

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.

## ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

## **PENTECOST 8th June 2025**

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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## Heidi is a Woman of Wisdom!



# Or is it a Lass of Learning? A Person of Perspicacity? A Dame of Diploma? A Girl of Graduation?

What ever we call it we were overjoyed to welcome Heidi back for a visit and the great privilege of giving thanks for her award of the Diploma of Theology from the University of Divinity through St Francis College, Milton.. The parish is so proud of her and grateful for the opportunity to support her spiritually and financially in her studies. Warden Jen and Parish Councillor Nick were happy to share words of congratulations and encouragement to continue on with her lifetime of learning.

Check at the offerings at St Francis College at https://www.stfran.gld.edu.au/

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**

## **Some Pentecost Thoughts**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

## Neil Goddard from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity writes:

Have you ever had an experience so incredible that when you tried to explain it to someone else, words didn't really suffice?

More than a 'you had to be there' joke, more than a 'you'll understand one day' moment... something so utterly indescribable that you cannot even begin to find the words to communicate its beauty and significance. I get the feeling that Pentecost was one of those moments for the disciples. We can imagine Luke's struggle to put into words the disciples' experience of being filled with

But you swept into a room, into tongues, minds and hearts, filling them with power as you cleared out the cobwebs

of fear and uncertainty, made way for the new, the brave, the strong, the hope-filled and free.

> Oh Holy Spirit, how we need you now to return in power, fire up the fading embers of our hearts, refuel us

inside with holy hope and joy, increase our love for man and God provide your wisdom and insight.

- joylenton

the Holy Spirit for the very first time. How do you describe an encounter with – and infilling by – God himself?

So incredible was the moment that Luke uses the language of analogy: 'a sound like the blowing of a violent wind' fills the house, and 'what seemed to be tongues of fire' appear.

'Wind' and 'fire' were accepted symbols for the powerful and cleansing work of God's Spirit, and so it makes sense that he should appear in such a way that can be likened to these elements. We can make attempts to describe it – its unfathomable power, beauty, and truth – but it cannot be fully comprehended by those who have not experienced it.

But this event had ramifications far bigger than that – because of Pentecost, the church is equipped for its task of witness and mission. The Holy Spirit gives the means to communicate 'the wonders of God' (Acts 2:10), as shown in the disciples' speaking in 'other tongues'. This is a key event in salvation history – the birth of the church.

Today, we may find it difficult to communicate the reality of God's power to those around us. We may feel that words are not enough. It is true — often, they are not. But we are able to ask God to send his Holy Spirit, with his wind and fire, his powerful and cleansing work, to work in us and speak through us. And we can pray that our friends, neighbours, colleagues, and family would discover God for themselves and have a similarly indescribable experience of his power and love.

Source: https://licc.org.uk/

#### A Pentecost Meditation Exercise:

Pause—linger a while—with open hands, open heart, and open mind.

Catch your breath—inhale the fragrance of Spirit—an unseen, invisible, yet immensely real presence.

Let it flow—right through your lungs—like liquid gold, filling and spilling, unlimited and uncontainable.

**Hold it fast**—so it can leak freely into your heart— beat strong, invincible, giving courage as your soul's true North Star.

**Exhale slowly**—a holy wisp of wind—let it blow wherever and however it wishes to a place of hopeful, faith-filled waiting.

Begin again—gently inhale and exhale—until you find a releasing, an outpouring of joy and peace seeds in the mind.

Be Filled with Holy Spirit

Poem and mediation source: <a href="https://godspacelight.com">https://godspacelight.com</a>







# Wynnum and Manly Parishes Joint Patronal Day

Celebrating Saints Peter and Paul Sunday 22nd June At St Peter's Church Wynnum Joint Eucharist 9.00 am followed by Morning Tea

NB: No service at Lota House Chapel that day.



## **Amiable Anglicare Legends.**

This week, Treasurer Nick Crisp, Synod Representative Stephen Hall and Rev Andrew met with Anglicare Director of Mission Research & Advocacy Stephen Harrison and E M Tooth Facilities Manager Suzette Scrivens as part of our regular review of our Memorandum of Understanding. We catch up regularly and informally to make sure communication is flowing and get our heads around all that being in partnership in Mission on the site entails.

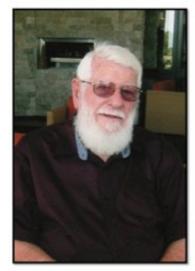
It was great to share how well the relationship is progressing and how we have settled into our shared lives and ministry. Obviously progress of the development was a hot topic. We feel for Suzette as she manages the many complexities of the major development at the Village, and refurbishments within E M Tooth itself as well as the day-to-day challenges of ensuring the high quality of care of the residents continues. There is rapid progress in refurbishing Lota House and evolving changes to access and parking as the development takes up pace.

You will notice more changes to driveway and parking access over the next week or so. This will continue to change for while so please make sure you look out for signs, park considerately and walk carefully over uneven surfaces. At the moment there are no designated disabled parking spaces marked but some limited parking available next to the sales office. Those who are able to are encouraged to continue parking on Oceana Terrace. More updates as they are available.

## Goodbye to Eric Lugg from all at St Paul's.

Rev Andrew writes: I was a great privilege to be asked to lead the wonderful Service of Remembrance for Eric Lugg. A resident of E M Tooth, Eric has been a faithful attendee at our Sunday Services and tries to support all our other offerings. Eric initially came to E M Tooth with his beloved wife Barbara and we had the opportunity to celebrate her life in the chapel last August.

