



St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

15th March 2026

St Paul's News

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Specialist Dementia Care Program Opening at EM Tooth

The chapel at EM Tooth hosted the official opening and blessing of the new Specialist Dementia Care Program Unit on Friday, 27 February 2026. The service was gently and thoughtfully led by the Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ, Archbishop of Brisbane.

We were especially proud to see two members of our St Paul's community, Chris Wood and Ann Stannard, taking part in the service by offering a reading and leading the Prayers of the People. They were lovingly supported on the day by Rob, Nick, Amanda and her brother Andrew.

Also in attendance were Anglicare Southern Queensland CEO Sue Cooke, Federal MP Kara Cook, State MP Joan Pease, along with members of Anglicare's leadership, staff and community.



All are welcome at St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 John. 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



Vale Gloria Wilson

12 May 1930 - 7 March 2026

Gloria Stratton was born on 12 May 1930 and married Frederick James Davis Wilson on 13 October 1956, when he was priest at St Paul's, Manly. Their marriage took place in the parish hall which served as the church until 1964.

As Rector's wife from 1956 to 1978, Gloria lived in the old rectory behind the church and was a dedicated support to Fred, often acting as his secretary. They had two daughters, Sharon and Frances.

In later years Gloria lived in Cleveland, where she remained lively in conversation and keenly interested in church life, parish history and current events. She will be warmly remembered and sadly missed.



Read Sandra's full article on page 3

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers every Sunday at 10.00am in the Chapel, Lota House

162 Oceana Terrace, Lota.

We welcome you!

Join us for a cuppa before the service!

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Scripture Readings: This Week

1 Samuel 16 1-13; Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9 1-41

Sunday 22nd March: 5th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Sunday 29th March 6th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-18,

Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14-27.66

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3.1-4
Matthew 28.1-10

Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.1-12; John 20:19-31

For your prayers: Sunday 15 February

- The Anglican Church of Kenya
- The Diocese of Melbourne: †Ric Thorpe; Assistant Bishops - †Genieve Blackwell, †Paul Barker, †Kate Prowd; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Tara
- Liturgical Assistants in parishes and schools
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills: Principal - John O'Sullivan Williams; Chaplains - Nicki Colledge; staff & students

Our Prayer List

Geoff, Glenda, Jane, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi

To add to our prayer list, please email prayer@stpaulsmanly.org. Please let us know if urgent and when prayers are no longer required.

Prayer of the Week Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world:

as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 10.00 Parish Eucharist @ Lota House Chapel (come @ 9:30am for a cuppa)

Coming up in March

15th March Mothering Sunday. MU retiring collection for our Overseas Target Project

19th Tatters and Chatters

21st 8am-11.30am St Peters Car Boot Sale,
24th March MU Meeting



Brother Nathan

Sunday 1st offered a lovely moment of stillness as Brother Nathan stood quietly in his robes at the altar while the closing circle formed. Sandra captured this beautifully, a scene she has long hoped to photograph.

A second photo shows Brother Nathan sharing a warm laugh with Chris after the service. Chris had just handed over two bags of bottles and cans for our recycling project, adding to the gentle rhythm of parish life that happens around the edges of worship.

You may also notice Miriam's SPIRITUS GLADIUS cushion at the altar, a striking symbol of St Paul, often displayed to reflect the spirit and strength of our patron.

Mothering Sunday – Retiring Collection

Mothering Sunday will be observed **this Sunday, 15 March.**

As is our tradition, **Mothers' Union** will hold a Retiring Collection to support their ongoing work.

Our current project is **Teaching Literacy** to adults in the Solomon Islands, helping to equip communities with skills that open doors to education, employment and independence.

We warmly invite you to support this collection when you join us on Sunday.

Newsletter Contributions

If you would like any notices, news, or other items added to the newsletter, please email newsletter@stpaulsmanly.org.

Support our Ministry

Bank: Anglican Financial Services

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GLORIA WILSON.

12th MAY, 1930 – 7th MARCH, 2026.

Gloria Stratton was born on 12th May, 1930 and had a happy childhood. On 13th October, 1956, she married Frederick James Davis Wilson, who was priest at St. Paul's, 99 Ernest Street, Manly. They had met when Fred was vicar of St. Lawrence's at Caboolture. Their marriage service took place in our 1914 hall, which was the church until the new one was built in 1964.

From 1956 to 1978, as Rector's wife, Gloria lived in the old 1934 Rectory at the back of the property until 1978 when the new Rectory was completed. Gloria often laughed about the leaking roof on the front verandah of this old house and was delighted when the time came for the move into the new Rectory. Unfortunately, though, she resided here only 2 years. Father Fred passed away on 23rd June, 1980, and Gloria on 7th March, 2026. So Gloria was a widow for 46 years of the 70 she had been married. She found this fact interesting and spoke often of it. She and Fred had two daughters, Sharon and Frances.

As a widow she lived in Manly, Manly West and, finally, Seaton Place in Smith Street, Cleveland. She entered this aged care residence on 17th June, 2021 and passed away here.

I used to visit Gloria in Seaton Place on Friday afternoons, always enjoying her lively conversation and upbeat views. She very much liked to see any craft work I had done during the week and was particularly intrigued by the lemon wine bottle cover I showed her on 5th December, 2025.

Gloria was a keen crocheter until arthritis in her hands put a stop to this hobby. It also prevented her from attending the craft group at Seaton Place.

I first met Gloria in January, 1975, when I became a parishioner at St. Paul's in 99 Ernest Street. Over the 51 years I found her a very interesting person, who was always happy to discuss all sorts of ideas and issues, be they political, religious or social. She was aware of current trends, both in Australia and overseas, and happy to discuss them.

As the wife of a very dedicated and hard working priest, Gloria herself was equally dedicated and industrious, proving an excellent support to Fred. For many years she acted as his secretary.

In 2012, when our priest, Sharon Vierow, asked me to prepare a commemorative book to celebrate the centenary of our hall in 2014, Gloria proved very helpful indeed, providing much information and numerous photos to form two detailed chapters in the book, aptly titled "Here At The Edge Of The Sea". Gloria approved of this title, finding it eminently suitable. The two chapters fill pages 6-14.

Gloria fought the good fight, mentioned by Saint Paul, to the very end of her busy and well lived life. She was a very good friend and will be sadly missed by those who knew her.

SANDRA DAVIS

