



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.



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BLOKES, MATES AND A TASTY THAI FEED



It was all about connection, conversation and building friendships as the Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group met for a relaxed feed at Absolute Thai in Wynnum last Wednesday. While its usually all about the blokes, the group regularly invites partners and friends to join them for a slap up feed while supporting a local business.

Nick and Chris from St Paul's are regulars in the group but it was an excellent opportunity for Fr Andrew to meet folk and drag Mark Austin along for moral support.... we think an unsupervised Thai meal which involved rarely allowed curry puffs was part of the appeal for Mark. Healthy appetites meant food didn't stay getting cold on the plates too long!!

We appreciated the efforts of the warm and efficient staff in providing us with tasty delights and kept us hydrated while introductions, chats, catch ups and connections were made. Nick shared an engaging passage from their latest study book "Heaven All Around Us" that emphasised the sacredness of meals and table fellowship. There are plans afoot for the next Advent themed focus book... always a good start to bounce thoughts, questions and experiences.

It was great to hear about men sharing the ups and downs of life and to meet some of the amazing partners that share all that too. An inspiring gathering of folk from different churches and different life experiences all about supporting each other in a bloke friendly space.

Read a bit more about our local men's ministry inside this issue!

*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

Men's Fellowship Group

Who we are, what we do, why men should be there.

The "Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group" in its current iteration, started at the prompting of Rev'd Greg March, sometime in 2012. We are not all from St Peter's, Wynnum. In fact, we are not even all Anglican. We are welcoming though, trying to be Christians, and thus reliable, thoughtful, trustworthy, helpful, and of course, humble! (OK, sometimes we have clergy among us too!)

We meet at St Peter's (Bride St. Wynnum), usually in the hall, but sometimes in the chapel, (nearly) every Wednesday, from ~7:30pm 'til ~9pm. Our "convenor", Charles Dunbar, emails and texts us reminders, especially if there is a change to plans. We start the evening with a quick (or sometimes, not-so-quick) whip-around as to how we have fared since last week. We are a small group – usually there are between five and eight of us, so there is plenty of time for sharing, and plenty of time for just listening. We are all involved with church and life things outside the group, so the make-up of the group varies a lot. When we are ready to move on to a "study session", we begin with a group prayer.

Currently we are working our way through the book "Heaven All Around Us" by Simon Carey Holt. Previously we examined the devotional book "Solo" – recommended to us by the late Fr. Bill Armstrong. Sometimes we skip along fast. Other times, we find some of us need lots of time to pick apart a particular section. Sometimes just one sentence can consume us for quite a while. Some weeks we come back to something from a previous week, as we have found new things to put to the group.

We are there for our health! It is great to have mates we can lean-on in stressful times. It is great to realise nothing new happens to us – someone else in the group has always "been there, done that" with wonderful advice. It is great to grow our knowledge of God and His plans for us, by listening to other's wisdom. It is great to debate the worth of an author's opinions, as what is written has usually been well considered before it makes it to the publisher! It is great to find commentary that helps us make sense of our own experiences.

It is also great to "break bread together". Every month that has five Wednesdays, we put the book discussion on hold, and instead meet at a restaurant somewhere nearby, for a meal together. On October 23 we had dinner at Absolute Thai in Wynnum. There are no constraints (not gender, or any other kind) on who may join us for dinner. We just need to know the numbers a few days prior, for booking seating capacity.

Blessings
Nick Crisp – Manly Parish

Have a chat to Nick or Chris if you'd like to visit or find out more.



Men's Fellowship



Ross, Charlie and Chris join Nick, Terry and Peter. We're sure there's not too many tall tales and adventurous exploits involved... not that there's anything wrong with that.



"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."
John Donne, Meditation XVII



The Vicar's Voice

We want our feast back!!!

You can't help but notice the growing presence of ghoulish decorations, folk preparing scary costumes for the kids (and themselves) and the growing number of Halloween events advertised around the place. You may be embracing it all with joy and stocking up on the sugar gifts that keep on giving to parents everywhere... you might be a bit grumpy, raising a scornful eyebrow at the unAustralian consumer opportunities... or deeply concerned at what seems an unchristian invitation to invite evil into our lives.... or variations on those themes.

