



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.



- Pentecost Pics
- Hi from Dianne
- A Quiet Day invitation
- Trinitarian Tropes

**Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose,
for it is only nine o'clock in the morning!**



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:1-2

It was colour, movement and energy as the swirls of fire bright colours filled the wee chapel at Lota House. Several hands contributed to colourful, evocative decorations. It was great to see the Cross that has journeyed Holy Week and Easter with us transformed with the swirling painted roundel of Pentecost energy. And then the people arrived and brought it to life with their own fire bright coloured outfits and even a bright red beanie!

More Pentecost pics 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!

A Pentecostal moment blowing life among us!



The sound of rushing wind was certainly in abundance at our celebration of the Feast of Pentecost last Sunday.

The pics don't really convey the life and movement involved. Inspired by the Holy Squid that flies at special services at the Cathedral, St Paul's folk engaged with relish when we gave out brightly coloured streamers on sticks that were waved, shwooshed and danced when ever the words Spirit, Wind, Flame and anything vaguely Pentecost were spoken. We spoke about how the paper shakers were lifeless when just stuck in a vase or on the floor but when the energy of participation flows.... They really came to life!

Of course there was the naughty girl who used it to annoy her neighbour and others who took a little while to warm up... but isn't that the nature of the Holy Spirit! It can't be controlled, it flows where it will and is there to comfort and inspire but also to disrupt our comfort and call us into action.

**One parishioner said it was the best Pentecost service they'd been to in decades!!
We will take that as a win and cherish the memory!!.**





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.

Green shoots of hope and life



July Quiet Morning
Torrens Crescent Park, Wakerley
Saturday 12th July
9.30am – 12.30pm

We invite you to join us
in a shared morning of respite, calm and peace
in the crispness of a July morning...
...to ponder the signs of life and hope in our lives.
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.



Viriditas: the greening power of the Divine (or Divine Healing Power of Green)



"O most honored Greening Force,
You who roots in the Sun;
You who lights up, in shining serenity,
within a wheel that earthly excellence fails to comprehend.
You are enfolded in the weaving of divine mysteries.
You redden like the dawn and you burn: flame of the Sun."
— Hildegard von Bingen, *Causae et Curae*

Bouncing off the Creed on Trinity Sunday

WE BELIEVE in a Trinitarian God.

Yes, we believe; O that we could believe more fully!

We believe in one, holy, loving Mystery at the heart of time and eternity

from whom and for whom all things are created,
whose purposes undergird and interweave all things,
and by whom all things move towards a glorious consummation.

We believe in one Christ, chosen and anointed by the holy Mystery,

called to achieve what no human being has achieved before or since,
whose life, teaching, suffering, death and resurrection
reveal the Mystery as absolute love and redemptive grace.

We believe in one Holy Spirit, the inspirer of this creed we affirm,

the energetic Presence of the Mystery in our dailyness,
who in the midst of evil and sin gives us new birth into a family
where the young dare to have vision and the old still hold on to their dreams.



I believe in the universal church which in spite of its grave flaws

is a chosen servant, redeemed by Christ and inspired by the Spirit,
called to serve the Mystery throughout the world
by being a reconciled and reconciling community of grace.

I believe in eternal life, flowing free, abundant and limitless,

already among us and within us with surprise and opportunity,
leaping all barriers and transcending all decay and death
that with Christ we may love, enjoy and praise the Mystery forever.

Yes, we believe; O that we could believe more fully.... Amen!

B. D. Prewer 2005

Some thoughts on Trinity Sunday by Oblate priest, Fr Michael Moore

This feast is not the time to try and explain how three goes into one! The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by 'googling' it!

The Trinity is a mystery that we are to experience with our hearts not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word 'mystery' to talk about and describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we contemplate and pray about the reality and presence of the Trinity in our lives, the more of itself will be revealed to us. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. **The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of share and in.**

When we look at the news on our television or read the newspaper any day, we are often presented with news of violence, segregation and building walls. There is the reality of individuals and indeed come countries speaking about and defending their rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other nations. People of different religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other; they are actively fighting each other. Sadly, there is division where they could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect.

The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood and our parish community.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individuals or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray glory be..., we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of prayer and our daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers slower and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

Praise and everlasting glory to God the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit through all ages. (Prayer from the early church)

Michael Moore OMI

Source: <https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-trinity-sunday/>



Reverend Dianne says g'day!

Rev Andrew enjoyed the opportunity for a cuppa, chat and general catch up with Rev Dianne Black... a longtime friend of the parish and one of our retired priests who has given so much to the life of the diocese.

