



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.



- Season of Creation Stuff
- More Parish Council Reports
- MU thinks globally and locally
- St Francis Day Pets Blessing next week.

Even More Creation Awe



Another Warden Wilfully Wandering and Wondering

Your People's Warden Jen Crisp did some hunting and gathering at last week's Season of Creation reflection at Torrens Crescent Park in Wakerley. We discovered this park during our Mid Winter Quiet Day. Jen was taken by the cycle of life displayed in the leaves and branches she found during her quiet walk. A gift of time both to and from our Creator.

Join us a this week as we pause to *Be in the Bush*. Details 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!

Community Matters

Mothers' Union Monthly Meeting

This week, our Manly/Wynnum Mothers' Union monthly meeting was held at St Peter's, where we were privileged to welcome Diane Thomson (along with her husband Greg) as our guest speaker. Ipswich based Diane is responsible for the Mothers' Union Diocesan Overseas and Northern Outreach and Links Department.

The first part of Diane's talk focused on the support Mothers' Union provides to the more remote and northern regions of Australia. She explained how a portion of our annual fees and additional donations help fund essential services and outreach efforts in these often-overlooked communities.

Diane then provided an overview of activities in our linked branches in Rokon in South Sudan, Kampala in Uganda, Kaduna in Nigeria, Koforidua in Ghana, and Peru. The examples she shared highlighted the stark contrast between our daily lives and the realities faced by families in these countries. Despite economic hardship, these communities are rich in spirit, faith, and love for their neighbours.

The services delivered by local MU members in these regions align closely with the core objectives and mission of Mothers' Union. Diane's presentation, accompanied by images and stories from each country, was both inspiring and deeply moving. It reminded us all of the global reach and impact of our shared commitment.

MU Northern Outreach

Each year our President invites the bishops of the three northern dioceses to submit funding requests for projects which align with the AMUA aims and objectives. In the past five years Australia Council members have been asked to allocate close to \$190,000, which has been granted as follows:

- **North Queensland \$55,250**
- **Northern Territory \$78,536**
- **North West Australia \$55,382**

Over these years, projects funded have included, in North Queensland, travel and accommodation costs for executive members to support gatherings in the Torres Strait and Cape York, and training for members in these areas and for first nations communities, including a parenting program. We have also supported the purchase of Bibles and other resources for graduating students of Bible college.

In the Northern Territory, our funds have supported the delivery of Safe Ministry Training, Domestic and Family Violence Training, and Children's Ministry Training, as well as a transitional housing project, and travel costs for a Bible translation workshop and for the Katherine Christian Convention. We have also provided funds to assist with the support of church workers engaged in formal study and the training of diocesan staff.

In North West Australia, every two years we provide funds to support the diocese's Fellow Workers Conference. We have also supported the purchase of solar powered audio bibles for indigenous Christians, supported the costs of a Christian Women's Conference, travel for the Bishop's wife and the attendance at camps of the children of ministry families.

Source: <https://www.muaustralia.org.au/what-we-do/northern-outreach>



Diane with MU member Kay Voltz and our Links Co-ordinator, Bev Schmidt. Great to have you back among us, Bev!!!



More Parish Council Reports:

Cursillo Report: Cursillo is steaming ahead in this Diocese.

The Weekend for 2025 was held at Luther Heights Youth Camp site at Coolum, on August 22-24 (as you would have read in our Newsletter), with the final get-together and meal being held at Coolum Uniting Church. In a single sentence, the goal of the Cursillo Movement is the transformation (ie. Christianisation) of the environments we work, live and move in. 20 new Cursillistas were “launched” to soar as on wings of eagles, this Weekend.

A “Follow-Up Day” will be held at Holy Trinity Kawana Anglican Church in a fortnight. New Cursillistas will be invited to share the immediate impact of the Weekend on their walk in the way of Jesus, and to offer their thoughts on how it might be possible to make Weekends even better!

Our next Utreya (a reunion of many parish Cursillo groups) will be at Deception Bay (Freshwater Parish) on October 11. All are welcome.

National Secretariat will be meeting in Tasmania (Launceston) October 24-26. Marg Carr and Ann Martin Victor from Waterloo Bay, and Rev'd Pauline (Toowoomba West) will represent this Diocese.



Planning is very advanced for our 40th Anniversary of Cursillo in this Diocese celebration in St. John's Cathedral on the 8th of November 8. Archbishop Jeremy will preside over a Eucharist, prior to the start of the Utreya. After the Utreya more than 100 of us will process, singing, to St. Andrew's Uniting Church (hall) to enjoy a meal together.

On the local front, we had our Group Reunion for September at the Crisp's yesterday. It was a wonderful time of sharing different opinions, praying for different needs, and demolishing carrot cakes.

Every Blessing—Nick Crisp

Men's Fellowship Report:

The Group is small, but with much vitality! We have been taking time-out often, from our study of *"The Cost Of Discipleship"*, as we all found this tome to be “heavy going” most of the time.

Chris has been spicing the evenings up with the odd YouTube commentary. Rev'd Sam has been offering us copies of his sermon to pore over. Sometimes we get side-tracked solving all the problems of the World, (or at least the problems of SAILS).

