



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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ST PAUL'S NEWS

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Our Advent Giving Tree Gives Hope and Dignity



From Pete's Pantry: It was most welcome when Robyn and Sebastian called into the Pantry with a donation of over 50 beautiful toiletry bags for distribution to friends in need in our local community. 50 bags is a huge effort from a small congregation. Thank you one and all for your love, kindness and generosity. **Well done, St Paul's.**

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



- Tatts and Chats is back
- So is our E M Tooth Service
- Our Christmas Story
- Visting friends afar
- TheVicar's Voice

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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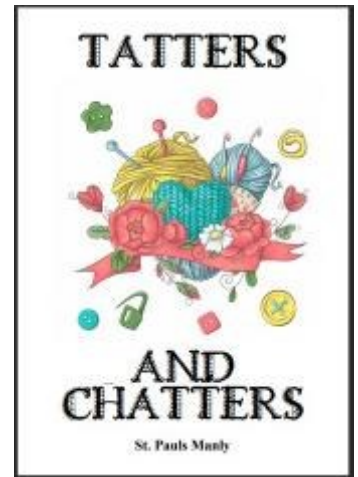


Community Matters

Tatters and Chatters kicks off for 2026, now at 10am.

Amanda Moran writes: *For our first Tatters and Chatters morning meeting of 2026 and to honour our missing spiritual leader, we thought a selfie and a coffee cheers was in order.*

The editorial team are not entirely convinced that the cups were filled just with coffee, given the rosy cheeks and broad smiles... but that's pretty usual for the T and C group who now meet at 10am at the Wynnum library on the first and third Thursday each month. Drop ins always welcome and no craft need actually occur as chat is high on the agenda!



Too Much Christmas is never enough! Our Joy lives on!

Some more pics of our joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all who contributed to making both our Christmas Services beautiful in their own way. Our paparazzi did a great job capturing folk at our family service, even if the photo booth blew over and almost took out folk on Christmas Morning! Check out our Nativity Story attached to this newsletter!



E M Tooth celebrates St Mungo

It was all things Scottish in the chapel last week as we gathered for our monthly residents' Eucharist. It's a lovely time of simple community prayer and conversation with a cuppa afterwards.

Rev Andrew couldn't help himself as we celebrated the Feast of St Kentigern, founder of Glasgow. He's also known as St Mungo which translates as 'Darling'.

We shared this beautiful mural that is a modern take on one of the legends where St Mungo healed an injured Robin. He also brought Christianity to the folk of south east Scotland and founded the community and church that has evolved into the bustling city of Glasgow.



Yvonne gets a visit from parishioners barely half her age!

Proving distance is no barrier to parish friendships, on December 29, Jen and Nick took Communion to longtime Manly parishioner Yvonne at her Casuarina home. It was a wonderful time of shared prayer and just catching up with happenings at both Manly and The Tweed. (Nick needs some "Selfie Lessons" from Fr. Andrew!)



Scripture Readings: This Week

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-13;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Next Week: 25th January

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-10;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

For your prayers:

- ◆ Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- ◆ The Diocese of North West Australia
- ◆ The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove
- ◆ Ministry with Young Adults
- ◆ The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield
- ◆ Rosies Outreach Bayside

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

A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,
Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this
fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent
conflict:

To world leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond the
boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common
humanity that makes us all your children and brothers
and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge
or even in the cause of justice grant the grace
of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and
constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and
terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter
and strength, their haven and hope.

Amen

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource>

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 January

20th MU Gathering at St Peter's Wynnum 9.30am
25th Parish Council Meeting 11am
28th Men's Group Community Dinner 7pm Venue TBC

Coming up in February

1st Rev Andrew's last Sunday
2nd Aveo Manly Gardens Community Service 2pm
5th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum Library 10am

The Vicar's Voice

So I'm back from leave... if only for a few weeks. It's a strange feeling in this liminal time as we all prepare for my last Sunday on the 1st of February. It's not just kick back into the normal things of beginning a new year, but a time of lasts, goodbyes, tidying up and packing up.

It was all a bit of a whirlwind before Christmas as I juggled trying to be as present as I can while holding that big bit of news that changes things for all of us. Just before Christmas was not an ideal time but it had to be done. I am very moved by the lovely words of affirmation and care that have helped make the thought of leaving a little smoother.

I had a refreshing and relaxing time with my family in NSW. It was really special to take the wee red car and my sister Mary on a massive road trip through western NSW to Broken Hill. It was a great time of poking about some family history at Junee, Carrathool and Molong... and amazing to encounter the beauty of the big skies, wide horizons and deep red soils all the way out to Broken Hill and beyond. We managed ok with the heat, the long distances and the one or two brief encounters with wildlife and potholes. No one got cranky including me and we both felt it was one of the best trips we'd done.

It gives me pause to give thanks for the diversity of landscape and the resilience and creativity of God's people. As we move into the mixed feelings that is the reality of Australia Day, I give thanks for that diversity and hold close the challenges we face as a country when voices continue to try and divide us.

Every blessing

Andrew



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