Personally I think we need to reclaim our place in the conversation as we approach All Hallows' Evening... the night before All Saints Day.

Halloween is actually a deeply Christian festival that is not about death and dying but about life... the defeat of death and suffering. It is our day to proclaim the scriptures! To shout the resurrection promise... our own St Paul says "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

All the dressing up, the loud noise making, the trick or treating is all about putting death in its place. I really believe we should be in among it to tell that story. Its not complicated.... A bag of lollies with an All Saints Day activity sheet... a smile and a laugh with a munchkin dressed as a ghost princess or a powerful super hero... a fun loving church goer dressed as their favourite saint. Next year I'm proposing some of us do just that down among the families that will gather down by the Bay... I might go as Saint Patrick driving out the snakes!

May this Scottish prayer ring in your ears as you celebrate... or endure... All Hallows Evening this week!

From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-legged beasts
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!

Blessings on your head in the week to come.

Andrew



Hello from Gloria

Sandra Davis writes:

Recently I visited Gloria Wilson at Seaton Place and delivered two copies of the last two "St Paul's News" to her. She always shows a great interest in our doings at Lota House and elsewhere.

She is keeping well and sends her regards to all her friends here. As usual, we discussed politics, various social issues and life in general.

Every blessing to you Gloria!

All Saint's and All Soul's Sunday 3rd November, 9.30am

All Souls Day is a time when we particularly remember those who have died.

The prayers of the day remind us that we are joined with the Communion of Saints, that great group of Christians who have finished their earthly life and with who we share the hope of resurrection from the dead.

You are invited to write the names of those you have loved and lost on the sheets at the rear of the Chapel and we will pause to read them and remember during our Sunday service.



Remembrance Day

• NOVEMBER 11 •

Lest we forget

The Manly-Lota RSL Sub-Branch invite all to their Remembrance Day Service Monday the 11th November 2024. Manly War Memorial 184 Carlton Terrace Manly

The service will commence at 10.45am and will include some prayers and reflections by Rev Andrew.



Manly Wynnum Mothers Union AGM

Ailsa Gill writes: Thanks to those who were able to attend the AGM last Tuesday and thanks especially to Fr Andrew for conducting the election of office bearers and helping us along during the meeting.



We are pleased to confirm the following appointments for 2025

- President: Ailsa
- Vice President: Bev
- Secretary/Treasurer: Robyn assisted by Kay
- IPC and Publications: Shirley and Desley
- Links Coordinator: Bev
- Cradle Roll: Robyn and Bev
- Social Responsibility: Ana

Many thanks to Val for her service as treasurer for many years and to Helen for her service with the parish cradle roll. Both ladies have served so lovingly in so many ways... ..time to enjoy just being for a while!



St Paul's Manly Thanksgiving Sunday

10th November 2024

The Chapel at Lota House.

**Giving thanks for the work of our hands,
the fruits of our labours and our service in
God's vineyard.**

Special Guest: The Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves, Archbishop of Brisbane

Thanksgiving Sunday is the parish opportunity to bless the works of our hands and give thanks for the work in ministry in the vineyard.

Offerings of craft, produce, food items and general creativity will be presented by members of the flock as well as symbols of the ministry folk are or have been engaged in within the parish and the wider community.

During Morning tea there will be an auction for the produce/craft/baking etc...we think ++Jeremy is suitably excited at the idea of being our auctioneer... an Archbishop needs many skills!



Desperately hoping ++ Jeremy will bring the Episco-pup, Paddy, for pats and licks.

Parish Council Planning Day Sunday 27th October 11am – 4pm

Parish Council will be gathering in the Chapel at Lota House for part two of the Planning and Reflection Day we held earlier in the year.

The main tasks will be to reflect on the Memorandum of Understanding we have with Anglicare. We will consider what we have learnt after over the last 18 months and consider what we might need to affirm, adjust or add going forward.

The other will be to continue reviewing our Parish Mission Action Plan. Some of the task we set around the move to Lota House and the call of a new priest have been completed and now its time to reconsider the task left and what might need to be added to guide us int the next few years.

Please keep Parish Council in your prayers as they do this important work on your behalf.



