



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.



- Cyclone Tracy memories and events
- Development developments
- More from Pete's Pantry
- Phyl and Col say Goodbye

And a Ramsay Era Ends... and Begins



There were a few tears in a few eyes as we farewelled Phyl and Col Ramsay last weekend.... Although Col claims it was the breeze or dust from the fans.

This fairly formal pic with wardens Rob Wilson and Jen Crisp doesn't really convey the warmth and heartfelt words that marked the end of nearly 40 years of connection of Phyl and Col with St Paul's Manly. There are many folk who have made a deep imprint on the DNA of any community ... sometimes we get to acknowledge them publicly... and sometimes they slip away quietly. Phyl and Col did us the real honour of allowing us to show our love to them, and by extension the myriads of big hearts who have built this community of faith.

More pics and thoughts 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

Sending our Ramsay missionaries out into the world!!

Chocolate Cake and Cheers... what better way to say goodbye to Phyl and Col Ramsay as they seek new adventures over the river and in Freshwater Parish.

The house is packed, removalists ready and Rev Claye at Freshwater warned that missionaries of real religion are on their way from St Paul's Manly as their great adventure begins.

Warden Rob Wilson gave a deeply felt speech which highlighted some of the significant ways the Ramsays have contributed to this community. Some of that is in the **doing** of things... the willingness to take on rostered jobs and administrative stuff, liturgical and pastoral care and many other behind the scenes things.

Jobs can and will be filled but the **being**... the person that is the gift to us by just being them... is what has touched many hearts. Phyl shared a few thoughts but Col being the shy retiring type he is had the folk laughing and remembering in his own inimitable style.

We send them off with a few mementos but with many prayers and memories of precious times shared.

God Bless you both today and always.



Tales of Cyclone Tracy-a Faith Adventure

Chris Wood, relatively new EM Tooth resident and now regular at our Sunday worship writes:



**REMEMBERING
CYCLONE TRACY INC.**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
1974-2024**



24 February 2024 was Declaration Sunday for ISEE Church... my former church. Senior Pastor Paul Geering challenged the entire congregation to participate in a Faith Adventure during 2024. His sermon is on YouTube under ISEE Church and well worth watching.

Shortly after I was advised of The Remembering Cyclone Tracy Celebration. I immediately advised my desire to attend and booked my flights commencing my 2024 Faith Adventure. As the year unfolded excellent accommodation was booked, health challenges began to resolve, and I was able to move into EM Tooth. All apparent travel concerns and attending official events were all resolved according to our Lord's plan. Many fellow Tracy survivors were staying at the same hotel as me and I met many more at the official functions. I met my now good friend Cindy Eggington, her father had been my mentor at Water Resources pre Tracy.



I was 27 at the time and she was 8 and evacuated like my wife and children. There were 2 Tales of Tracy events which were very moving. The most memorable event was the unveiling of the official Cyclone Tracy Memorial at dawn (corresponding to dawn Christmas Day 1974 when us survivors were emerging to see the atomic blast like destruction) by the Governor General and the Prime Minister.

After the crowds dispersed we could view the memorial and I met a grown woman a member of a large family who lived next door. She was a young child, 1 of 10

at the time of Tracy. The entire family sheltered in their Holden station wagon while the house was blown away leaving the concrete piers and steel cross beams. I don't recall seeing them leave but did see rub marks on the piers apparently due to the vehicle being lifted off its wheels and rubbed against the concrete piers. Unfortunately our conversation was cut short by a family emergency she needed to attend to, I had wanted to ask what they did. I surmise that they drove south along the Stuart Highway like so many others in vehicles that would could be driven despite often needing repairs. Once people in various communities along the Highway understood the situation they opened their hearts to provide refreshments, clothing and vehicles repairs. This was typical Australian response and similar for those evacuated by air at every airport.



I was made most welcome at the Anglican Cathedral which itself has had a checkered history both before and after Tracy as well as World War II. The pews are set out as on Christmas Eve 1974. The then Church building was only large enough to accommodate the pews. The stone works including original early 1900s, post WW2 bombing repairs and what was left after Tracy.



The above barely scratches the surface of my experiences during Tracy and at the 50th anniversary celebration.

RE: Village Manly Upcoming Construction Works

Sue Cooke Chief Executive Officer Anglicare Southern Queensland writes:

As a part of our ongoing communication, we are writing to advise you of upcoming construction works for the Village Manly, which may impact your access in and around our home and Chapel.

