



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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We say goodbye to Reverend Andrew

"So long, farewell, auf wieder sien, adieu".

We challenge you not to have the famous tune of the Von Trapp children as an ear worm...
...but an apt reflection of what has to happen this weekend.

Rev Andrew is packing the house, loading the little red car and heading south to pastures new this weekend.

Not the bingo card item many of us had for 2026, including him... but the Holy Spirit has had her wilful and somewhat opaque way and new beginnings are ahead for us all.

There are many memories, smiles and poignant moments that are now part of our shared story as God's faithful people here at the edge of the sea.

More words of farewell inside.

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



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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



And It's Farewell to Rev Andrew

This Sunday, 1st February, is Fr Andrew's last Sunday with us. He will say more but please join us at our 9.30 Service in the Chapel at Lota House to be followed by morning tea. You might like to bring something to share over a cuppa.

A Farewell Lunch has been booked at Fielders Club, 35 Bognor Road Tingalpa for 12.30pm. To book a seat please contact Mel Lawrence on 0412 570 275.

For your prayers: Rev Andrew's Commissioning as Rector of the Parish of Wallsend with oversight of the Parish of Lambton in the Diocese of Newcastle will take place at St Luke's Church, Wallsend NSW on Wednesday 11th February at 6pm.

There are a couple of St Paul's folk attending to hand him over and hopefully say nice things!

You are welcome to attend if you are suddenly down that way.

The Vicar's Voice

I'm a bit wobbly as I sit to type this final note to the good folk of the Bayside! Its difficult to put into a few words the blessing this all too brief time has been. I feel so blessed at the warm and real welcome I experienced just after Easter in 2024 as Bishop John presented me at the commissioning service... which continued unabated all these months and year or so later.

St Paul's Manly has been a place of healing and hope and a beautiful re-entry into fulltime ministry after taking some time off to rest and recuperate. I have felt real love, much wisdom and so much almost overwhelming spiritual and practical support.

It has been a privilege to sit alongside genuine, sensitive and spiritually aware folk as we support each other and sometimes struggle together to find meaning in the ups and downs of life.

Being your priest is such a special space and I thank you for trusting me with the precious gift of your journey with God.

While our plans may have been different to the Lord's, I am really confident that our God has so much more to guide us all into. I will be having a few words when we meet face to face in what ever shape everlasting life takes, but for now I trust in the foundations of faithfulness laid by so many folk here in Manly and in our world.

I pray that you all continue to take the gifts of hospitality, inclusion, compassion, love and heartfelt service to others in the familiar and well practiced ways of the present... and in the exciting possibilities of the future.

So many memories... so many selfies... so many newsletter articles... and so much gratitude. I'll try to express some of that on Sunday... but thank you from the depth of my heart for all you have been and will be in whatever lies ahead.



With deep love

Andrew

The Warden's Words

From Rob and Jen : This Sunday marks Fr Andrew's last week with us before he leaves to take up his new role in the Diocese of Newcastle. Andrew has been deeply loved in this parish and has offered faithful, generous and thoughtful leadership during his time at Manly.

We give thanks for Andrew's ministry among us and pray God's blessing on him as he begins this next chapter.



Priest's Warden
Rob Wilson



People's Warden
Jennifer Crisp

As we look ahead, it is important to be open about where we are as a parish. Since the sale of 99 Ernest Street and our move to Lota House, our financial position has continued to tighten, with costs exceeding income. While The Village development at Lota House is now well underway, with the first stage expected to be completed in late 2026, its benefits are still some time away. In the meantime, the parish is only able to sustain part time paid ministry.

The Wardens and Parish Council have been in active conversation with Bishop John about Manly's future. There is strong agreement that Manly should continue as a separate parish and that closure is not an option. We are therefore pursuing models of shared and part time ministry, as encouraged by the Bishop, while recognising the current shortage of available clergy.

In the short term, the wardens and parish council are putting interim arrangements in place to ensure Sunday worship, pastoral care and essential parish life continue smoothly through to Easter.

