



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.



- Festive Fun
- TREEriffic Trees
- Turning a sod or two
- Car Boot Blessings

## And The Carousing Continues!



## Advent is a time of quiet reflection, right???

Well let's be honest, we do have to make moments like the profound Blue Christmas Service led by Fr Sam and Fr Andrew at St Peter's or the upcoming Quiet Morning but its also our time for end of year celebrations and festive events. Its been wonderful to join our partner communities for fun times. Our parish is geographically big and so its great to do things at the Tingalpa end. Fr Andrew was chuffed to be asked to help lead the Tingalpa Uniting Church Ecumenical Carols with Revs Dan and Bea Skippen... long time ministry friends. Shirley and Desley also represented the parish with joy.

One of the UCA elders from Tingalpa Judith Gray writes: "Just wanting to say a big THANK YOU to you for coming and sharing in our Carols. It was a blessing having your happy personality helping to lead the evening. May God bless you as you serve Him. We are very thankful to God for the families that came and pray that good things will happen in His kingdom. May God bless you as you serve Him."

See more of our festive fun 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

CAN IT GET ANY MORE FESTIVE AROUND OUR PATCH!?!?





## Getting our Christmas on!

Its all about the smiles with great Christmas activities engaging our communities. Shirley and Desley did a great job singing away on behalf of the parish to the beautiful voices from the Momentum Choir. The Tingalpa Uniting Church hosted ecumenical carols with some fab family activities. Desley got in the spirit and had a cuddle



with one of the wee goats from the petting zoo while dodging bubbles from heaps of other kids running around.

Bev, Ailsa, Nancy and Lyn braved the humidity to help set up the MU and Parish Trees at the St Peter's TREErific display. Our St Paul's blue and orange flew the flag for us... literally, while the crafty hands of MU made a wonderful statement with their blue and white star. So great to see so many other trees including Cursillo, and the Men's Group and lots of other community groups like Red Cross and their Teddy Tree, the canoe based splendour of the SAILS "tree" and offerings from Rotary, the historical Society and so many more. Well worth a visit and open until the 17th.



As well as helping create the Cursillo Tree, Nick and Jen represented the Parish at the delightful Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel carols alongside our friend Beryl from St Peters.

**So many fun things inspired by the birth of Jesus!!**



## Parish Giving Tree



### Have you seen our Advent Giving Tree?

The focus this year is personal care packs to be given to clients attending Pete's Pantry. Fr Andrew recorded a short interview with Pantry Coordinator Marilyn Jacobs to introduce our Advent Giving focus. Marilyn explained how the services provided at Pete's Pantry has grown from a small group sharing a simple bowl of cereal to a service hub serving dozens of people each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We all were disturbed by the rapid growth in need in the Bayside as the numbers of people experiencing homelessness or struggling to make ends has expanded way beyond what anyone would have expected. Our Giving Tree appeal is aimed at providing basic personal hygiene care packs. St Paul's folk generously responded by taking a tag of the Giving Tree with suggestions for an age and gender appropriate Wash Bag. These are already piling up under the tree as folk bring them or a donation back.

**Any one can help.... By taking a Giving Tree tags, a donation of simple supermarket vouchers or even a cash donation.**





## The Village Development turns a corner... and some sod.

Last Friday saw a real step forward as Archbishop Jeremy showed his shovel skills in turning the first sod that officially starts the building phase of The Village development at Lota House.



++ Jeremy reports *"Last week, I was joined by Quandamooka Elder, Uncle Gavin, The Village Group CEO, Simon Forsyth and Executive Director of Anglicare Southern Queensland, Sue Cooke for the ground breaking ceremony at Manly, the site of a new Retirement Village: a partnership between Anglican Church Southern Queensland and The Village Group."*

A fairly low key start on a hot and steamy day but it did involve cake and a chance to meet some of the key partners and stakeholders as things get underway over the next few weeks. We watch with great interest.

## A Year of Service from our Car Boot Sale Team.

Last Saturday the team of stalwart volunteers set up and sold stuff at our last Car Boot Sale for the year. The total banked for last week was \$375 which makes just over \$3500 for the year... with an extra \$500 from the raffle the team organised and gently persuaded folk to buy at the markets and in the community. That's a grand total of \$4000 raised though the dedicated team of Robyn and family, Ailsa and plant lady Anice, Isobel and Chris and newby helpers Andrew and Amanda.

