



Manly

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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## The Blokes Offer Joy-filled Hospitality And Community

The Men's Ministry team welcomed partners and friends at their regular community meal at Fielders Club this week. Good food matches the good company on a 5th Wednesday of the month and faith-filled support every week.

### 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.

St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this place



- More MAP Moments
- Two Nicks Witness
- MU AGM
- Thanksgiving Sunday Nudge

*St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers every Sunday at 9.30am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you!*

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# Community Matters

## MAPPING THE FUTURE AT MANLY Continues!!!

You don't have to be a policy nerd to appreciate the wisdom and thinking your parish council continues to bring. In a brave effort, as many as could gathered AGAIN in the Chapel last Sunday to continue the thinking about our Mission Action Plan – MAP. As we said last week we are in the fine detail thinking stage to ensure that we are setting a path that strengthens those things we already do well, develop those that are works in progress and set some aspirations for where we want to be in 5 years time.

Each of the five areas of **Worship, Faith Formation, Pastoral Care, Mission and Out reach and Stewardship** has a set of Goals with specific activities outlined to achieve observable outcomes. Its heady stuff but provides Parish Council and the Diocese with a clear trajectory for ministry. We got the job done and now will table the final draft at Parish Council for approval and sharing with you. But in the meantime some may be interested in the Goals we have set ourselves.



### Our Worship Goals are to:

1. Utilise a well-trained and well-resourced team of parishioners and clergy with diverse sets of gifts and talents
2. Grow our worship at Lota House Chapel and gather at times and other venues with varied styles of worship that maximize accessibility, flexibility, and impact for varied groups
3. Respond to everyone who attends worship with us through an active, inclusive hospitality process

### Our Faith Formation Goals are to:

1. Provide a faith formation program with learning opportunities to understand, share and apply our faith in a complex world
2. Offer a lively, relevant and experiential pathway of discipleship including Baptism, Reception to Communion, Confirmation or Reception into the Church
3. Have most of our members participating in a small, supportive fellowship group including Cursillo, Mother's Union, Tatters and Chatters, Scripture Reflection Groups, Men's Ministry and gathering other interest groups.

### Our Pastoral Care Goals are to:

1. Ensure all members of worshipping communities are linked into a pastoral care circle that actively contacts, communicates and supports each other in times of need
2. Nourish clear communication pathways with E M Tooth Coordinator of Pastoral and Spiritual Care and Life-style Coordinator and offer opportunities to foster pastoral relationships between parishioners, Lota House residents, staff and families and The Village Manly through shared hospitality, pastoral care and social activities
3. Build relationship of care and concern in the wider community in partnership with other aged care facilities and community welfare organisations

### Our Outreach and Ministry Goals are to:

1. Support and grow existing parish based ministries with involvement of members of the parish in Pete's Pantry, LinC, Rosies, SAILS and other service opportunities.
2. Develop understanding and implement Inclusive Church, Care for the Environment and the diocese's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan principles
3. Deepen our involvement in outreach and ministry with young children and families by collaborating with St Peter's Wynnum and other local faith communities

### Our Stewardship Goals are to:

1. Discern the best uses of our resources of time, people and their talents for sustainable fulltime ministry into the future
2. Create a diverse income base that allows us to be financially sustainable
3. Ensure continued compliance with all legislative requirements (safe ministry, child protection, WHS)
4. Build, maintain and implement appropriate resources to enhance our reality as a virtual parish and engage the widest possible audiences.

**What do you think? Have a chat to a Parish Councilor for more detail and share your thoughts.**

# Manly Parish supports a call for Australia to treat refugees and migrants with the same compassion as Jesus.

Rev'd Nicholas Whereat has completed a 12-Day Fast at St John's Cathedral, praying for a change of heart in the way Australia responds to the needs of many who are seeking safety here. Nicholas, currently Locum at Nundah, is well known in Manly from his years as PIC in our neighbouring Parish of Waterloo Bay. Nicholas began his Fast on September 8, and ate his first meal since then on the morning of the 21st.

Each day Nicholas hosted Morning and Evening Prayer, on Zoom, and often with fellow Christians by his side. A roster of supporters meant that Nicholas was accompanied through each night without being alone. Our Nick Crisp made several trips in from Manly, and stayed overnight on the 17-18th. He also baked and delivered a pumpkin-zucchini slice for the 20th.

**Nick writes:** It is quite something to journey beside someone like Nicholas, who puts even his own health on the line to raise the profile of some of God's most desperate peoples, (especially those on Nauru and Manus Islands).

A great many Cathedral staff and visitors brought their best wishes to Nicholas, and many prayed with him and for him. Note that our Cathedral is a very busy place. Many hundreds of visitors came during those 12 days. Nearly all of them saw Nicholas. Many groups use this wonderful building. I saw 280 chairs packed away and yoga mats set out.

