



St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

19th April 2026

St Paul's News

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Easter Sunday Sunrise Ecumenical Service – Lota Park - Marilyn

On Easter Sunday morning, twenty-five of us gathered at Lota Park for the Sunrise Ecumenical Service to welcome the new day. Although the sun didn't break through during our time of praise and worship, our joy certainly did. The Uniting Church graciously led us in both music and message, creating a gentle and meaningful start to Easter morning.

Erin Maywald shared a simple but powerful reflection. Each person was invited to take a stone and a seed, and then place them around a pot plant marked with three crosses. This symbolised laying our burdens at the foot of the cross. After a time of prayer and quiet reflection, we were invited to take back a stone, our own or someone else's, as a reminder that Jesus has carried all our burdens to the cross, freeing us to move forward with joy. The seed was given to plant at home, reminding us that every seed must die before it can rise into new life.

It was a beautiful and thoughtful way to begin our Easter celebrations.



Bush Church Aid (BCA) Boxes - Reminder



BCA Boxes

BCA boxes are due at the end of this month.
Please return them to Bev by Sunday 26 April.

- Bev

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

This Week's Service

President: Archdeacon Allan Paulsen

Date: Sunday 19 April 2026

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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A Message from Ailsa – Domestic & Family Violence Awareness Sunday

As we look ahead to **DV Aware Sunday on 3 May**, I want to gently encourage our parish to join with Mothers Union branches across Australia in shining a light on the reality of domestic and family violence. This is an issue that affects every community, including our churches, and it is important that we stand together in prayer, compassion, and awareness.

The Anglican Church has affirmed that violence has no place in our homes, our relationships, or our faith communities. DV Aware Sunday gives us an opportunity to acknowledge the harm that many have experienced, to lament the silence that has sometimes surrounded it, and to commit ourselves to creating safe, supportive spaces for all.

Mothers Union has prepared resources to help parishes participate in whatever way is most appropriate, whether through a short reflection, a prayer, or a dedicated focus during worship. My hope is that St Paul's will join this national effort, helping us all to grow in understanding and to offer God's love and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for your willingness to walk alongside MU in this important work. — **Ailsa**



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1. Lamenting the Violence

Commitment One:
Our church acknowledges and laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed.

Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia.

'Changing attitudes and behaviours is long-term work, and we sadly won't see a reduction overnight.'

Helen Bolton, CEO Respect Ballarat

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PORTFOLIO

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► DID YOU KNOW?

In a weekend news bulletin published by the ABC on the Respect Ballarat program, it was stated 'almost two years ago, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese declared that violence against women was a national crisis' and that 'Last year, the number of family and domestic violence offenders processed by police in Australia rose by 8 per cent – the highest recorded rate since national family and domestic data was first published in 2019'.

► DV Aware Sunday – Sunday, 3 May 2026

Anglican Parishes across Australia are encouraged to observe DV Aware Sunday to highlight God's concern for those experiencing harm.

How are we as MU going to respond to this call? Are we going to join with our parish on this Sunday to promote awareness that DV has no place in our homes, our relationships and our churches? Are we going to have a DV awareness raising focus to one of diocesan or branch gatherings?

There are resources that can help in our endeavours, including a DV Aware Sunday resource kit which gives examples of how we can raise awareness, whether we only have a few minutes, 10 -20 minutes, or a whole worship service. You can find this, and other resources which will shortly include a 2 minute video to play, at: <https://www.tencommitments.org.au/dvsunday>



3 MAY 2026

Congratulations to Mark and Bayside Brass

Congratulations to **Mark and the Bayside Brass band**, who play for us so often. We have the pleasure of hearing their wonderful brass instruments every Christmas and at other parish events throughout the year. Their recent success at the National Band Championships is a fantastic achievement, and we are grateful for the joy and music they bring to our community.



Mark's adventures at the National Band Championships

Some of you may have noticed my absence from church activities over the last couple of weeks. This has been due to my brass band's involvement in the Australian National Band Championships held this year in Brisbane at the City Hall. This is the same band that comes to visit on Christmas Eve to play carols in the chapel.

Since the start of the year we have been working on 4 pieces which we are required to play in front of an adjudicator as well as an audience. Also a street march is part of the competition so our ability to play on the march is also judged. The 4 tunes are a hymn or reflective piece, a test piece which all bands in each grade play, an own choice and a stage march. Our hymn was the tune Colne - to which is set "Mid all the traffic of the ways" which sadly does not appear in TiS. For the C grade test we were given a piece by a Salvationist composer with the title "Invisible Fire" which has several interpretations although it is based on the hymn tune Blaenwern (TiS 590). This turned out to be very tricky and put off several bands from competing. There were 6 of us who gave it a go. Our own choice was "Lake of the Moon", nothing to do with the recent activity by NASA but describes the journey of a group of American first nations people (Aztecs) looking for a home. They settled in central Mexico (or Land of the Moon), near Lake Texcoco. Our final piece for the stage march was the march "Contest Day".

The buildup to the weekend included a band camp on the sunshine coast which was a lot of fun but mostly hard work and practice. I can't say much about it because as you all know, what happens on band camp stays on band camp!

When it came to results time we were pleased to hear that we ran second in the first two sections and came joint second overall. We were awarded overall second as our test piece results were better than the other band. As the highest placed Queensland band we are also the state C grade champions for 2026.

The band has now got to come down to earth and prepare for ANZAC Day when we will be marching and playing at the Manly RSL service and taking part in the city march. Our next parks concert will be Mothers Day at Manly Markets Sunday 10th May.





For your prayers

Sunday 19th April

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- The Diocese of Perth: †Kay Goldsworthy; Assistant Bishops – †Kate Wilmot, †David Bassett, †Hans Christiansen; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Bulimba: Paul Mitchell, Sharon Mitchell, Greg March
- Mathew Hale Public Library
- Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba: Principal – Nick Johnstone; Chaplaincy team; Chair of School Council – Mac Drysdale; members of School Council; staff & students

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 April

7th May 10am to 12pm Tatters and Chatters at Wynnum Library (the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month)

Scripture Readings:

This Week:

Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 36–41, Psalm 116.1–4, 11–18, 1 Peter 1.13–25 Luke 24.13–35

Sunday 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42–47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.1–10, John 10.1–10

Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55–60 Ps 31.1–5, 17–18 1 Peter 2.11–25 John 14.1–14

Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22–31, Psalm 66.7–19, 1 Peter 3.8–22, John 14:15–21



Our Prayer List

Geoff, Glenda, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Shirley & Brad, Peter & Judith

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

Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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