



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.



- Tatty Chatting
- Thank God the Arch is near!
- Defence Sunday
- Flying the Flag at the Car Boot Sale

Our Wonderful Plant Lady Provides!!



Dodging an oncoming storm, Ailsa, Isobel, Jen and Fr Andrew did a quick dash last week to pick up another batch of plants from our ever generous plant lady, Anice Shane.

It would have been great to spend heaps more time perusing her glorious shade house but the dark grey storm clouds gave of their best as we just made it to cover before it pelted down. Anice has a mighty green thumb and ably helped by husband Peter has been growing marvellous things for decades. St Paul's folk will know her well from the many plant stalls she has managed over the years.

Despite not moving as well as she would like, she still generously supplies magnificent bromeliads and other exotics for our monthly car boot sale. We are proud to say we believe we have the best quality at the best prices at Carindale. Last week saw folk walking around with huge sprays of Dancing Lady orchids going to their new homes. Anice says she thinks of us often and wishes us well.

We are so grateful for her generous heart and amazing green thumbs!

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

Crafty Care and Conversation at Tatters and Chatters

Our wonderful fellowship and craft group, Tatters and Chatters, is going strong. Fr Andrew caught up with some of our tatty chatters this week.



Shirley, one of our lovely E M Tooth residents, says: "I brought up my box of embroidery which I learnt from an amazing specialist from the United States. She taught me how to do Stump Work (a delightfully textured embroidery form). I have done lots of beautiful birds and flowers. I also like painting, particularly landscapes and flowers. I like that Tatters and Chatters cements the idea that I am here with friends and I really feel part of the group."

Bev usually brings her crocheting. "I make all sorts of things.... Rugs, doilies and Christmas decorations. Lately I've crossed to the knitting side and am making a cardigan for next winter. The best thing about Tatters and Chatters is that it's a lovely bit of timeout with friendly people. We have a good old laugh! It's a nice safe space and people do whatever in their own way... some craft, some listen, some just sit and have a cuppa with us. I also like coming up to Lota House as it gives me another chance to pop into the chapel and have a practice at the organ before Sundays."



Robyn was busy this week: "Today I was writing the cards for the Cradle and Birthday Roll as part of my MU responsibilities. I like staying connected with the children and families we have baptised over the years and really hope we can continue building our relationships. I also like the companionship at Tatters and Chatters. We can talk about anything. If I need help with a project others can give advice. At the moment I'm working on crocheted Christmas Angels for my Sri Lankan doctor and family."

Its not just for the ladies. Seb and Fr Andrew are regulars and today were joined by new to bayside Mike.

Seb says "Today I helped Fr Andrew assemble the Photo Tree for our Thanksgiving Sunday celebrations with the Archbishop. I usually bring my laptop and can look up things for people and do research about some of the projects others are working on. I really like the quiet companionship."



Erica says: "I like coming because I get a bit tired of my own company. It's a good chance to spend time with others and adds to the lovely support I get from my daughter and family. I occasionally bring my long running knitting project. I started it months ago and just do a little bit when I feel like it but really I come for the chat and often don't even get it out of its bag."

Kay isn't really a crafter. "Today I spent most of the time chatting with our newcomers Doreen and Mike... new friends of the parish who have recently moved down from Bundaberg. Doreen has a long connection with Christ Church Bundaberg and we found friends in common including Fr Keith. I'm not really a crafty person but enjoy watching other

people do it and the amazing skill people have. I'm here for the company but I did get persuaded to try knitting a square for the World's Greatest Beanie project raising awareness for people with head injuries. My square is still a work in progress and might be ready if they do the beanie again in two years time."

Tatters and Chatters welcomes all on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parlour of Lota House.



Flying the flag at the Car Boot Sale

St Paul's has been a stalwart at the community car boot sale held at the Church of the Nazarene on Meadowlands Road on the first Saturday of the month. We are a bit chuffed with our new parish flag that lets folk know who we are and already has initiated a few conversations.



