



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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ST PAUL'S NEWS

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An end of an era for eager early risers

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



- Celebrating Car Boots
- Parish Council EOY
- MU parties
- Wynnum Partnerships
- Tatters and Chatters

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

Saying Farewell to a Season of Service

It's always a bit poignant when a season of ministry comes to a close but we rejoice in the dedication of the Car Boot Sale Team over many years. Pictured are some of the team on site at Carindale last Saturday for the final time. We are grateful for the work of Aisla, Robyn, Chris, Isobel, Amanda and Marilyne with a special mention to Seb Lawler and Paul Gill who faithfully assisted with set up and support each time. There are others who have done great work over the years and we thank them too.



We went out with fond farewells from fellow stall holders and nearly \$400 in sales... which makes a total of **\$3,953.60ish for the year!**

We are so grateful for this significant contribution to our ministry... but they sure won't miss the early morning rising!



MORE ADVENT CREATIVITY AND SYMBOLS

Sandra Davis continues her series on our tapestry cushions displayed during the Season of Advent.

The third Sunday in Advent, 14th December, sees Bev Schmidt displaying another of Harline Dalton's cushions, this one worked by her in 2002.

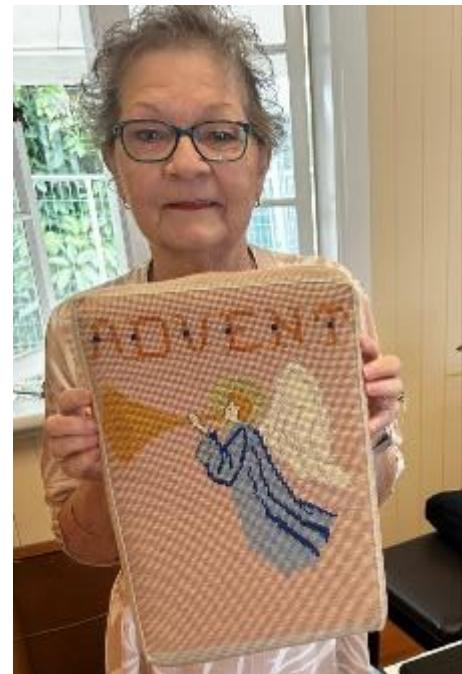
It is aptly called "Advent". The name is derived from the Latin noun "*adventum*", meaning "arrival". A form of it occurs in the Latin version of the hymn "O, come all ye faithful":

*Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite ad Bethlehem..."*

Harline has worked a herald angel on her cushion, an angel about to announce Jesus' arrival on earth in Bethlehem in the Roman province of Judea. At that time Augustus Caesar was Emperor of Rome.

Luke introduces the story of a census ordered by Augustus. This required Joseph to register at his birthplace, Bethlehem. The Roman writer, Flavius Josephus, tells us that this census was carried out when Quirinus was the legate of Syria.

In one of our Christmas hymns we sing:
*"Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born king..."*



Harline has a Herald Angel featured on her cushion, aptly rose coloured for our Gaudete Sunday!.



Parish Council Ponders, Plans... and Parties.

Your Parish Council does an amazing often behind the scenes job in managing the many bits and pieces of administration and planning that make up parish life. Lately they have been deep into Mission Action Planning to develop our strategic pathway for the next few years alongside wisely moderating the enthusiasms of an occasionally over excited vicar.

There will be a bit to think about at our next AGM having waved a fond farewell to Craig, Heidi, Phyl and Stephen over the last 12 months. However, right now it is about celebrating the achievements of the year, sharing good food and fellowship and raising a wee dram to the year that has been.

Thank you to our Wardens Jen and Rob, Treasurer Nick, nominator Mel, synod rep Nadia and councilors Mark, Ailsa, Chris, Isobel, Chris and Bev who keep us moving forward!



More Car Boot Thanks



Playful Partnering With Pete's People!

A fab season of working together with our friends at St Peter's Wynnum.

Last week Rev Andrew was at the Pete's Pantry Christmas Lunch on Wednesday and then singing joyfully at their Ecumenical Carols on Saturday.

Pictured here are musical folk on the strings from Guardian Angels Catholic Parish, our Bev on the keys and Mr Austin blowing for Jesus on the Tuba. Lots of vocal stylings were offered by Rev Andrew with Pastor Craig and team from Bayside Uniting and Rev Sam with family folk frolicking too.



We also joined in the amazing community efforts at TreeRiffic Christmas Tree Display. Do drop in for a look from 10am-2pm and then 6-8pm until the 16th December. There is a dazzling array of creativity on display including our blue and orange offering and a strong MU showing.



MU President and Partner Paul Lead the Party Peeps.



There is no truth to the rumour that police were called and noise abatement measures put in place as MU members decided too much fun is not enough fun. President Ailsa and the patient Paul hosted a joyous Christmas Lunch complete with renowned local mixologist Amanda's amazing cocktails, festive ham and salad and even a special birthday cake for Bev. Lots of smiles as the folk just kicked back and enjoyed laughs and stories.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

E.M. Tooth Residential Aged Care Home
and
St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly
invite residents, staff, parishioners and family
to Christmas Carols featuring the Bayside Brass.

**Sunday 21st December
2pm in the Chapel**

Join us for a celebration of Christmas with sing-a-long
carols played by the big sound of the brass band.
A magical way to celebrate Christmas with those you love.

Light Refreshments to follow.



Scripture Readings: Advent Three Year A

Isaiah 36:1-10; Song of Mary;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Next week: Advent Four Year A

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 18-25

For your prayers:

- ◆ Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- ◆ Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of
- ◆ The Parish of Carindale
- ◆ Mission to Seafarers
- ◆ St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Ascot
- ◆ Pandora's Op Shop

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, Ruby, Kay, Jane

A Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

God for whom we wait,
Grant us the deep, abiding joy
that comes from knowing you.
May this joy overflow from us,
bringing hope and peace to all around us,
especially those struggling, lost, or afraid.
Strengthen our resolve to follow you,
and to share your love and light,
so that when Christmas comes,
our worship is real, our hearts are ready,
and we can truly celebrate
your birth with glad rejoicing.

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 December

14th Parish Christmas Brunch after service

16th E M Tooth Christmas Lunch (**No Bible Reflection group**)

17th Rev Andrew at Pete's Pantry Hamper Distribution

18th Pete's Pantry Hampers cont

20th Bayside Carols @ Geoge Clayton Park 6.45pm

21st Big Band Carols 2pm

22nd Blue Christmass Service @ St John's Cathedral 6pm

24th Christmas Eve 5pm

25th Christmas Day 9.30 am

28th Br Nathan presiding

28th-Jan 2nd Rev Andrew on Leave

Tatts and Chats parties too!



Some more Christmas Cake and a lot of smiles as Tatters and Chatters said goodbye to 2025 at Wynnum Library.

A special guest was the lovely Valerie who is the crafty hands behind our beautiful Baptism Bears. She loved the pics of the huge smile of our last recipient, wee Harry. We are so grateful for her skilled ministry.



We are booked in to the salubrious surrounds of the Wynnum Library on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting on the 15th January... but we will have the morning slot from 10am til noon.

See you there!!



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