

Proclaim 'the Good News'

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including Pauline publishing houses in the US, UK, Philippines, India and Canada. St Pauls has entered into an important distribution arrangement with the London Catholic Truth Society (publishers to the Holy See in England) to distribute their titles in Australia and New Zealand.

St Paul's operates out of recently refurbished premises in Meredith Street, Strathfield. A new lift makes access to the first floor reception easier, and there is convenient off-street parking. Visitors enter a modern reception and display areas where friendly staff are ready to assist them.

A new website for St Paul's Publications is currently being designed under the watchful eye of production manager Fr Joselto Layug.

Fourteen years ago the Society of St Paul opened a house in Brisbane from which two book centres, one in Brisbane and one in Toowoomba, are managed by Frs Bruno and Ruben with the assistance of lay and religious collaborators.

These centres, along with those operated by the Daughters of St Paul, various dioceses, and by religious and laity, play an indispensable role in making St Paul's Publications titles available to the wider community.

Fr Michael said Pauline priests and brothers bring many skills to their media apostolate.

"We are writers, editors, graphic designers, photographers, web designers, and distributors of media products. Our aim is always to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"We are sustained in our mission by our fraternal living in community and have at the centre of our lives the celebration of the Eucharist. We hope and pray that we can continue to serve the Church in Australia for many years to come."



The second missionary journey of Paul (Acts 15:36-18:22)

Chronology of St Paul's life

GIVEN the limitations of the evidence, any chronology of Paul's life is far from definite. Below is an approximate chronology.

7-10 AD Birth at Tarsus

36 Conversion to Christ: stays in Arabia and Damascus (3 years)

39 Visit to Jerusalem after his conversion

40-44 in Cilicia

44-45 In Antioch (Syria)

46-49 First missionary journey

49 Council of Jerusalem

50-52 Second missionary journey

54-58 Third missionary journey

58 Arrested in Jerusalem

58-60 Imprisoned in Caesarea

60-61 Journey to Rome

61-63 Prisoner in Rome

Possible journey to Spain and/or Macedonia

64 (or 67) Martyrdom in Rome under Nero, possibly with St Peter.

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Arrested, bound with chains

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assistant, to Phrygia and Galatia, to Troas, and across to the mainland of Europe, to Philippi in Macedonia. Together with Luke, the physician, they made their way to Thessalonica, then down to Athens and Corinth. It was during his first winter at Corinth that Paul wrote the earliest of his surviving missionary letters.

The third missionary journey covered 54-58 AD. In Jerusalem, at the end of this journey, he was arrested and bound with chains; but when he was brought before the tribune, he defended himself in a way that impressed his captors.

He was taken to Caesarea, for it was rumored that some Jews at Jerusalem were plotting to kill him. He was kept in prison at Caesarea awaiting trial for about two years, under the proconsuls Felix and Festus. Paul finally appealed to the emperor, demanding the legal right of a Roman citizen to have his case heard by Nero himself. He was placed in the custody of a centurion, who took him to Rome, arriving there in about 61

AD. The Acts of the Apostles concludes with Paul in the imperial city, awaiting his hearing.

Paul's appeal may have been successful, for there is some evidence of further travels between 63 AD and the time of his death. Some ancient traditions suggest that he travelled to Spain and to the extreme west. Others suggest that he made a missionary journey back to Macedonia during which he appointed Titus bishop in Crete and Timothy at Ephesus.

Returning to Rome, he was once more arrested, and after two years in chains suffered martyrdom, presumably about the same time as the Apostle Peter, bishop of the Roman Church, sometime between 64 and 67 AD. Inscriptions of the second and third century in the catacombs give evidence of a cult of Sts Peter and Paul. This devotion has never diminished in popularity.

In Christian art St Paul is often depicted as a bald man with a black beard, rather stocky, but vigorous and intense. His relics are venerated in the basilica of St Paul and in the Lateran Basilica at Rome.



SPECIAL PORTRAIT: Staff members at St Pauls Publications admire the newly installed painting of St Paul. From left, Lesley Maher, Fr Andrew, Kylie Prats, Fr Michael and Sonja van Vliet.

TO MARK the Year of St Paul, St Pauls Publications commissioned a painting of him to be displayed in the reception area of their recently renovated publishing building at Strathfield.

They commissioned Sr Dorothy Woodward RSJ, a Josephite Sister from Lochinvar, NSW, to paint the image.

Sr Dorothy is well known to St Pauls as she has, in recent years, prepared cover artwork and illustrations for a number of books St Pauls Publications has published.

Following discussion, Sr Dorothy set about depicting St Paul as a man with an intense gaze, always intent on bringing the Good News to new places, while keeping the

Special new portrait of St Paul

communities he founded in the back of his mind and the light of the crucified and risen Christ guiding his way.

"It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me," wrote St Paul.

In this painting Christ is present in the person of St Paul, in the cross and in the Christian communities he founded. Christ is also the endpoint, the goal for which St Paul strains forward.