We ask for your prayers, patience and support as we navigate this transition together, trusting that God continues to call and sustain this community.





Archbishop Sarah Mullally takes up Primatial Cross

Archbishop Sarah Mullally took up the Primatial Cross as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury during a Confirmation of Election service held at St Paul's Cathedral. Her public duties begin in March, after an Installation service in Canterbury.

The Confirmation of Election is a legal ceremony set within a church service. It marked the moment at which the legal functions of office become vested in the new archbishop. The Archbishop-Elect also took the oath of allegiance and made declaration of assent to her new office.

During the service, the Archbishop of York, along with others participants, gave words of encouragement to Archbishop Sarah. Described as 'the Charge' in the Order of Service, this was a moment of affirmation, mandating Archbishop Sarah in her spiritual, pastoral and missionary responsibilities.

Speaking about the Confirmation of Election, The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, said: 'I give thanks for Bishop Sarah and the confirmation of her election as the Archbishop of Canterbury. As she prepares for her installation and public ministry this March, I assure her of our prayers and support. May God grant the archbishop understanding and discernment as she works to serve the Member churches of the Anglican Communion, foster bonds of friendship, and encourage them in sharing the Good News of the Christian faith around the world.'

<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2026/01/archbishop-sarah-mullally-takes-up-primatial-cross-at-confirmation-of-election-service.aspx>

Bayside Blokes and Friends Eat Out for Jesus.



The Bayside Men's Ministry hosted their first community dinner for the year at the Manly Boat Club. Partners and Friends join the blokes when there is a 5th Wednesday of the month. St Paul's folk including Mark, Nick and Chris join with other blokes at St Peter's Hall, Wynnum each Wednesday at 7pm.

Development Updates

Nicky Harrison, Project Manager - Property Developments and Initiatives, Anglicare SQ writes:

As part of our ongoing communication, I am writing to advise you of some upcoming construction works that may temporarily impact your access around our home.



Change to walkway access

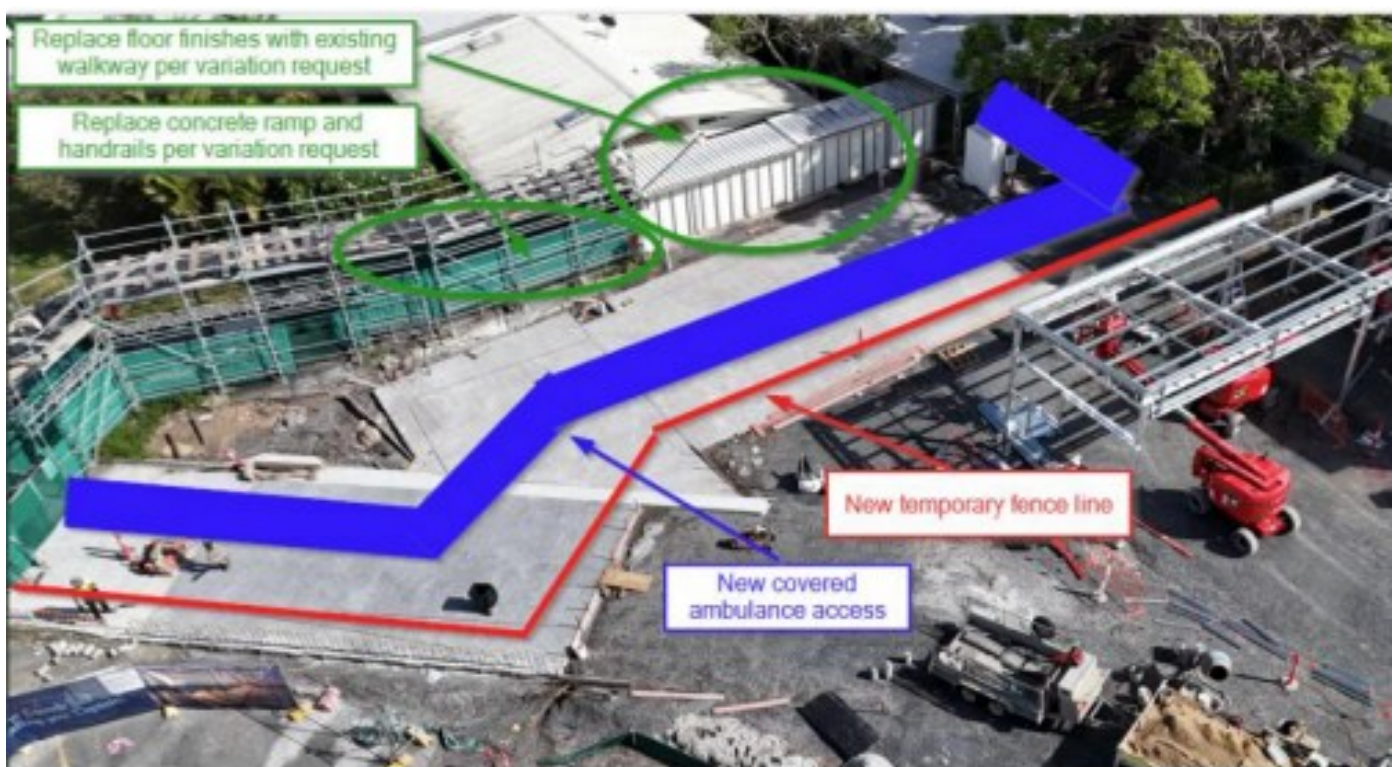
- The existing covered walkway, concrete path and handrails marked in green below will be upgraded.
- From 02 February 2026 construction workers will begin to move the existing scaffolding to a temporary location, as marked in blue below.
- From 09 February 2026 we ask that you please use the new, temporary pathway as marked in blue below.
- From Late March 2026, the original walkway will be reopened for use.
- A temporary noise barrier will be installed between the home and the left-hand side of the main entry to help minimise construction noise whilst works are carried out.
- Covered ambulance access will remain available at all times.