The team do really well at actually selling great stuff and organising things while Fr Andrew sits in a chair and chats. We catch up with regulars including folk with connections to Anglican communities like St Paul's and beyond. There's always a few Bulimba-ites for Fr Andrew to catch up with and now people who see the flag and want to see how we are doing.

This last month was one of the biggest yet... in terms of connections with people but let's be frank we also try and raise money for the parish. With some prior sales of some donated jewellery and on the day sales the team made \$681... an excellent sum. Thank you Team!!

We do have a joke and smile to pass the time. Fr Andrew shared "The Incident with the Meat Slicer" in church last week. For those unaware we often get batches of stuff when people are clearing out store rooms when moving. One recent score was a massive commercial grade meat slicer... every one needs one of course. Well it was heavy and despite some bordering on hard sell by Fr Andrew no one seemed to want it. One bloke loitered a little longer than others and rather than have to lug it home we suggested he could have it for \$1 if he took it away for us. Off it went but last week the same man bowled up, told us he absolutely loved it and waved a much larger note... it worked so well he couldn't in conscience only pay \$1. So... if you've got something unusual cluttering up your space we can indeed turn trash into treasure!

The last Car Boot Sale for the year is Saturday December 7th. We'd love anything Christmassy!

She's Official! A New MU member.

Isobel Rodhe has been a faithful and willing attendee at the Manly-Wynnum Mothers Union group for some time but somehow has avoided signing up! The ladies finally caught up with her the other week and were overjoyed at finally officially welcoming her as a member.



Kay Voltz stood in for MU President Ailsa Gill and led the gentle but meaningful affirmation of commitment at one of our recent Sunday Services.



The ladies joined Isobel as she affirmed her intention to uphold her baptismal promises, to support the aims and objects of Mothers Union and continue to plan her life to include prayer, Bible reading and worship in church. Replying that she would with God's help, Isobel was then presented with her spanking new badge and membership card.

Congratulations Isobel and welcome to deeper connection to MU Australia!

The Vicar's Voice

Sometimes the world beyond the boundaries of the Parish of St Paul Manly can loom larger than normal and I suspect most of us are more than aware of the bigness of changes in government here in Queensland and overseas. Our folk are as diverse as any in their political views and I have vowed never to tell anyone how they should vote. Watching events in the USA though I am grateful at the relatively peaceful way in which we hold elections and affirm transition of power. For some an outcome will bring joy and for others deep disappointment. Our siblings in the USA seem so desperately divided against themselves and I think many worry about how they can effectively hold together as a nation.

The problems of our world can seem insurmountable and I for one have had to consciously turn off news reports this week. All I can do is to continue to affirm the way of Jesus in my own little patch. To focus on building community here and now and to continue the path of loving service with the folk I meet. Sometimes we do have to speak out or act in the face of injustice... as Jesus did... but this week I need to keep it simple and focus on what I can have impact on. So where ever you may find yourself this week, may you find glimpses of blessing and light and love... even when it all seems a bit grim.

Blessings on you and those you love in the week to come. Andrew



St Paul's Manly Thanksgiving Sunday

10th November 2024

The Chapel at Lota House.

Giving thanks for the work of our hands, the fruits of our labours and our service in God's vineyard.

Welcome to The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves, Archbishop of Brisbane

Thanksgiving Sunday is the parish opportunity to bless the works of our hands and give thanks for the work in ministry in the vineyard.

Offerings of craft, produce, food items and general creativity will be presented by members of the flock as well as symbols of the ministry folk are or have been engaged in within the parish and the wider community.

During Morning tea there will be an auction for the produce/craft/baking etc. We think ++Jeremy is suitably excited at the idea of being our auctioneer... an Archbishop needs many skills!

Please bring something ready to serve for Morning Tea.



Desperately hoping ++ Jeremy will bring the Episco-pup, Paddy, for pats and licks.



**The Manly-Lota RSL Sub-Branch invite all to their
Remembrance Day Service
Monday the 11th November 2024.
Manly War Memorial 184 Carlton Terrace Manly**

The service will commence at 10.45am
and will include some prayers and
reflections by Rev Andrew.



**We hold before God our Defence Force Chaplains in the
Diocese of Brisbane. We thank them for their service.**

Be still and know I am God...

