



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
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ST PAUL'S NEWS

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WELCOME

At St Paul's "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 we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong.

St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past, present and emerging.

We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.



- Stare at the Sea... again
- Familiar Faces say hello
- E M Tooth Service of Remembrance
- The Vicar's Voice - Pete's Pantry

Contemplating Creation



Braving a brisk wind and dancing kites in the hands of small children, our contemplative crew savoured the holy pause at our Season of Creation Stare at the Sea opportunity last Sunday. We managed to bag the shelter of a shed right next to the water's edge and delighted in the awesome skill and determination of the Kite Surfers out on the Bay. Special permission was given to go "Ooh" and "Aah" as the jumps, mid air turns and racing along the waves certainly impressed. We were captured by the beauty of the white spray, the skill of folk and the fact that our windy discomfort was someone else's pure joy.

As always, an invitation offered... details and more pics inside.

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers for worship every Sunday at 9.30am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you!

Community Matters

E M Tooth Service of Remembrance

Tuesday the 17th September was marked by the annual E M Tooth Service of Remembrance in the beautiful Chapel at Lota House. Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at E M Tooth, Deb Stengert prepared and led a touching service for residents, families and staff to remember those they have loved and lost. This service is a special event in Anglicare residential care settings right across South East Queensland and beyond.

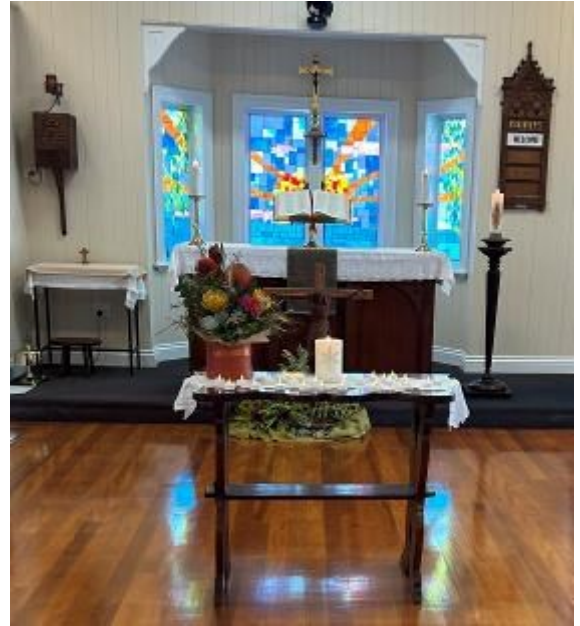
Deb gently invited us to share the special moments together and encouraged us as she led us in prayer and action. The service called on contributions from Facility Manager Suzette Scriven, volunteers Paul Garside and Lisa Hurwood and St Paul's volunteer Phyl Ramsay. Fr Andrew had the privilege of sharing some of the prayers and a few words of reflection about the hope and promise of God's continuing love during times of joy and times of loss and sadness. We were very grateful for our talented musician Bev Schmidt leading us in singing the beautiful hymns "Abide with me" and "Amazing Grace" and providing such grace-filled music for times of reflection and action.

Without a doubt the most precious time was the invitation for families, staff and friends to place a small candle to flicker warmly around a beautiful candle. Each candle represents a story, memory and expression of love for someone who has been cared for at E M Tooth or beyond. It was so touching to see family members come up together and the gentle assistance given for those who aren't as mobile.

At the end of the service the usual tasty morning tea was served with Deb's farewell prayer echoing in our hearts and minds.

**As we part and go our different ways
it is our prayer that you will be given,
each in your own way,
the passion for living and loving,
The courage for daring and hoping,
the freedom for growing and changing,
the capacity for giving and receiving,
the humility for learning,
The tenderness for understanding,
the strength for enduring,
the trust for believing
and the grace and peace
to continue life's journey.
Amen**

Right from top: Our gathering space; Lisa and Paul light and place candles of remembering; Suzette extends a welcome to all.



The Vicar's Voice

Another privileged week of walking alongside the people of God in Manly and district. I'm touched by the profound stories shared, moments of laughter and joy and the sharing of hopes, dreams and sometimes fears that bring a lump to the throat.

My inner pedant has been let fly as I worked with Rob Wilson to refresh our website. He gets to do the complicated techy stuff and I get to pester him with changes to content and annoying minor corrections... as if I actually had a handle on correct grammar. He plugs away at it with poise and grace... as did Heidi in managing my less than calm efforts to connect in to our church Facebook page. She persevered in spite of my grumpy face and exasperated sighs until we won!

I've signed up to give a hand at Pete's Pantry at St Peter's once a month, every third Wednesday morning. I feel it's a good way to support the work and connect with another part of our local community. I'm grateful for volunteer Kay who threw me in the deep end as I learnt to register clients on the data base and get my head around the different options for assistance. I was very impressed by the warm, uncomplicated way the volunteers welcome and assist each person who comes through the door. There were over 30 people today... some singles, some there for families or couples... nearly 60 people offered pantry staples, fresh fruit and vegetables, baked good and some treats. All for free. All donated.

I was humbled by the depth and variety of the interactions. No two people the same and all with various stories and life experiences. Some client interactions were short and sharp and others involved patient deep listening. I realised we may have been the only people some will speak to today.

