



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
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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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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past, present and emerging.

We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

QUEENSLAND PROVINCIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

Common Purpose ~ Shared Joy

Where's Fr Andrew... he's a bit quiet this week. Well, I've been at the Gold Coast at the Anglican province of Queensland Clergy Conference. It's been some time since I've been in the right headspace to attend a big church event but I'm pleased to report that this was a life-giving and refreshing experience. It was great to catch up with clergy mates I haven't seen for ages and get to know some new ones. The conference had a deep sense of hearing the realities of life as a clergy person at this time in the life of our church and offered much wisdom that was profound and relevant. Some world class speakers!

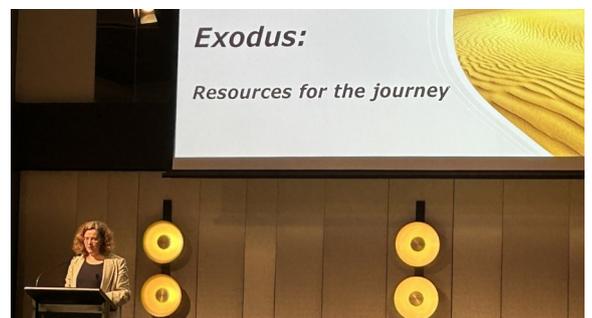
I was particularly engaged by the presentations by The Right Rev'd Dr Vicentia Kgabe. Bishop Vicentia is a native of Soweto, South Africa, and currently serves as the Diocesan Bishop of Lesotho. She also serves as a Research Fellow at the Desmond Tutu Centre for Religion and Social Justice. I felt I was sitting at the feet of a strong, deeply grounded and very earthy woman of great wisdom. She named possibilities and temptations all clergy face and encouraged us to ensure we are the healthiest we can be... physically, spiritually and psychologically... so we can be our best for the people we serve.

Thanks too for the wisdom of The Venerable Miranda Threlfall-Holmes from the Diocese of Liverpool in the Church of England who unpacked how we can see the journey in the Book of Exodus as a pattern and encouragement for parish ministry.

Joyful and inspiring worship, moments of rest, excellent food and plenty of tall tales shared. I did talk about you... in a good way!

Blessings on your head Andrew

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers for worship every Sunday at 9.30am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you!



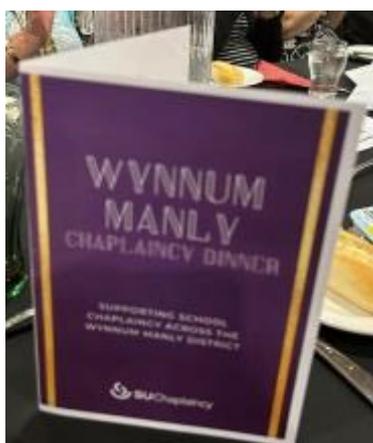
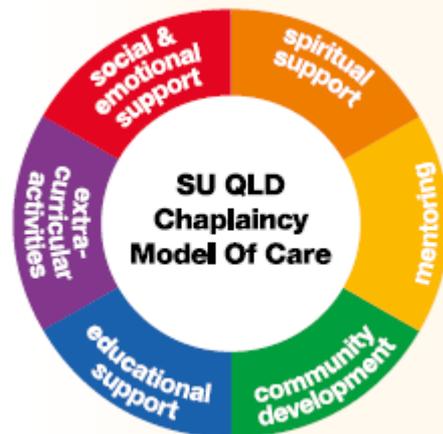
Community Matters

SU Chaplaincy Gala Dinner

It was a great joy to attend the SU Chaplaincy Gala Dinner on Thursday 15th August at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Fr Andrew and Ailsa joined Kaye on the Quota table for a night of inspiring speeches, good food and conversation. Fr Andrew even won a prize in the silent auction! We had the chance to meet and thank the wonderful men and women who work on our behalf in the joy filled and rewarding but often challenging ministry as State School Chaplains supported by Scripture Union.