One afternoon a huge number of school children arrived for a concert. They enjoyed pizzas prior, in the courtyard where we had moved our Evening Prayer set-up. Somehow Nicholas just carried on regardless, over the din. One highlight was meeting the regular Zoom supporters. These included Bishop Godfrey and Bronwyn Fryar. (Godfrey married Jen and I, way back!) On the evening of the 17th, the organist practised for many hours, late into the night. I realised there was one benefit – you can't pray while you're asleep!

I came back to Manly Parish with the knowledge that this effort by Nicholas was on a par with Cursillo, when it comes to effectiveness at Changing our Environments as God wants us to.

**May the power of prayer bring great renewal to the way our country's decision-makers think, moving from selfishness and vote-watching, to driving actions of sharing and inclusiveness.**



## Is there a case for reclaiming Halloween as an intrinsic element of the Christian celebration of All Saints?

**Laurence Waring writes:** The founder of the Iona Community, George MacLeod, used to describe the island of Iona as a *"thin place"* – where barely a sheet of tissue paper *"as thin as gossamer"* separated the material from the spiritual. It was an image borrowed from the broader Celtic idea that there are places where God is experienced more nearly than others.

In another Celtic tradition, it was once believed that at the festival of Samhain (pronounced *"sow-in"*), the boundary between the worlds of the living and dead became blurred. Celebrated on the last day of October, the festival marked the end of summer and the harvest season and the beginning of the dark, cold winter during which death was a common occurrence.



In choosing this day to recognise the presence of otherworldly spirits, whatever their malevolent intentions might be, were the Celts also acknowledging that there is no hard and fast division between our day-to-day material world and the spiritual world? The world beyond death lies closer to us than we often permit ourselves to remember. Was not the festival of Samhain a celebration of the *"thin place"* in which we live; an acceptance of the tissue-thin division between the living and the dead?

Today, many Christians feel ambivalent at best about marking a festival that allows free rein to evil spirits before they are sent packing by the holy forces of the saints. Is it because we have forgotten that the two festivals are conjoined – that Halloween makes more sense when reunited with its equal opposite, All Saints? Does it say something about our desire to shut out our contemplation of death? If so, then it's an attitude challenged by the lectionary Gospel reading for All Saints Day, which records Jesus' raising of Lazarus out of death. (John 11:32-44).

Taken together, the festivals of All-hallows Eve and All Saints remind us that we are connected to our past, and that those who have gone before us still live with us and may help support us into our future. Using vivid and unsettling imagery, the twin festivals insist on the wholeness of creation – God is God of the dead as well as of the living. If we remain alert to the non-material aspects of our lives, we may remember that the division between our lives and theirs is tissue thin.



Adapted from: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/resources/articles/all-saints-is-halloween-a-thin-place/>



## Manly Wynnum Mother's Union Meets Annually and Generally.

Past President Kay Voltz checks procedure as the Vicar, Chair and Vice President Beverly Schmidt and treasurer Robyn Lawler look on expectantly at the recent Annual General Meeting of our MU women. We managed despite Madam President Ailsa Gill call to higher duties in her new extra role at the national AMUA meeting in Sydney at the same time. We are pleased to affirm the continuance of the 3 year appointment of all office bearers, discussed regularizing our name to include Wynnum and of most importance confirm the venue for the break up Christmas Lunch next month. It's Fielders Club on the 25th November following our service and planning meeting!!!



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

**Sunday 2nd November  
All Saints/All Souls Day  
Commemoration  
of all the Faithful Departed**

One of the poignant traditions on All Souls Day is to read the names of those we have loved who now rest in God's Arms. There will be a place at the back of the to write names you would like read aloud as part of our intercessions . Feel free to include as many people as you like.

You can also email names to Rev Andrew before Sunday on [priest@stpaulsmanly.org.au](mailto:priest@stpaulsmanly.org.au)



ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup>  
ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER, 2<sup>ND</sup>

