on masks being worn indoors for services if they wish.

Playgroups, mainly music, etc

You may find this link to a document from Playgroup Victoria helpful: [here](#). Normal activities can take place, including singing, and toys can be shared, but we urge caution and cleaning as much as possible.

Food and refreshments

We can have morning teas and meals at church but no sharing utensils, no self-service of food or drink.

Ash Wednesday

For the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, we encourage masks to be worn, similar to the distribution of communion.

Holy Communion

Holy communion remains in one kind (bread) or wine in individual cups or a drop safely placed on each wafer. We expect the sharing of a common cup to be prohibited for a long time to come. Individual cups remain permitted and a common jug or cruet could be used to fill the cups to maintain the sense of one cup.

Collection plate

A collection plate handed round becomes a commonly touched surface. We recommend having the plate available at entry or on the way to communion and that people sanitise hands after handling cash.

Wishing you a Happy New Year

+ Bradley Billings,

Vicar General

Where there is a designated WELCOMER on duty, you may like to work together with the COVID Officer on duty; and also bring the collection plate to the altar during the offertory.

A quick clearing of the pew areas at the conclusion of the service is appreciated by the COVID officers.

If you are rostered for hospitality, a quick contact with the presiding priest for the service (now printed in the front of this bulletin, page 2) is worth considering. For example, today, with temperatures over the old 100th (!) ice water is provided.

