



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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## MU Light Shines for Christian Unity

### 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



- MU Kick Off for 2026
- Remembering Chris
- Friends farewelling Fr A
- Bible Reflections joy
- Australia Day Thoughts

**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



## Manly Wynnum MU Regroups

A bitter sweet moment last week as Manly Wynnum MU held an extraordinary gathering to celebrate with Rev Andrew one last time and ring in the new year.

It was fitting to use the resources from the MU Prayer Dairy and the World Council of Churches for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service has a focus on the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea and of course the Nicene Prayer.

A poignant moment was the blessing of the special stole—a work in progress—with the MU symbols. Rev Andrew is so chuffed to have been part of the story and joyful at being able to hand it over to Fr Sam as a sign of his continuation of ministry with MU in the year ahead. Rev Andrew was also delighted to take away some MU diaries as gifts to the MU ladies down south.

Lovely stories were shared over morning tea, including the re-emergence of a beautiful silver vase that was given in loving memory of Joan McDonnell of Mothers Union in 1963.

**Memories of our faithful past inspire us  
in our journey into the future!**







## St Peter's friends share prayer and a fond farewell to the Manly Vicar

Our MU service is always open to anyone and this week these faithful and engaged folk from St Peter's joined us in the farewell and good wishes. Our friends at St Peter's are so important to us in our shared call to embody the Gospel of Jesus in the Bayside.

Pete's Pantry, Pandora's Op Shop, and ministries like the Christmas events from last December wouldn't happen without these smiling faces among many others with whom we walk together in faith.

**We look forward to continuing to grow together in love, service and faith filled fellowship.**

## Unsupervised Scripture Scholars ponder deep things about the Word.

Great to see creative minds at work when commitments clash for the clergy. We are assured most of the time at our Tuesday Bible Reflection group was on task and always interesting. The Tuesday morning group is a safe space to ask questions, share opinions and occasionally phone a friend for clarification. Google is always our friend and most curly conundrums are just a typing finger away. Come and see!!



## Remembering Christopher

Our Helen Collins shared this beautiful photograph and flower arrangement in memory of her beloved son Christopher whose years mind occurs at this time.

**May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory**

The space at the foot of the cross at the side of the chapel is a fitting place for moments of memory and story telling.

Anyone is welcome to bring a picture, a flower, a candle or something meaningful for special occasions that celebrate life.

**Do let the intercessor know so a mention can be made in the prayers!**

### Scripture Readings: This Week

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

### Next Week: 1st February

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

### For your prayers:

- ♦ Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- ♦ The Diocese of The Northern Territory
- ♦ The Parish of Kilcoy
- ♦ Anglicare SQ Meilene Aged Care – Bundaberg
- ♦ All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders
- ♦ Sails at 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**

**We pray for our policy-makers and leaders, that in pursuing the national interest they will act wisely and honourably, seeking justice and welfare for all.**

**For all people receiving Australian citizenship on Monday, that they may feel welcomed and will contribute positively to the life of the nation.**

**For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, that the gap of disadvantage may be closed, that their heritage may be valued, that past wrongs may be healed, and that they may receive justice and find peace.**

**For all existing citizens, that they will welcome newcomers and also contribute positively to the life of the nation.**

**For positive actions to contend with the negative parts of our past and present, which hinder some citizens from contributing as well as they might to the life of the nation.**

**For all Christians in Australia, that they will be salt and light in our society, and model Jesus' love and grace in the way we interact with each other and with people in the wider community.**

**That Christians will respond in Christ-like ways especially to those who have been hurt or betrayed by Christians and those who still feel angry or bitter towards Christians and Christianity.**

**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 January

25th Parish Council Meeting 11am

28th Men's Group Community Dinner 7pm Manly Boat Club

### Coming up in February

1st Rev Andrew's last Sunday

2nd Aveo Manly Gardens Community Service 2pm

5th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum Library 10am

## Some Australia Day Thoughts

**Pastor John Henderson, Bishop, Lutheran Church of Australia writes:**

In recent times it has become popular to express opposition to holding Australia's national day on 26 January. Some indigenous groups, local councils, political parties and businesses have said they won't support the celebration on that date. I doubt, however, that will stop most of us from taking the day off. Australians are a practical bunch and a holiday is a holiday.

### What about Christians? How can we regard Australia Day? Does our faith have anything to say?

It's quite okay to set aside a day to be thankful for all the good of this land and its people. Holidays were originally 'holy days' and were part of the Christian calendar. Australia Day is different but we can still see it as God's good gift. After all, this world, the land in which we live with all its natural resources, and the plants, animals and people which populate it are all his good gifts. So living here is something we can celebrate. It's a good place to be.

It's also okay, however, to see Australia Day as a time for sorrow. Everything isn't rosy in the garden. We can and should reflect on the evil that persists among and within us. That includes past and present wrongs against Australia's indigenous peoples and other minority groups. We are frequently selfish and fail the test of compassion for others. A healthy society lives and breathes by how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members. How does your neighbourhood stack up?

Christians are used to such complexity in their celebrations. Our greatest festival, Easter, is a mixed event involving betrayal, suffering, death, resurrection and faith. Through Jesus our God knows every aspect of our humanity. By now we should be well practised at celebrations that are tinged by sorrow and repentance, confession and forgiveness, sacrifice and blessing, thanks and praise. After all, it's what we do every Sunday.

**So let's observe this Australia Day with a humble spirit, thanking God for this place and opening our hearts to one another in his love.**

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