**Advent Quiet Morning
Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel
Saturday 14th December
9.00am – 12.30pm**

Fr Sam and Fr Andrew invite you to join us
in a shared morning of respite, calm and peace
in the midst of busyness...
...to prepare our hearts for the wonder of Christmas.
Shared prayer, times of silence,
guided reflection and optional gentle discussion.

RSVP Fr Andrew priest@stpaulsmanly.org
Coffee and Tea available.

Please bring something simple to share for morning tea.



Scripture Readings This Week

Thanksgiving Sunday

Joel 2:21-17; Psalm 67;

2 Corinthians 9:6-12; John 6:27-35

Next Week:

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Church of South India (United)
- ♦ Ministry to the Defence Force: †Grant Dibden; Chaplains & Members of the Defence Force
- ♦ The Parish of Chelmer-Graceville
- ♦ St Mark's Anglican Social Services, Logan
- ♦ St Andrew's Anglican College, Peregian Springs
- ♦ Yvonne, John, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, Stephen, J, J and J, Val, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Bev

A Prayer of Thanks for our Freedom on Defence Force Sunday

O God, our ruler and our guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this
and every nation,

We give you thanks for the freedoms
we enjoy in this land

And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage
and their sacrifice,

May have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
Of generosity, and of peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

What's On

This week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Remembrance Day Service, Activities Room

Monday 10.45 Manly-Lota RSL Remembrance Day Service

Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and Discussion in the Chapel

Wednesday 7.30 Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group

Thursday 12pm Fr Andrew at Deanery End of Year Lunch

Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am

Coming up

November 18th BABI Community Event and AGM 5.30pm

November 20th Fr Andrew @ Pete's Pantry 8.30am –11am

November 21st Tatters and Chatters

November 24th Bush Ministry Fund Collection

November 23rd MU Christmas Breakup

November 23rd St Peter's Christmas Twilight Markets

November 29 Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

As we approach our parish
Thanksgiving service, I find
myself reflecting on the
profound sense of gratitude
that this time of year brings.



Gathering together in our sacred space, we have the opportunity to pause and appreciate the many blessings in our lives.

In the midst of our busy routines, it's easy to overlook the beauty and grace that surround us. This service offers a moment to step back and be present, to share in the warmth and fellowship of our parish community. It is a time to reflect on the love and support we find here, the faith that guides us, and the strength we draw from one another.

Being part of this community fills me with gratitude. I am thankful for the chance to connect with each of you, to share in our collective journey, and to celebrate the abundance we have been given. This Thanksgiving service is a reminder of the joy and peace that come from living with a heart full of thankfulness.

With thankful love
Heidi

5 Daily Gratitude Questions To Ask Yourself Each Night

1. How was I challenged today?
2. Who did I connect with today?
3. What inspired me today and why?
4. What made me laugh today?
5. What do I have to look forward to tomorrow?

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You're Invited!

BABI 2024

COMMUNITY EVENT AND AGM

You're invited to the BABI Youth and Family Service Annual General Meeting on Monday 18th November, commencing 5.30pm at 34 Bay Terrace, Wynnum.

Activities on the night will include a Silent Auction, young people and parents sharing their stories about our services and the homelessness crisis in our Living Libraries activity, tours of the BABI office building and our services, and information sessions on how BABI utilises Yoga to support wellbeing.

Details to RSVP to the Annual General Meeting are contained below.

Proxy Voting:

If you are a BABI Member and are unable to attend, please consider appointing another person to attend as your Proxy and vote on your behalf. The Proxy Voting Nomination form is attached to this email.

Membership:

Please contact us on admin@babi.org.au if you would like to renew your membership before the AGM. Renewal forms will also be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership of the Management Committee:

Details of candidates standing for election to the Management Committee at the AGM will be available in the BABI office from 4th November 2024. Please contact admin@babi.org.au if you would like to receive a copy of the candidate list.

Your support helps BABI to deliver services and respond to the youth homelessness crisis.

Members and non-Members are welcome to attend.

**RVSP to
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