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 9TH PAINT THE BAYSIDE ORANGE BREAKFAST



**GUEST SPEAKER
REVEALED SOON!**

**29 NOVEMBER 2024
6.45AM - 8.30AM**

Sunset Room, Wynnum
Manly Leagues Club

COST \$30 PER PERSON

RSVP 13 NOVEMBER 2024

RSVP via: <https://events.humanitix.com/9th-annual-paint-the-bayside-orange-breakfast>



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Furniture Available

Preparations for the development of Lota House also means we need to find homes for a couple of items.

Would you like one or both of these?

1. The remaining cedar pew from St Paul's currently on the verandah near the Lota House front door.
2. The Multifunction Cabinet

Dimensions: H141 cm, L: 141 cm , D: 41 cm



Free or a donation.

Have a chat to Heidi as we would like to offer these to congregation members or their families and friends before advertising further afield.

You will need to organise removal and delivery.

**Contact Ailsa on 0432 152 400 if you would like to attend.
A great event and we can create a St Paul's Table**

Scripture Readings This Week

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126;
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Next Week: All Saints/All Souls

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

For your prayers:

- ◆ The Scottish Episcopal Church
- ◆ The Diocese of Willochra
- ◆ The Parish of Booval
- ◆ Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, Central Region
- Gympie Foster & Kinship Care
- ◆ Yvonne, John, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad,
Stephen, J and J, Val, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Bev

A prayer after Election Day

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men
to whom you have committed the responsibility
of government and leadership in our state.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all people
may work together for the greater good of all.

Give to the people of Queensland zeal for justice
and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Adapted from: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/prayer-for-after-election-day>

What's On

This week

Monday 10.30 EM Tooth Community Worship, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and Discussion in the Chapel

Wednesday 7.30 Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group

Sunday 9.30 All Saints/All Souls Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am

Coming up

November 1st Fr Andrew @ Northside Cancer Support Group

November 2nd Car Boot sale

November 4th Parish Council Meeting

November 7th Tatters and Chatters

November 7th Bayside Community Awards

November 10 Archbishop Jeremy Visit & Thanksgiving Service

November 11th Remembrance Day Service

November 29 Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

The Vital Role of Carers in Our Communities



Carers are the unsung heroes of our communities, providing essential support to the elderly, disabled, and those facing health challenges.

Whether they are family members, friends, or professional caregivers, their dedication ensures that individuals receive the care and assistance needed to lead fulfilling lives.

Carers not only help with daily activities but also serve as advocates, bridging the gap between healthcare providers and those they support. Their emotional labour is equally important, offering companionship and understanding that combat feelings of isolation. Despite their invaluable contributions, carers often face deep challenges such as emotional stress and physical demands.

If you know someone who is a carer, take a moment to check in on them. A simple gesture of kindness can make a significant difference in their day. Let us celebrate the commitment of carers and ensure they receive the recognition and support they deserve.

If you are a carer or know someone who is, there is a really valuable service available called Carers Queensland. They offer support and resources to help carers manage their responsibilities and well-being. Don't hesitate to reach out to them for assistance!

With love and gratitude, Heidi



Support our Ministry

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Our Carer Program provides a range of services to assist Adult Carers in their caring role.

We understand the caring role. That's why we offer a range of FREE services for unpaid family and friend carers to support the amazing role that carers play in the community.

Our services include:

-  **Carer Information & Support** – providing one-on-one individualised support, information, and referrals for carers.
-  **Carer Connection & Capacity Building** – delivering workshops to improve skills and knowledge whilst providing opportunities to connect with other carers.
-  **Carer Retreats & Carer Conversations** – providing opportunities to meet with Board Members and the CEO to provide insights into the current issues impacting carers, followed by a fun-filled day allowing carers to focus on themselves.
-  **No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)** – providing access to interest-free loans for the purchase of essential goods and services up to the value of \$2000 for eligible carers.
-  **Community Engagement** – increasing the awareness of unpaid family and friend carers through tailored information sessions and attending community events.
-  **Carer Representative Program** – ensuring that carers lived experiences and perspectives are represented in policy development, service planning and media.
-  **Carer Gateway Liaison** – working in collaboration with Carer Gateway provider Wellways to increase the awareness of carers by co-facilitating events and referring carers for support.

Connect with us today!

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