



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
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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.

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



- ◆ A lotta Thanksgiving
- ◆ Cursillistas Celebrate
- ◆ Advent Awaits
- ◆ Stories of Creativity
- ◆ Pete's Pantry Prepares

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



Last week, we celebrated all the good things God has given us and offered again the works of our hearts and hands.

Thanksgiving Sunday is a long standing tradition within the parish and the pic on the front of this issue shows the wonderful offerings that graced our altar ready to be sold as a fundraiser for our ministry. After being nourished by scripture, sacrament and many prayers of thanks we called again on the skills of our crack auctioneer Craig Lawrence, ably organised by his lovely assistant and partner in life Mel.

Sandra Davis tells it well: *What a success the auction today was: \$1189 is the highest total we have ever made! I am very impressed with Andrew's knitted wine bottle cover and am planning to start at least one of the ladies in my craft group making one.*



Proud as the Vicar may be of Mrs Voltz's work, there was spirited bidding for many items, including two skilfully crocheted rugs, one with the parish logo. There were many beautiful handcrafts, excellent baking, plants, preserves and a brand new addition of meal vouchers promising a home cooked, home delivered meal!

Sometimes bidding surprised the donor as many bidders got lost in auction fever and bid high!

Thank you to all for a great day!!!



CHRIST THE KING AND THEN ADVENT BEGINS.

Sandra Davis reflects on the weeks ahead:

As Christmas approaches, we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on the five Sundays before Christmas Day on Thursday, 25th December.

The five Sundays are Christ The King—on the 23rd November - followed by the four Sundays of Advent, which extend from the 30th November to the 21st December.

On each of these five Sundays, I've specially chosen one of the fifty tapestry cushions worked by members of our parish to be displayed at the foot of the altar in our chapel.

The first of these will be **"Christ The King"** worked by Joan Boardman-Smith in the year our tapestry project began, 2000.

The Feast of Christ the King... otherwise known as The Reign of Christ—celebrates the kingship of Jesus over Heaven and Earth. In our increasingly secular world, it is important to acknowledge that Jesus is, indeed, king of the world.

On this cushion that I'm holding near our crucifix, created by local sculptor, Erwin Guth, in 1991, Joan has worked the cross of triumph with two olive branches stitched as arcs, symbolising peace, which is an integral part of the Christmas message, matching perfectly with Jesus' own message during his adult years. In her description of the cushion, Joan has focused on the assistance given to the adult Jesus in his work by his twelve disciples, the first of whom were Peter, Andrew, James and John.

Soon after Jesus' death on the cross at Golgotha, our patron saint, Paul of Tarsus spread the Christian message further throughout many Mediterranean lands: thanks to his tireless efforts Christ certainly was King and remains so today.

Keep an eye out as we share creativity each week in Advent.



Advent Blessing of the Angels Sunday 30th November 2025 Bring your angels to church for a blessing.

In Advent, angels are important because they are **messengers** who announce the birth of Jesus, bringing **hope** and **joy** to humanity. They serve to prepare the way, provide reassurance, and confirm that Jesus is the promised Savior.

We'd love to share our angels of all sizes, bless them and send them home to be reminders of the reason we decorate and celebrate.



You may already have some... you might like to nip to the shops to buy one.... Or creative types might make some.

You could bring, buy or create an angel to be blessed and gifted to someone who needs a bit of angelic blessing in their lives this Christmas.



Cursillo – Brisbane Diocese 40th Anniversary

The view from behind the lens by Nick Crisp

All Eucharists conducted by an Archbishop in a Cathedral are wonderful.

All Ultreyas ("Reunion of Cursillo Groups) are wonderful.

All "Community Dinners" are wonderful.

On Saturday 08-11-2025 we were treated to all three, one after another! Alas, the Dinner numbers were limited to just 100 plus VIP's, as that was the limit of our catering capacity and facility. Six Manly Cursillistas attended the Eucharist and the Ultreya. Not surprisingly, it has taken me a little time to absorb all that I heard and saw.

My primary role was to play Official Photographer. There were conflicting requirements: take sufficient decent representative photographs to provide for an article in Anglican Focus, record who attended (at the Ultreya and Dinner) for our Cursillo archive, prepare for requests from attendees for copies of interest to themselves, support some snappy articles for our next OWLE, and of course, cover the needs of Rev'd Andrew's amazing Manly Parish Newsletter. I asked the Dean (Dr. Peter Catt) where I was allowed to stand, and when I was allowed to move, for the Eucharist. Jen was in the pews, backing me up with great snaps on her 'phone.



The Eucharist was unremarkable in content – standard Anglican fare. What made it special was the "team" in the Sanctuary, the hundreds of colourful Cursillistas in the pews, and the musicians at the side. Archbishop Jeremy was supported by Dr Catt, Rev Pauline Harley, Bishop Cam (with guitar), Dr Ann Solari, and LA's Louise Harris (Logan) and Rob Clark (Waterloo Bay). The sermon was delivered by the person most of us had come to hear, Bishop Ian Palmer. It was a superb, encouraging, uplifting, personal witness to God's love for us, and Jesus' references to *"Faith the size of a mustard seed"*.

