



St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

24th May 2026

St Paul's News

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The Day of Pentecost

The Breath That Crosses the Bridge

Last week we reflected on Christ as the bridge between heaven and earth the One who has gone before us, yet continues to draw us into the very heart of God. At Pentecost, we see that this bridge is not only something Christ *is*, but something God now *shares* with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As the disciples waited in that upper room, unsure and in-between, the Spirit came like wind and flame; not to replace Jesus, but to carry His life, His presence, and His power across the bridge He opened. Heaven touched earth once again, not in a distant light this time, but in the breath of God filling human hearts.

Pentecost reminds us that the distance between God and us is far smaller than we imagine. The Spirit meets us where we are, speaks into our fears, and kindles in us a courage we did not know we had. The same Spirit who moved over the waters of creation now moves through our lives, our prayers, and our community, drawing us into God's renewing work.

As we celebrate this feast, may we feel the Spirit's gentle fire warming our hope, strengthening our steps, and guiding us along the bridge Christ has already made sure and strong.

May the Holy Spirit breathe peace and courage into your week.

With love and prayers,

Heidi

This Week's Service

Presider: Archdeacon Allan Paulsen

Date: Sunday 24 May 2026

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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(Written by Ailsa Gill, President of Mothers' Union, St Paul's Manly)

Kay Voltz and Ailsa Gill represented the Manly branch at the Council Meeting in Robina on Tuesday. Guest speaker Dr Stephen Harrison, Director of Mission, Research and Advocacy at Anglicare Southern Queensland, gave an update on the youth homelessness accommodation project at Beenleigh, which is nearing completion.

Mothers' Union has contributed \$80,000 towards furnishing six one-bedroom apartments in the complex. The facility will also include 23 studio rooms to support singles, couples, and young families aged 16–25 as they work towards independent living. Donations from our August retiring collection have supported this project.

Dr Harrison also spoke about homelessness and the growing demand for food banks and emergency accommodation. While these services meet immediate needs, he stressed the importance of addressing the deeper structural causes of homelessness.

One striking fact shared was the increasing number of people over 80 seeking housing assistance. Recently, Anglicare was able to secure accommodation for a 90-year-old homeless woman.



Cursillo

Another gathering of Cursillistas, another amazing Witness story!

On Saturday May 9, we were treated to a powerful tale of being held by God, searching for God, and finally walking tall with God.

Terri Butler of East Redlands was our “key-note speaker” at the Moreton Deanery Cursillo Ultreya, held at St Gabriel’s Carindale. More than a dozen parishes were represented. Rev. Lynda provided a lovely reflection on Terri & #39;s journey. There was much singing (led by a three-piece band), great sharing in our “floating group reunions”, and rather nice spoils for afternoon-tea hosted by the Carindale team. Our next Ultreya (a reunion of groups) is planned for Hervey Bay on July 25. This will be just one month before our #84 Weekend.

Talk to me now if you would like to know more about this amazing movement.

Nick Crisp (Manly Cursillo Parish Contact)

Thinking about getting involved in Mothers' Union?

We would love to welcome you. MU is a supportive, prayerful community of women who care deeply about families, faith, and practical outreach. Whether you'd like to join us for meetings, help with projects, or simply stay connected, there is a place for you in our branch. Speak to **Ailsa** or any MU member if you'd like to know more.

Interested in Cursillo?


Cursillo is a joyful, faith-deepening movement within the Anglican Church that helps people grow in discipleship, community, and Christian action. Many in our parish have found it to be a life-giving experience that strengthens their walk with Christ and connects them with a wider Christian family. If you're curious about Cursillo or would simply like to know more, **Nick Crisp** is always happy to chat and share his experience. Feel free to speak with him at church or get in touch during the week. *De Colores!*

For your prayers

Sunday 24th May

- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- The Diocese of The Murray: †Keith Dalby; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gympie: Shaji Joseph
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region – Sunshine Coast Foster & Kinship Care
- Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools: President – Peter Laurence

anglican focus

 Click the link below to see upcoming Anglican community events and gatherings for Pentecost and beyond: anglicanfocus.org.au/category/events

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 May & June

Tuesday 26th May 10am Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in aid of Cancer Council at St Peter's Church, Wynnum

Tuesday 2nd June 12.30pm to 2pm Loaves & Fishes Luncheon (St John's Cathedral, 373 Anne Street, Brisbane)

Thursday 4th June 10am to 12pm Tatters and Chatters at Wynnum Library (the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month)

Scripture Readings:

This Week:

Sunday 24th May Day of Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21, Ps 104.26-36, 1 Corinthians 12.1-13, John 20.19-23

Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday: First Sunday After Pentecost Exodus 34.1-8, Song of 3YM 29-34 (APBA p.399), 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, Matthew 28.16-20

Sunday 7th June Second Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 12.1-9, Ps 33.1-12, Romans 4.13-25, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Sunday 14th June Third Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18.1-15 Ps 116.1-2, 11-18 Romans 5.1-11 Matthew 9.35-10.8



Our Prayer List

Bev & the Constable Family, Brian S, Lisa P, 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

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at St Peter's

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at St Peter's Church, Wynnum, on Tuesday 26 May at 10am.



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