The evening is one of the significant fundraising and awareness events for our chaplaincy district and Committee Chair Tom was so pleased to share that over 200 people were in attendance. Each chaplain spoke of their work and the real-life issues they deal with on a day to day basis. We were also chuffed to catch up with former St Paul's member Lucy Daniels working as an SU Chaplain back in Brisbane for a bit. There are plenty of opportunities for us to continue to support this important ministry to our local schools.

You can find our more about SU QLD Chaplaincy at their website <https://suchaplaincy.org.au/>



Parish Raffle and Car Boot Sale

We will be selling at the Car Boot Sale at the Church of the Nazarene community market on Meadowlands Road, Carina this Saturday and every Sunday at church until the draw on the 8th of September.

- 1st Prize – Crocheted Blanket created and donated by Bev Schmidt
- 2nd Prize Hamper donated by Joan Pease MP
- 3rd Prize 2 bottles of wine donated by Ailsa Gill.

Tickets \$2 each.



Getting our face in the community in Edith Street, Wynnum



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September
St Francis Day Pet Blessing Sunday 6th October

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

Here at St Paul's we will weave the Season into our Sunday worship, offer resources and thoughts in our newsletter and invite you to join us out in the open air each Sunday night.

For more information: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Sunday Stare at the Sea

Join Fr Andrew at the Lota Foreshore Park for a short reflection and prayer followed by a glass of something refreshing and nibbles.

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th @4.30 pm

Bring your refreshments, a folding chair and appropriate clothing



Season of Creation Devotions App

Queensland Churches Environmental Network have produced an app for each of the days of the Season of creation. Each devotion features a reflection, saying/verse and a prayer. Contributions to the app have come from priests/theologians throughout Australia. The app is free to download from Google and Apple store.

A booklet version is available for a small fee for those who prefer a hard copy. Email admin@qct.org.au for more information

Scripture Readings This Week

Joshua 24:1-2a; Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Next Week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

For your prayers:

- ◆ The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ◆ The Diocese of North Queensland
- ◆ The Parish of Milton Anglican
- ◆ Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre (Cleveland)
- ◆ The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield
- ◆ Kim, Yvonne, John, Coralie

Heidi's Prayer for all the Babies Born

Heavenly Father, Creator of all, thank You for the precious babies born into this world, who we hope will grow and flourish. Remind them that they are cherished little ones.

Though life may bring its challenges, may they always remember that they are surrounded by Your unconditional love. As they journey through life, may they recognise just how precious they are.

God bless them and keep them safe.
Amen.

What's On

This week

Monday 10.30 EM Tooth Community Worship, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30 MU Eucharist and Meeting

Wednesday 7.30 Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group
St Peter's Hall, Wynnum

Thursday 12.00 LINC 25th Anniversary Lunch

Friday St Peter's Wynnum 125th Anniversary Music Evening

Saturday St Peter's Wynnum Open Day

Sunday 9.30 Father's Day/Season of Creation begins
Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am

Coming up

September 2nd Parish Council 7.15pm

September 4th QCT Season of Creation Prayer Service
Botanical Gardens - Mt Coot-tha 12pm

September 5th Tatters and Chatters

September 7th Car Boot Sale

September 8th Anglicare Sunday/Raffle Draw

September 14th Cursillo 10.30am

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

I am overjoyed to announce the arrival of my third grandchild, Frankie, a beautiful baby boy!



Every new birth is a reminder of the miracle of life and how sacred and intricately woven it is. As Frankie took his first breath, somewhere else, someone was drawing their last. It fills me with awe to think about how life is like an ever revolving door.

I wonder about the path that lies ahead for Frankie. My hopes and prayers for him are that he will always feel hope, peace, joy, and love, regardless of the challenges he may encounter. May he always recognise what is right for himself and for others.

Heidi



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