Parking at our home

- We continue to have a limited number of visitor parking spaces at our home. Street parking along Oceana Terrace remains available.
- Please note, reserved car parks will remain available exclusively for visitors with mobility needs.

We thank you for your patience during the construction period and will continue to provide project and construction updates to you. For more information about the Village Manly, please visit www.thevillage.com.au.

Please do not hesitate to contact enquiries@anglicaresq.org.au should you have any questions.



Scripture Readings: This Week

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week: 8th February

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday 15th February: Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 22nd February: 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday 1st March; 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Church of England
- ♦ The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- ♦ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ♦ The Parish of Maleny:
- ♦ ACSQ Director of Clergy Development and Training
- ♦ Anglican Schools Office, Church House
- ♦ Bayside Welfare and Community Agencies

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

**What does the LORD require
of you but to do justice, and
to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8**

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 February

1st Rev Andrew's last Sunday
2nd Aveo Manly Gardens Community Service 2pm
5th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum Library 10am
8th Rev Mary Florence leads Sunday service
14th Cursillo Gathering
17th MU Service and Meeting
18th Ash Wednesday Service TBC
19th Tatters and Chatters
22nd Bishop John Episcopal Visit

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 15th February
Following the 9.30am Service.
Chair: Rev Cameron Freese, Area Dean**

Nomination Forms at the back of the chapel and
The AGM Report will be available next week.

Vacancy: Synod Representative.

Please prayerfully consider if you could represent
the parish and serve the Diocese as one of our
representatives at Synod. Have a chat to Nadia
Wilson for more details.

A Prayer when injustice seems overwhelming

"Eternal God,
you have called us to be in relationship
with one another.
Open our hearts that we may be bold
in finding the riches of inclusion
and the treasures of diversity among us.

Give us the vision
to see Your love in the world
in spite of human failure,
and the courage to build a world
where the weak are protected,
where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.

Use me to bring love and hope
to places where they are needed,
that I may be able to
do some work of peace for thee."

(Adapted from [Xavier University Justice Prayers](#))

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