



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.



- Holy Week Happenings
- Easter Day Events
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Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!!



**Sing, choirs of earth!
Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts,
for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!**

Dawn breaks over Moreton Bay as the Bayside people of faith proclaim the resurrection of our Lord. More inside!

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!

The Story of a Cross

We were so pleased to pick up our new standing cross just in time for Palm Sunday. Lovingly constructed with only three days warning by the fellas at Wynnum Manly Men's Shed, the cross uses timber from the pews from the Lota House Chapel. The men designed and built it with a solid sturdy base they recycled from a fan, making it easy to assemble, store and stand strong and stable for many years to come.



Likely ladies and a Kiribati visitor preparing the Palms

The cross formed the focus for our beautiful Holy Week liturgies. Swathed in palms as we cried Hosanna and placed surrounded by olive branches as our Garden of Repose echoing the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed and we watched and prayed on Maundy Thursday.

Many held back tears as it was so reverently carried in by Craig and Mel Lawrence while the plaintive sounds of the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic swirled around us on Good Friday. It became our prayer focus as we read the profound Passion of our Lord and the a place of deep prayer as we placed our own crosses at its foot, handing over our cares, concerns, burdens and healing needs into God's loving care.

Then on Sunday morning it was transformed with new life. The Tree of Defeat has become the Tree of Victory and bloomed with the purity of white roses and green leaves.

All made possible by the good will, skill and patience of the blokes at the Wynnum Manly Men's Shed....We are deeply grateful.



Rev Andrew, Dave and Peter at the men's shed.



Holy Week Happenings.

A profound week of remembering and story telling. **Palm Sunday** with fronds abounding as we remembered the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and then how quickly the crowd turned.

On Tuesday Rev Andrew sat with the folk from his old training parish of Stafford for the **Chrism Mass** at St John's Cathedral where we refreshed our stock of Holy Oils.



Lyn and sister Kay with Palm Crosses

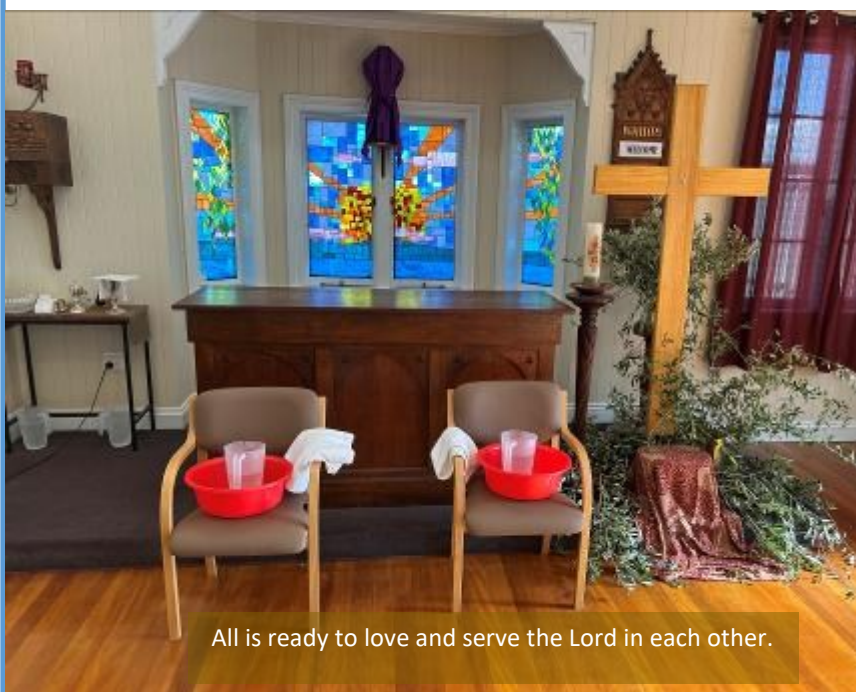
Our **Maundy Thursday** service in the Chapel was a beautiful traditional service with the act of service modelled by Jesus in the washing of the feet, sharing the bread and wine of the Last Supper, the poignant stripping of the chapel and then the quiet call to watch and pray.



Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral



The Holy Oils for St Paul's



All is ready to love and serve the Lord in each other.