## **Are You Ready to Give Thanks?**

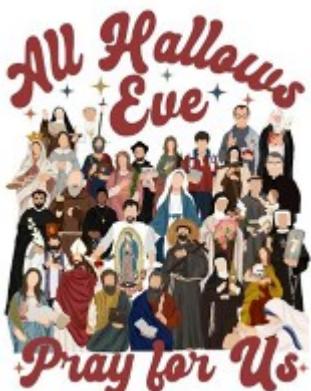
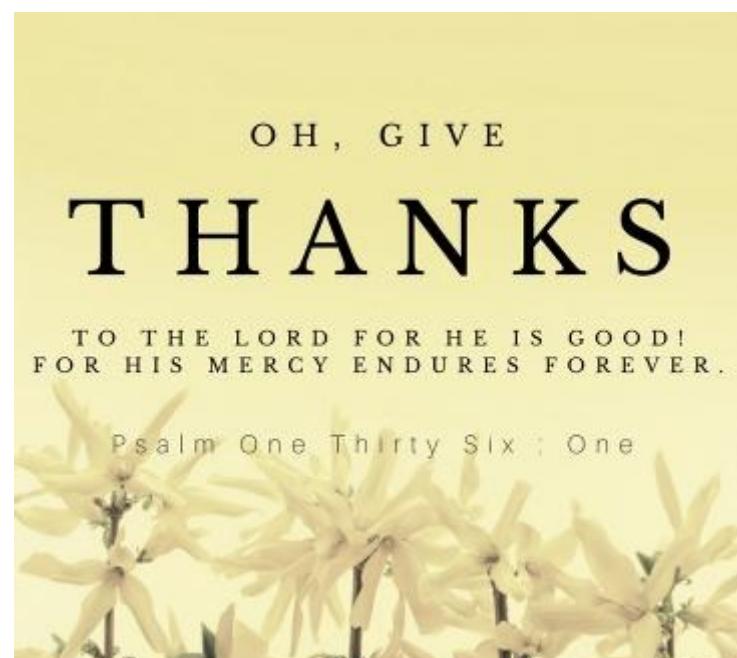
**St Paul's Thanksgiving Sunday  
is coming up on  
Sunday the 16th November.**

Our special guest will be Bishop Bill Ray, retired Bishop of North Queensland, author of great bible study resources, husband of the president of the Australian Mother's Union and locum Bishop while our Regional Bishop, + John Roundhill has been on leave.

Thanksgiving Sunday doesn't involve Turkey meals and pumpkin pie... although it could to be fair. It's a celebration of all we are, of the creativity of our hands and the Spirit of love and hope that drives us all.

Negotiations are still occurring to establish our crack auctioneer but we need the work of your hands. Fr Andrew is busily crafting a gorgeous knitted item at Tatters and Chatters.... It may be a rug, a scarf or a dish cloth... time will tell! Bidding will be intense and competitive so start saving up so you don't miss out.

**What can you offer to share, be auctioned and contribute to our work here in the Chapel and beyond?**



**From Ghoulies and Ghosties  
and Long Leggit Beasties  
and other things that go bump in the night!  
Good Lord deliver Us.**

Scottish Prayer for All Hallows Eve.

### Scripture Readings All Saints/All Souls

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149;  
Ephesians 1:11-223, Luke 6:20-31

#### Next week:

Job 19:23-27; Psalm 17:1-9;  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-40

### For your prayers:

- ◆ The Church of the Province of West Africa
- ◆ The Diocese of Adelaide
- ◆ The Parish of Tara
- ◆ General Managers Office: Tim Reid & staff
- ◆ Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane
- ◆ Manly and Wynnum Mothers Union

**Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Val, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Ali, Desley, Bev, Daryl, Michael, Peter, Jean, Marilyn, Carmel, Rev Sandy, Heidi, Fred, Atholl, Ruby**

### A Prayer for All Souls Day

God of compassion,  
we hold in our hearts all those who  
have passed from this life, those we  
knew and those whose names are only  
known to you. We pray that they are  
now in your peace, and that their  
journey to you is complete.  
We remember all the lost, all who died  
alone, and all whose lives were cut  
short. Grant them your eternal light  
and rest, and bring comfort to all who  
love them still.

**Amen**

### 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 November

1st All Saints Day  
1st Car Boot Sale, Meadowlands Road Carindale  
2nd All Saints/All Souls Day Parish Eucharist  
3rd Aveo Community Eucharist  
5th E M Tooth Volunteers Thank You event  
6th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum Library 2pm  
8th Cursillo 10.30am  
9th Defence Force Sunday/Baptism of Jack Gibson  
9th Parish Council 11am-1pm  
11th Remembrance Day  
12th EM Tooth Residents Eucharist 2pm  
16th Thanksgiving Day with +Bill Ray

### Remembering Maggie

As we celebrate All Hallows over the next few days its fitting to acknowledge the passing of Maggie Stewart. Maggie and Brian were so faithful in worshipping with us and Brian so faithful in caring for her.

The Celebration of Life on Wednesday emphasised this faithful love that wove so strongly in Maggie's life... through family, through service as a Chaplain and in the faithful and joyous bond she and Brian shared.

This quote from St Thomas Moore's last letter to his daughter Margaret is on the back of her service booklet.

*"Farewell my child and pray for me, and I shall for you and all your friends that we may meet merrily in heaven."*

### *Celebrating The Life Of*



**Margaret Mary Stewart**

11.02.1943 – 19.10.2025

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