To give you an idea of the networking that goes on – last week Peter Downie (Living Faith Uniting Church) brought a photograph taken by Rob Clark (Waterloo Bay Anglicans) of some damage to one of the SAILS boat-trailers (that happened when an un-named parishioner of Wellington Point Uniting Church drove under the awning at their church, without enough clearance!). Ian Carr (Waterloo Bay) brought the trailer to St Peter's Wynnum (to the canoe shed), and a member of St Paul's Manly was able to swiftly effect the necessary repairs. The trailer (and more importantly, the catamaran) was able to go back into service at the SAILS event yesterday.

Friends for life. Community for life. Thanks be to God.



Pausing in the Park

Another beautiful end of day reflection. Lots of mooching along winding paths, soaking in the setting sun and hearing the birdlife. Amanda was gazing at a gum but couldn't hide the signs of her other religion.



St Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

The Chapel @ Lota House

Sunday 5th October 9.30 am

A special event to give thanks and bless all our animal friends. Furry, feathered, scaly and wriggly. No animal too large or small, too boisterous or too shy to bless. You can bring a photo or favourite stuffed animal if you prefer.



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Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and an expectation for a peaceful Earth. Isaiah 32:14-18.

7th September Fare at the Sea

Lota Foreshore Park, The Esplanade, Lota

14th September Game at the Garden

Bethania Street Community Garden, Lota

21st September Pause in the Park

Torrens Crescent Park, Marston Crescent, Wakerley

28th September Be in the Bush

Melaleuca Environment Park, Clifton Street, Manly West

4.30 pm — 6pm

Short creation centred reflections and prayer followed by something refreshing and nibbles. Bring your refreshments, a folding chair and appropriate clothing. Contact Fr Andrew priest@stpaulsmanly.org

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

More stuff to engage with community and God's love at St Paul's

BCA Boxes: Due Today!!

We will be collecting them and giving thanks for the work of God in rural and remote communities. Cash donations are always welcome if you don't have a box. Just bring 'em along to church and we will make sure your gift and prayers go to those doing God's work in the Bush.



Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel and Cemetery Decoration Day.

Saturday 11th October 2025, 9 til Noon

We have been invited to support this event and raise a little money for us too!! Rev Andrew will be sharing the blessing that has become part of the day of community connection, fun and friendship. There will be all sorts of activities including a specially made golf course. This will make folk hungry and St Paul's has agreed to run a Sausage Sizzle Brunch Stall.

Nadia has agreed to co-ordinate but we need helpers to run the stall, collect money, help tidy up and generally be a visible presence at this community event even for an hour or two.

Contact Nadia on nadia@casadellawilson.com
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Scripture Readings: This Week

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 4:12-5:8; Luke 16:19-31

Next week: St Francis Day

Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29;
Ps 69:31-38; Luke: 10:17-24

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- ♦ The Parish of Morningside
- ♦ Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, South West Region – Roma Foster & Kinship Care and Family Intervention

Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Ali, Bev, Desley, Daryl, Michael, Peter, Jean, Marilyne, Carmel, Rev Sandy

A prayer for Christians discussing politics and big issues.

We pray that Christians will surprise the world with their wisdom, compassion, understanding, and self-control. Please make it clear that those who follow you know how to present compelling and persuasive arguments that make sense to both Christians and non-Christians and keep anger from entering our conversations. As Ephesians 4:31-32 says, *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”* Let this be true of all people who call themselves Christians!

Adapted from: <https://joyfulmomentsinchrist.com/>

What's On

Every week

Monday 10.30am EM Tooth Prayer and Praise
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 September

28th Be in the Bush, Melaleuca Environment Park, 4.30pm

Coming up in October

2nd Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm
4th Car Boot Sale
5th St Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
6th Aveo Community Eucharist
8th E M Tooth Residents Eucharist
11th Cursillo 10.30am
11th Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Decoration Day
11th LinC AGM 2pm

Let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming community events

Deeply Flawed: Jars of Clay

Pastor Bryan Lowe writes: Elijah was suicidal. Job wished he had never been born. David understood deep depression. Moses was anxious. Hannah was barren. Jonah was angry. Paul was all alone in a prison cell.

And actually, this is only a brief list. The Bible is loaded with flawed people who stumbled trying to be faithful. God uses imperfect people, because there really isn't any other kind to be found.

Why does God favor and love people who are so disturbed? Honestly, none of us measure up. It seems He uses the weak to carry out a plan and a purpose of redeeming others, and establishing a Kingdom. He takes messes and gives them His message.

He is Love— 100% of the time, and He loves you, and He loves me, He loves the world. (John 3:16.)

Messed up people of faith become instruments and vessels of grace to other messed up people. We carry a treasure that is not ours. Sometimes it takes years to see this. I hope you can.

The first two verses of Psalm 51 can bring tears when we finally understand their profound beauty, for they came out of David's darkness:

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
Psalm 53:1-2**

For thousands of years people of real faith have come and drawn beauty and grace from this song. David knew his sin was real, and incredible pain emerged from that, but the Psalm did also.

Broken people can be forgiven, redeemed and used. Sometimes I think God gets special enjoyment out of picking the worst and patiently loving us to wholeness. If you really know Him, and know your flaws, you're well on your way of usefulness in His kingdom.

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”
2 Corinthians 4:7

Excerpt from: <https://brokenbelievers.com/2024/04/22/god-really-loves-flawed-people/>

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