I'm so impressed at the work of Marilyn and her team and I am so proud that St Paul's has this relationship of fraternal love and support. I can only manage one morning a month but I encourage all of you to continue to share the story to your family, friends and network. Check out their web page for how it works.

<https://www.stpetespantry.org.au/>

Blessings on your head and hearts

Andrew



Pete's Pantry volunteers Terry and Kay with the newbie; and Bags of donated fresh vegetables and baked goods ready for distribution.



Feel the serenity!! Seriously serene seekers staring at the sea and seeing God's hand in all that is. God is indeed great!



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Sunday Stare at the Sea
Lota Foreshore Park @ 4.30pm

Sunday 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th September

Gaze at the Garden

Bethania Community Garden, Lota

Sunday 8th September @4.30 pm

Short creation centred reflection
and prayer followed by
a glass of something refreshing and nibbles.

Bring your refreshments, a folding chair
and appropriate clothing

Contact Fr Andrew
priest@stpaulsmanly.org

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our
Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and
commitment together.



St Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

The Chapel @ Lota House
Sunday 6th October 9.30 am

A special event to give thanks and bless all
our animal friends. Furry, feathered scaly and
wriggly. No animal too large or small, too
boisterous or too shy to bless. You can bring a
photo or favourite stuffed animal if you prefer.



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MOTHERS' UNION INVITATION



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Tuesday 24th September

LOTA HOUSE CHAPEL

162 Oceania Terrace, Lota

9.30 Prayer Service

10.15 Guest Speaker –Senior Sergeant Debbie Phillips
Speaking on Elder Abuse

11.15 Morning Tea and fellowship

Senior Sergeant Debbie Phillips is the State Disability & Elder
Abuse Coordinator from the Domestic, Family Violence and
Vulnerable Persons Unit of Queensland Police.

Please contact Manly MU President to add your name to our list
of attendees - Ailsa Gill ailsajgill@gmail.com.au

Familiar Faces

Great to catch up with longtime St Paul's folk,
Gloria Wilson and Bev Giles. Keeping the
connection alive with Sandra and Phyl. Gloria and
Bev both send their regards and prayers!



Scripture Readings This Week

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54;
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Next Week:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

For your prayers:

- ◆ The Church of North India (United)
- ◆ The Diocese of Rockhampton
- ◆ The Parish of Stanthorpe
- ◆ Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy
- ◆ St John's College UQ
- ◆ Kim, Yvonne, John, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad

A Prayer for Those Experiencing Elder Abuse

Most loving God,

We pray for those who are experiencing elder abuse in our families, congregation, and community.

May they know that they are not alone.

May they know that they do not deserve to be isolated or exploited.

May they know that they are loved.

May they know that we are here to help.

We pray for justice for all individuals, families, congregations, and communities that are harmed by elder abuse. **AMEN**

Source: <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/>

What's On

This week

Monday 10.30 EM Tooth Community Worship, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30 MU Eucharist and Guest Speaker "Elder Abuse"

Wednesday 7.30 Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group
St Peter's Hall, Wynnum

Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am

Sunday 4.30 Stare at The Sea SoC reflection, Lota Park

Coming up

October 3rd Tatters and Chatters 9.30am

October 5th Car Boot Sale, Meadowlands Rd, Carina

October 6th St Francis Day Pet Blessing

October 7th Parish Council Meeting

October 12th Cursillo 10.30am

October 12th Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel working Bee 8.30

October 17th Tatters and Chatters 9.30am

October 22nd MU AGM and Meeting 9.30am

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

A favorite poem of mine, written by John Keats (1795-1821). Keats's poetry often explores themes of love, mortality, and the transient nature of beauty. As we embrace the beauty and renewal of spring, let's take a moment to reflect on the words of Keats in his poem.



To Spring, written in 1817.

**O thou who passest thro' our vallies in
Thy Chariot of the Sun!**

Thy Chariot of the Sun!

The golden light that thou dost bring

To every flower and every tree,

Is like the joy that thou dost bring

To every heart that loves thee.

Thou art the spirit of the earth,

The breath of life, the pulse of mirth;

The joy of youth, the hope of age,

The light of love, the golden page

Of every heart that beats for thee,

O Spring! O Spring!

Thou art the joy of every heart,

The light of love, the golden page

Of every heart that beats for thee.

As we witness the blossoming flowers and the return of warmth, let us remember the beauty that spring brings into our lives.

Heidi



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Sound of States Concert 2024

Sunday 22nd September at 4.00pm

Wynnum Christian Community Church Hall
161 Preston Rd, Manly West

Mark Austin, the bloke with the tuba, writes: Join Bayside Brass, the 2023 C-Grade State Champions for an afternoon of live music as we perform our selection for the upcoming Queensland State Brass Band Championships to be held on the first weekend of October in Maryborough.

Music will include:

- Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (Slane) Arr. by Rebecca Lindberg
- Test Piece: Glasshouse Sketches by Barrie Gott
- Stage March: The Jaguar by Goff Richards
- Major Work (own choice): Viking Age by Thierry Deleruyelle

We also have three soloists who will battle it out to decide who will compete at the Slow Melody Solo Competition while in Maryborough! Only one player per band can enter, who will it be?

To help cover the costs of hall hire, we're kindly asking for a gold coin donation at the door.

We thank you for your support!