Maundy Thursday continues with the hospitality of the Agape Meal, washing and Eucharist around the table at the Wilson home. The gentle act of washing each other as Jesus commanded.

And **Good Friday**... Solemn Commemoration of the Passion... the cross enters with dignity and love while song, poetry and scripture are shared.



The Cross receives our crosses. We pause, hold before God our burdens then place them at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, crowned with thorns . The Christ candle is extinguished.



We take our prayer to the people of God. **Stations of the Cross** at Lota Foreshore Park with our family from St Peter's.



And a cross of hope to carry home made with much love by the Tatters and Chatters team.





Combined Churches Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.

A fresh shoot of hope as Christians from four Bayside faith communities gathered at 5.30am at Lota Foreshore Park to greet the new day and rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection of Christ.

It was simple service of prayer, praise and story telling that rose from a seed planted by Rev Andrew to watch the sunrise and grew into a gathering of many. Following in the footsteps of dawn services in the past, it was wonderful to regather and share faith together!

Many thanks to Erin, and the music team from Bayside Uniting who led us in song and for those who shared prayer from many denominations.

Alleluia, He is Risen!!!



Above: Rev Andrew with Trish from St John Vianney's Catholic Community.

Left: Rev Craig Blackburn from Bayside Uniting Church and Pastor Anam Gupta of Wynnum Manly Alliance Church with all who gathered to praise the Risen Lord.

Easter Day... He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!!



And then it was time to rejoice... Alleluia's rang out.... Festive songs sung... the Exsultet – the great song of praise sung... the paschal candle blessed, marked with the cross and adorned with the 5 nails for the five wounds of Christ... then lit and placed in its stand to preside over our celebrations through out the season of Easter. The cross was transformed from the red of Good Friday to the flush of new life with white and green. Flowers are back... and beautiful... our brass, linen and lace are back... and beautiful... and we were all wet with the renewed waters of our renewed Baptism vows. Alleluia!!



Tatters and Chatters Arises too!!

After the storm hiatus, we finally gathered at the Wynnium Library! A great space to enjoy craft, chat, fellowship and refreshment. The parking was easy, the room comfortable and plenty of room to expand! Moving to a public space is a great way of bringing our message of Hope into the community. Once we are settled in, we will advertise widely to reach out to anyone who may appreciate a friendly space. Hope25! We got this!

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Wynnium Library, 2-4pm.

Scripture Readings:

27th April

Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:14-8; John 20:19-31

4th May

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30;
Revelation 5:6-19; John 21:1-19

11th May

Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:220-30

18th May

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 146;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

25th May

Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67;
Revelation 21:10-14, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29

HOPE25

Hope 25 is an opportunity designed by the national Anglican Church for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. The national planning group is asking each parish to commit to doing (at least) one thing to help share the hope that we have in Jesus during this season, **from Easter Day (April 20, 2025) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8, 2025).**

For your prayers:

- ♦ Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev

For Our Elections

Lord, please help us protect our elections which are the heart of our democracy. Guide us in our responsibilities as citizens that we may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for our common good. Ensure the faithful administration of our voting processes so that the rights of all may be protected. And in our thoughts and in our actions, help us to align ourselves with your justice and mercy and grace so that we might be a people at peace among ourselves. **Amen.**

Adapted from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

What's On

Every week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room
Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and discussion @ the Chapel
Wednesday 7pm Men's Ministry, Wynnum
Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist @ Lota House Chapel

Coming up in April

27th Br Nathan ssf leading Sunday worship for next 4 weeks
29th Deanery @ Cleveland

Coming up in May

1st Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm TBC
3rd Car Boot Sale
10th Cursillo 10.30am @ The Chapel
11th Parish Council 11am-1pm
14th EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm
15th Tatters and Chatters Craft 2pm-4pm
27th MU Service and Meeting 9.30am @ St Peter's

Coming up in June

5th MOU Meeting with Anglicare 1pm
Rev Andrew on Leave 26/4 - 24/5

God of Hope

you call on us to be your
witnesses in this
uncertain world;

by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our
salvation, and
a deeper dedication to
your service;

that through our words and
actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to
be found,
and for them to celebrate
the hope
that we can only have in
Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen

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