At the side was Howard Greaver (Bulimba) on grand-piano, with Allan Carroll (Deception Bay) on bass-guitar – backed by a four-ladies' choir. I stood beside the massive pillar that is in front of the pulpit, directly under a loud-speaker, just a few steps from the piano, and close to all the action around the altar. Woo-hoo! For the first time ever in our Cathedral, I heard every word! I tried to concentrate on unobtrusively taking good photographs (not too difficult with a 65X- zoom) but admit I did get a little caught up in the singing! The view looking back down the audience was amazing too!



After the Eucharist we had a short break and then started our Ultreya. Marg Carr (Waterloo Bay), our Diocesan Lay Director fired us up with a medley of three well-known songs and opening prayers. I read out a list of apologies from those unable to attend, and then names of the 30+ parishes represented.

Rev' Valerie Hoare introduced our Witness Speaker, Alison Dorman. Again we were treated to a powerful account of how God works through Cursillo, transforming lives and bringing joy to God's kingdom. (God has crammed a lot into some peoples' lives!)

Bishop Cam, in response, provided many tips on how each of us might make use of what God had offered to us though Alison's stories. Collecting in small groups pretty-much where we were already, we enjoyed "floating group-reunions", sharing a) One spiritual aid which has nourished our union with Christ, and b) How can I encourage Cursillo in my parish or deanery?





After more deafening singing, Bishop Cam commissioned our co-Lay Directors for the 2026 Weekend (#84), James Pula and Peter Harley. James and Peter, holding the Diocesan Cursillo banner aloft, then led the crowd along Anne Street for a block-and-a-half to our Dinner venue, St Andrew's Uniting Church hall. I took photographs, then ran back to ferry three less-mobile Cursillistas to the hall, re-parked my car at the Cathedral, and ran back to the hall as the last ones were filing-in.

The Dinner started off with free bubbly all-around (to lubricate the vocal-chords) and some nibblies. Rev'd Iain Moore (Sherwood) was M-C. While we ate and mingled, we listened to guest-speakers Gail Toohey and Ann Morris. Long-time Wynnum parish musician and Cursillo Team-member David Thomas was given the honour of cutting the massive 40th Anniversary cake.

Later, after main-course, we were again treated to an address by Bishop Palmer. This time the accent was on "liminal spaces" and their importance to our own welfare and also how we must factor-in the same for Candidates on a Weekend. Thus his talk was very much about ensuring the future success of Cursillo.

On our tables were copies of *"In The Beginning – CURSILLO"*, a short history of the arrival and development of Cursillo in this Diocese, written by eye-witness Rev' Bruce Worthington. It is an extraordinary story of Spirit-driven perseverance and commitment. Altogether a cracker of a celebration!

Now we are back in our parishes, already planning lots of events for 2026.

**Nick says he has over 500 images from the event.
We will have more pics of the March and Dinner in next week's
newsletter!**



Scripture Readings: The Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Song of Zechariah;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Next week: Advent One Year A

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ♦ The Diocese of Tasmania:
- ♦ The Parish of Annerley
- ♦ Anglicare SQ The Glebe Retirement Village
- ♦ St Francis Theological College, Milton
- ♦ Tuesday Bible Group

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

A Prayer of Christ who reigns

God most holy, God most loving,
we thank you for Jesus our unique King.
May we see him in the glory of his saving grace,
love him as the hope of our lives,
and serve him as that loving Brother
who alone can change the alienation
and aggression of the world
and bring us to that wondrous reconciliation
where no one is forgotten,
and no soul excluded.

In his name and to your eternal praise,
we so pray

Amen

Source: www.bruceprewer.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 November

26th Zonta Paint the Town Orange Breakfast 6.45am
26th MU Eucharist, planning and Christmas Breakup 9.30am
30th Advent 1 Angel Blessing/Giving Tree Launch

Coming up in December

1st Aveo Community Eucharist
3rd Pete's Pantry Christmas Lunch
4th Tatters and Chatters, Wynnum Library 2pm
6th Car Boot Sale, Meadowlands Rd Carina
6th Ecumenical Carols at St Peter's Wynnum 5pm
7th Parish Council meets with +John 2pm
10th E M Tooth Community Eucharist 2pm
10-16th Treerific @ St Peters



Pete's Pantry Prepares for Christmas

Do you know anyone who could do with some extra help this Christmas? Have a chat to Rev Andrew and we can sort a hamper for them.

Paul, Rosie and the team are busy collecting, sorting and wrapping. Rosie says they are particularly in need of simple men's gifts... toiletries particularly but no aerosols.

You can drop things up to St Peter's on Mondays and Wednesdays.



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