



St Paul's Manly Mission Action Plan 2023-2027

At St Paul's Manly "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 seek to celebrate with joy God's presence among us. We are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong.

St Paul's has prayerfully identified four guiding principles known as *The Way of St Paul's*:

- Jesus
- Spirituality
- Communion
- Tradition

Embodying these principles in our ministry context, our strategic priorities are:

1. Ministry Moving Forward
2. Parish Transition Ministry
3. Children and Young Adults
4. Exploring Spiritual Formation

MINISTRY MOVING FORWARD

Continue current ministries:

- Foster St Paul's charism
- Sunday Worship
- Mothers Union
- Cursillo
- Morning Prayer
- Tatters & Chatters Craft Group

Metrics:

- Number of services
- Number of participants at services
- Tally of other ministries and frequency
- Number of weddings, baptisms, funerals
- Parish Roll
- Activities developed at Lota House
- Website, social media and local media

While simultaneously:

- Complete finance negotiations with Diocese
- Scope, plan and complete Chapel renovations
- Install street sign at front gate of Lota House
- Establish St Paul's Pastoral Care team of AnglicareSQ volunteers at Lota House
- Plan and undertake relocation of existing congregation to Lota House Chapel
- Scope, plan and develop strategies to engage Over 65s residents
- Develop ministries responsive to needs of Lota House residents and staff
- Foster pastoral and community development relationships between parishioners, Lota House staff and residents, over 65s residents and wider local community through shared hospitality and social activities
- Continue public communication and promotion through website, social media and local publications and groups
- Continue to foster relationship with Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel offering weddings, baptisms and spirituality at the site e.g. monthly Taize service
- Develop and implement targeted Stewardship Plan

PARISH TRANSITION MINISTRY

- Produce resource from own experience of change and transition e.g. an eBook
- Promote resource to other parishes and priests in Diocese and beyond
- Host Parishes in Transition events
- On invitation, provide parishes support and advice on pivoting to survive while maintaining Anglican identity and parish unity
- Visit remote parishes to offer encouragement and ministry

Metrics:

- Ministry transition resource (by March 2024)
- Engagement with other Parishes (from March 2024)
- Parish Visits (from March 2024)



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Vision

St Paul's is an inclusive, flourishing faith community, proclaiming and serving, worshipping and learning.

Values

Faithful

Imaginative

Courageous

Authentic

Comprehensive

Mission

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ — to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
- To worship and celebrate the grace of God
- To live as one holy Catholic and apostolic Church

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Develop Service Learning opportunities for students between Manly State School and Lota House
- Develop Service Learning opportunities for students between Cannon Hill Anglican College and Lota House and Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel
- Invite both Manly State School and Cannon Hill Anglican College Music Departments to perform concerts and play for services at Lota House and Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel (both have a strong music department)
- Foster intergenerational community development through the above by shared hospitality
- Glean from these relationships what other opportunities exist e.g. kid's church, young adults group

Metrics:

- Number of schools engaged
- Number of students participating
- Number of youth participating at Lota House
- Number of youth participating at Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Continue Pace Community ministry i.e. Book Club, Retreats, Resources, Pilgrimages, Spiritual Direction, Meditation
- Explore the best path forward for this ministry responsive to context and needs of unchurched e.g. Centre for Franciscan Spirituality
- Establish a Contemplative Prayer Station in the Lota House Chapel
- Offer Seasonal Reflections through intentional spiritual lens
- Explore creative ways to engage spiritually e.g. films, poetry, art
- Wild Church - a gardening ministry
- Engage with Angligrreen as an expression of Franciscan care for creation
- Offer regular contemplative service at Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel e.g. Taize

Metrics:

- Number of Pace events
- Number of Pace event participants
- Number of Pace retreats
- Number of Pace retreat participants