We are so grateful for others like Nick and Jen, Mark, Paul, Sandra and Stephen who have lent a hand or donated goods through breezy, chilly, sunny, soggy and balmy days over the year. We are also grateful for the consideration of the team at the Church of The Nazarene who provide the space, advertising and entertainment. Another community partnership that does not shout our Christian message aggressively but in a spirit of welcome, hospitality and inclusion. The fundraising is so important for our mission but the conversations, connections and presence speaks volumes too.

**Many, many thanks for your hard work... to Chris for the decent coffee... and for the sausage, egg and bacon sandwiches that kept us going!**







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# CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

E.M. Tooth Residential Aged Care Home  
and  
St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly  
invite residents, staff, parishioners and family  
to Christmas Carols featuring the Bayside Brass.

**Sunday 22nd December**  
**2pm in the Chapel**

Join us for a celebration of Christmas with sing-a-long  
carols played by the big sound of the brass band.  
A magical way to celebrate Christmas with those you love.

Light Refreshments to follow.



## Manly

**Christmas Brunch**  
**Sunday 15th December**  
After the 9.30 Service

**Bring and share ready to serve  
festive brunch treats.**

**Coffee, tea and Juice provided.**

### Scripture Readings: Advent Three

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;  
Philippians 4:4-7 ; Luke 3:7-18

### Next Week: Advent Four

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55;  
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

### For your prayers:

- ◆ The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ◆ The Diocese of Melbourne
- ◆ The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove
- ◆ Home Carers
- ◆ St Paul's School, Bald Hills
- ◆ Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, Fr Keith C, Stephen, J, J and J, Chloe and Family
- ◆ We give thanks for the life of John Greenslade and pray for his family as they mourn his loss. May he rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

### A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Lord, the good news of Jesus' arrival brings such joy to our world!  
Reach those who are lost and searching with the message of hope that we have through the Messiah.  
God, allow your message of peace to bring comfort to our anxious world.  
As we all go about the holiday season, let the message of great joy pierce through all the noise and into people's hearts. Amen.

From: <https://www.crosswalk.com/>

## What's On

### This week

- Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room  
**Tuesday 9.30** Bible Reflection cancelled  
**Tuesday 11am** Service of Thanksgiving for John Greenslade  
**Tuesday 8pm** TREErific @ St Peter's ends  
**Wednesday 7.30** Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group  
**Sunday 9.30** Advent 4 Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel  
**Sunday 2pm** Christmas Carols with Bayside Brass @ Lota House Chapel  
**Sunday 6pm** Ecumenical 9 Lessons and Carols @ St Peter's Wynnum 6pm  
**Coming up**  
**Tuesday 24th** Christmas Eve All Age Family Service @ the Chapel 5pm  
**Tuesday 24th** Midnight Mass @ St Peter's Wynnum 11.30pm  
**Wednesday 25th** Christmas Eucharist 9.30 am  
**Sunday 29th** Parish Eucharist with Rev Shan Veiorw  
**26th December-4th January** Fr Andrew on Leave

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

## Vale John Greenslade

It is with sadness but with joyful hope in the resurrection that we say a final goodbye to EM Tooth resident and parishioner, John Greenslade. John and his wife Joyce moved into the independent units at Lota House some years ago, transitioning into care at EM Tooth more recently.



The parish farewelled Joyce last year in a beautiful service where John paid a loving tribute to Joyce on the organ.

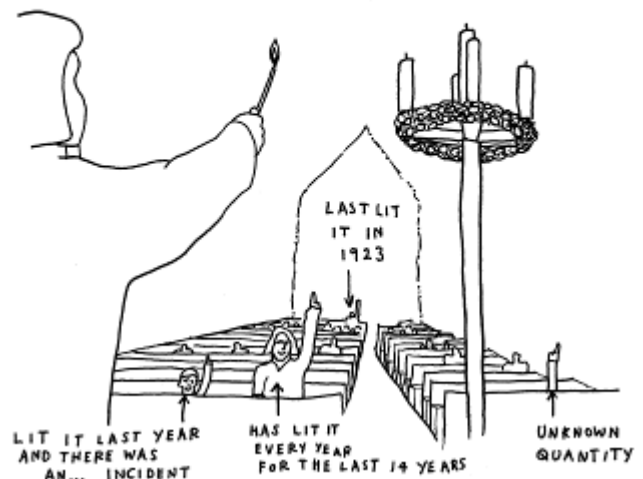
John and Joyce had been faithful Anglicans throughout their life, firstly at St John's Bulimba where John was part of the organ team and then at St Augustine's Hamilton. John's family are very appreciative of the team from St Paul's who ensured John received Communion each Sunday and regular visits and chats.

Parishioners are invited to join John's family and friends as they celebrate his life next Tuesday 17th December at 11am in the Chapel at Lota House.

**May John rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS



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