



# **The Parish of St Paul Rondebosch**

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## **THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION SERVICE SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020**

Dear St Paul's family

Peace, love and mercy.

I greet you in the name of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

1 Chronicles 29: 12-13

***“Wealth and honour come from you, you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.”***

On Sunday 22 November 2020 we will be having our Thanksgiving and Dedication Service with the full acknowledgement that all we have comes from God. We are called to reflect on the blessings we receive in abundance in so many forms. As the St Paul's family we are grateful for our parish church, and all who serve and worship here. It is a reminder of God's favour bestowed upon us. God's will for us is to give of ourselves, our time and our resources, so that others may be blessed and God be glorified.

As parishioners, many of you have already opened your hearts and minds and generously given of your time and talents to nurture the work of the different ministries in our parish. Thank you for being part of what God is doing in and through St Paul's Church. This is the time when we reflect on our commitment for the year ahead. How and where we spend our time, invest our money and exert our effort defines who we are and demonstrates what we value. Give prayerful consideration to your commitment to grow your faith and to grow our church.

Commit to pray, participate, give, serve and witness and ask God's guidance as you prayerfully consider your stewardship of the gifts God has given you. *(When making your commitment rather err on the side of being realistic, as our treasurer uses these figures when drawing up his budget. If circumstances allow you to give more than you have put down, that will be most welcome.)*

**Please complete the attached Dedication form to indicate what you pledge to give the church in the coming year and indicate current or new areas of ministry and participation in the life of our church.**

**Please bring your form to church or email it next SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2020. Also indicate if you are going to do an EFT payment or if you prefer envelopes.**

The year 2020 has been a challenging and traumatic year for all of us because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us have suffered one way or another. Some of us have either been infected and contracted the coronavirus ourselves or have lost loved ones because of the virus. Some of us have also experienced emotional, physical, social and financial challenges. I want us to reflect on this past year and use the thanksgiving envelope *(or you can make an EFT payment and mark it as Thanksgiving gift)* as our thanksgiving to God for carrying us through this difficult challenging year.

**Blessings**

**Rev Reeva, Rev Darron, Rev Isaias, Churchwardens and Parish Council**

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