



St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

5th April 2026

St Paul's News

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HOLY WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Maundy Thursday – 6.00pm

At the home of Rob and Nadia
Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another. The word "Maundy" comes from 'mandatum' – commandment. This intimate gathering reflects the closeness of that final meal and leads us gently into Good Friday.

Good Friday – 10.00am

Lota House Chapel – led by Rev'd Allan
Good Friday is the day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a quiet time of reflection and gratitude as we recall Christ's suffering and the depth of God's love. This service prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter morning.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunrise Easter Gathering – 5.43am

Lota Park – Ecumenical Service (BYO chair)
Before our Easter Day service, the churches of Bayside gather at dawn to welcome the rising light of Easter. Organised this year by Bayside Uniting Church, this shared service is a beautiful expression of unity and hope across our local Christian communities.

Easter Sunday – 10.00am

Lota House Chapel – led by Rev'd Allan
Easter Sunday is the heart of our faith – the day we proclaim with joy that Christ is risen. Rev'd Allan will lead our celebration as we rejoice in the hope and renewal of the resurrection. A joyful service of thanksgiving for all ages.



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

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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(Latest Happenings – Nick & Jen Crisp)

Cursillo

On Saturday March 14 we drove to Bundaberg for their annual Ultreya (a “Reunion of Groups”). We went via Eumundi Market (for breakfast), and also took a brief break at Gunalda (to top-up our EV with some free electrons!), arriving in time for a BYO-Lunch in the hall at Good Shepherd, Bundy West. The Ultreya began as usual with a concerted loosening of our vocal-chords, and then we were treated to perhaps the most understated Witness Talk we have ever heard! Margaret Darnley began her Cursillo journey on Weekend W2 in 1985. From that time on, The Holy Spirit led Margaret to many places around Australia, and in each location she was a primary driver in creating a new Cursillo beginning. Margaret told it like she might list the ingredients in a nice salad, barely mentioning the massive effort she put in, in those early days. The theme for the Ultreya was “A Grateful Heart”. While the intention was to reflect on our being grateful to God for all that we are given, we were equally conscious that all Cursillistas have been the recipients of God’s Love shone through the efforts of the Margaret Darnleys of our world. After 40 years in Cursillo Margaret is just as enthusiastic as ever!



Since much of Bundy and surrounds were in the middle of a clean-up after severe flooding, we thought it best to not try to book accommodation in Bundy, but returned to Tin Can Bay for the night. There was no Anglican Service there next morning, so we Zoomed-in to Rev’ Sam’s service at Manly, wrapping-up a short but inspiring and invigorating getaway!



On Saturday March 21 we drove to Toowoomba West Parish (St Augustine’s) for the start of Team Training for this year’s Weekend #84. (A combined Women’s + Men’s Weekend, scheduled for August 21-23.)

The Team was Commissioned by our Cursillo Diocesan Spiritual Advisor – Rev’ Pauline Harley, in a short service (less stretching of the vocal-chords) prior to the start of the first Training session. Some Team-members were spread from the Gold Coast to Bundaberg, so they were Commissioned “on-line”.



After Commissioning, Nick presented a module (thanks to Jen for the ppt file!) on “small group dynamics” to the Team. We then collected a huge pile of banners from past Weekends (from Resources Co-ordinator Allan Zirbell – who is on Team #84) to embellish St Gabriel’s Carindale on May 9 for our local “Moreton Deanery Ultreya”. We returned via Crow’s Nest, Esk, and Wivenhoe (stopping to boil the billy from the EV 240V outlet, as you do!).

Soar as on wings like eagles – join us in Cursillo.

All blessings, Jen & Nick

This Sunday's Service

We are pleased to welcome **Rev'd Allan Paulsen**, who will be leading this Sunday's service at St Paul's. Rev'd Allan is a respected priest within the Anglican Church Southern Queensland and is known for his warm, pastoral approach and steady leadership. We look forward to having him with us as we gather for worship this week.

For your prayers

Sunday 5th April

- La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Parish of Aspley-Albany Creek: Lorraine Lynch
- Wolston Correctional Centre:
- Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal – Patrick Innes-Hill; Lay Chaplaincy Team: Dom Fay and Rachael Stelzer; Chair of School Council – Michael Temperton; members of College 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

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 6.00pm Rob & Nadia's home, 38 Peranga St, Manly

Good Friday 3rd April 10am @ Lota House Chapel

Sunrise Easter Gathering Sunday 5th April – 5.43am @ Lota Park

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.00am @ Lota House Chapel

16th April 10am to 12pm Tatters and Chatters at Wynnum Library

Scripture Readings:

This Week:

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

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

Our Prayer List

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

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 Easter

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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