A Celebration of Life Eric John Lugg 19/11/1931 – 8/5/2025





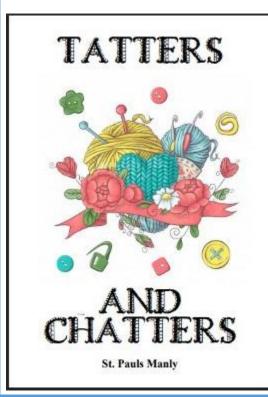


My lasting memory of Eric was his generosity at our Good Friday service just a few weeks back where he shared a big bundle of the small holding crosses he had made over the years as skilfully crafted signs of the love of God he experienced in many years of faith filled service.

We enjoyed beautiful music from his friend Greg and prayers of life and hope from family member Rev Helen Mills. Our prayers are with his children Erica, Phillip and Brian as they mourn his loss while confident Eric rests in his Lord's arms and stands again with in love and light with Barbara and all his family.



## Tatts and Chats stepping out....At last a logo they like!!!!



Having rejected an earlier attempt by the vicar as "Too much" and "It looks like a Bikie Gang patch" the folk at Tatters and Chatters are proud to unveil their new logo.

Its definitely more colourful and crafty and we think expresses something of the warmth and gentle energy of the group. It is also aimed at engaging folk who might be put off by something too overtly religious but does not hide our base as part of St Paul's Manly. We will include details of St Pauls when we add descriptions of events. A poster will soon go up on the public notice board at the library and we will look to some wider promotion in the community.

St Paul's Anglican Church, Manly Hosts Tatters and Chatters.

Arts, Crafts and Chatting.

Join us on the first and third Thursday of
every month
from 2pm until 4pm

Meeting Room 2 of the Wynnum Library.

## **Music Matters to Manly Musicians**



Musical Mark Austin dropped into the Vicarage to give Rev Andrew a hand with rearranging some stuff in the shed and couldn't help emulating the bold batting pose in the Rev's whimsical nun painting.

He also dropped that he would be blowing up a storm with the Bayside Brass this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June as part of Bands in Parks at the Rotary Family Fun Day.

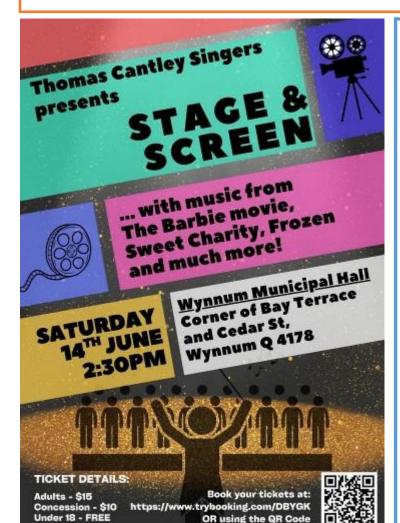
Mark invites all to join the fun as Bayside Brass and the Wynnum High School band bring their lively spirit for a day of live music and entertainment.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Wynnum Manly, there will

be free sausages, popcorn, fresh fruit and activities for all ages.

Come and enjoy the music at the George Clayton Park, Manly. Mark and the Bayside Brass are performing at 1pm.



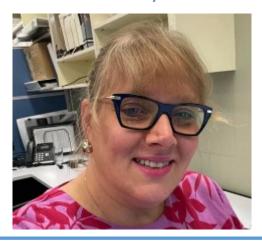


## **Singing Sensations!**

Mel Lawrence writes: You're invited to an unforgettable afternoon of music and magic with *Thomas Cantley Singers* as they present "Stage and Screen" — a concert featuring songs from *The Barbie Movie*, *Sweet Charity*, and *Frozen*, just to name a few!

Join us at 2:30pm on Saturday 14 June at the historic Wynnum Municipal Hall for a feel-good celebration of film and theatre favourites. I'm part of this group, so come and enjoy a casual afternoon of toe tapping beats!

Full details on our flyer to the left.



#### **Scripture Readings: PENTECOST**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-36; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

#### **Next week: Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

#### For your prayers:

- The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- The Diocese of Bunbury
- ♦ The Parish of Sherwood-Oxley
- Oratory of the Good Shepherd, Society of the Sacred Advent, Society of St Francis
- Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim
- Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev, Desley, Daryl

## A Prayer at Pentecost

## For the Spirit of Peace

that calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks.

## For the Spirit of Love

that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks.

## For the Spirit of Joy

that lifts our soul and gives us faith we give you thanks.

## For the Spirit of Power,

that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks.

From: https://www.faithandworship.com



#### **Every week**

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

### Coming up in June

11th Rev Andrew meets with ++Jeremy 11th 2pm EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm 14th Cursillo 10.30am

#### **15th Trinity Sunday**

16th Home Eucharist @ Aveo 2pm
19th Tatters and Chatters Craft 2pm-4pm
19th Commissioning of Rev Vijay at Waterloo Bay
22nd Joint Patronal Day @ St Peter's 9am
24th MU Service and Meeting
27th -29th Synod @ Churchie

#### Coming up in July

5th Olive Farr Memorial Service 1.30pm 12th Quiet Day



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).

## 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

that we can only have in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen

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