Andrew and Dianne were in the same group at initial discernment conferences back in the day and connected again while he was in Gympie. Dianne shared memories of ministry at Birkdale, Bulimba and of course her home parish of Wynnum. She celebrated a wonderful birthday milestone recently and the colour of birthday flowers still decorate her home.

The evidence of Dianne's skill with the needle... sewing and crochet ..are very much in evidence around her and the stories in pictures of family and friends richly displayed. She regularly joins us in our online worship and shared some really useful feedback that will help us make that experience as meaningful as possible. She assures us of her regular prayers for us! Blessings to you too, Rev Dianne.

JUNE

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THURSDAY

1pm

Celebration
of the life of
Marj Harrington
St Peter's Church,
Wynnum

2-4pm

Tatters and Chatters

Craft, chat
and creativity
Wynnum Library

7pm tbc

Commissioning of
Rev Vijay

St George's Church
Birkdale

**Thomas Cantley Singers
presents**

STAGE & SCREEN

... with music from
**The Barbie movie,
Sweet Charity, Frozen
and much more!**

**SATURDAY
14TH JUNE
2:30PM**

**Wynnum Municipal Hall
Corner of Bay Terrace
and Cedar St,
Wynnum Q 4178**

TICKET DETAILS:
Adults - \$15
Concession - \$10
Under 18 - FREE

Book your tickets at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DBYGK>
OR using the QR Code

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 go and enjoy a casual afternoon of toe tapping beats!

Full details on our flyer to the left.



Scripture Readings: Trinity Sunday

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

Next week: Feast of St Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:1-10;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; John 21:15-22

For your prayers:

- ♦ La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- ♦ The Diocese of Melbourne
- ♦ The Parish of Stafford
- ♦ St Paul's School, Bald Hills
- ♦ 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 on Trinity Sunday

Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

We bind unto ourselves today
the strong name of the Trinity.

May we go out into the world
with courage and cheerfulness.

May we go in the name of the Creator
whose love is as everlasting arms.

May we go in the Saviour
whose grace is as a cup that is full
and overflowing.

May we go in the name of the Counsellor
whose fellowship is sweeter than honey.

May we bind unto ourselves this day,
the strong name of the Trinity.

Amen!

Source: <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

What's On

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

14th Cursillo 10.30am

15th Trinity Sunday

16th Home Eucharist @ Aveo 2pm

19th Marj Harrington Memorial Service @ St Peter's

19th Tatters and Chatters Craft 2pm-4pm

19th Commissioning of Rev Vijay at Waterloo Bay

22nd Joint Patronal Day @ St Peter's 9 am

24th MU Service and Meeting

27th -29th Synod @ Churchie

Coming up in July

5th Olive Farr Memorial Service 1.30pm

6th Baptism of Henry Hardgrave

6th Rev Andrew preaching at St Cathedral Evensong

12th Signs of Hope and Life Quiet Day

The Vicar's Voice.

Well its certainly back in the deep end on my return to work... at least liturgically. I don't think we gave too bad an exploration of the workings of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. However, Trinity Sunday... or Heresy Sunday as many refer to it... is upon me. Heresy Sunday because it's a day when preachers trot out their favourite and sometimes weird analogies and imagery... some of it actual heresy. I know I've often left people even more confused than I started as I've tried to unpack complex stuff in a 10 (ok 15) minute preaching slot. Well, I don't have a training curate or a willing LA to palm it off to so guess I'm going to have to give it another crack this year. Wish me luck and nod politely.



I've done a lot of talking with folk this week... and I'd like to think even more listening. All the privileged part of the job as we dream dreams, try to respond to challenges and support folk through end of life, sickness and recovering health and just good old chatting and catching up. As always I am moved by the trust folk give in sharing their story and the wonderful glimmers of hope and growth in often difficult circumstances. It might be time for me to catch up with you so do drop me a line or corner me after church if you'd like a chat.

Lots of events coming up... Marj's funeral, our shared Patronal Day and another go at offering a Quiet morning after our last one got bumped by an obstreperous cyclone! I really encourage you to have a think about joining us in the park at Wakerley. Sharing stillness with others is really profound and can be really nourishing for the soul. We can organise pick ups and lifts and folding chairs if need be. The theme is **Green Shoots of Hope and Life** and in some ways is all about my vague theme for the year. Last year it was the **Holy Pause** as we rested, celebrated and breathed... but this year I am already inspired by green shoots of new life in our parish community and in the world around us... despite the many challenges.

Watch this space as I'll obviously have more to ponder on that as the year continues to unfold.

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