Due to weather, we were unable to complete works as expected in December. As such we anticipate the following works to be undertaken from next week – mid February 2025:

- Erect temporary fencing and timber framed hoarding around Lota House to secure construction zone and access.
 - Current Port Cochere entryway will become part of the construction zone. A temporary covered entry will be created to the left of the current entryway.
 - Access to the toilet via the Chapel will be removed. The toilet to the rear of Lota House will be refurbished for use of visitors to the Chapel.
- Upgrade footpath to the left of the driveway, off Oceana Terrace.
 - Provision has been made in the upper car park for visitors to our home who have limited mobility. We ask that all other visitors utilise street parking.
 - Please be mindful when walking from Oceana Terrace to our home and use the footpath. The driveway will be shared with heavy construction vehicles until a separate construction entrance is created.
 - We acknowledge the importance of visitor parking and recognise the limited options available at this time. Thank you for your patience during the construction period.
- Some trees will be removed to enable various stages of construction to progress. As Village Manly project stages are completed, comprehensive landscaping will be added, as well as a significant number of mature trees maintained, to maximise the lush greenery of our precinct.
- Civil and major construction works are now underway within the Village Manly construction precinct. All dust and noise impacts will be managed in accordance with Council requirements and restrictions.

Whilst we are excited to deliver this future project, we are mindful of the impact it may have on you.

We will continue to provide project and construction updates to you and ensure that disruptions are kept to a minimum.

For more information about the Village Manly, please visit www.thevillage.com.au



Ordinary people doing extraordinary things... every week.

Fr Andrew writes:

This week I started back into my regular monthly volunteer slot at Pete's Pantry. We have been thinking about them a lot with our Advent and Christmas Giving Tree focus on Personal Care packs and I was chuffed to hear more about their hamper project before Christmas. The pic below shows just how substantial that hamper project was and one can only imagine the relief and joy of the recipients of such generous offerings.

What impressed me this week was how the volunteers just step up again week after week to help... every week. These are ordinary folk from St Pete's and Guardian Angels assisted by other churches with regular donations and collections. The set up flows like a



Fr Andrew and Ali on the welcome desk, Paul organizing bakery donation and the wonder of the Christmas Hampers



well oiled machine and while I can't move tables or lift bags I'm glad that there's a meaningful contribution I can make at the registration desk.

The Pantry always needs volunteers. I go once a month for a morning... some come every day its open. Some collect things from Coles, Woolies or other businesses... one lady bakes fresh pikelets and another sits and decants cornflakes from huge packets into manageable servings.

If you think you might be able to help, even a morning a month, give the Pantry Team a call on 0421 677 552

If you, or someone you know, is doing it tough and needs a bit of a hand, they're here to help.

- On Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings offering basic staple food items.
- Brekky is also available on Monday mornings only from 8.30 - 9.30 am.
- Coffee N Chat Friday mornings at 9 am

**ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE HALL
84 - 86 BRIDE STREET, WYNNUM**

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Next Week

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;
Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

For your prayers:

- ◆ Parishes seeking new incumbents and schools seeking chaplains
- ◆ The Diocese of Lesotho
- ◆ The Diocese of Perth
- ◆ The Parish of Robina
- ◆ Mathew Hale Public Library
- ◆ West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley**

A prayer for times of disaster or crisis

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood.

By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through You, our rock and redeemer.

From: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/>

What's On

This week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room
Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and Discussion @ the Chapel
Wednesday 10.00 Fr Andrew @ St Peter's Service
Sunday 9.30 Australia Day Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel

Coming up

February 1st Car Boot Sale, Carindale TBC
February 6th Tatters and Chatters 9.30 am in the Parlour
February 9th Parish Council Planning Day
February 18th MU service and Meeting
February 20th Tatters and Chatters

Parish AGM to be advised

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Search me, O God,
and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
Psalm 139:23

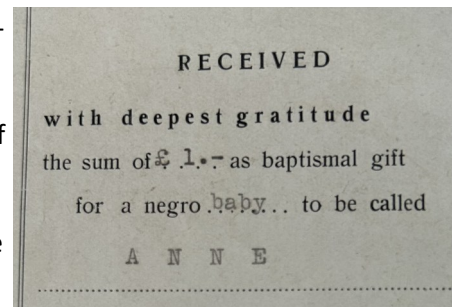
The Vicar's Voice

Last week, my brother Chris delivered a box of bits and pieces that had been sent up from Canberra from my second eldest brother Stephen. He has recently down-sized after many years. They finally sorted through the shipping container that stored the last of the bits and pieces from our father's shed. As the designated holy weirdo in the family I got some of the pious books and knick knacks he had kept. Some of that was from his time training to be a server and a liturgical assistant... interesting enough in itself and probably indicative of the gentle influence mum and dad had on my faith.

What I found deeply fascinating was some small items of my grandmother's. She was a tiny, very proper English lady by the time I knew her but had let us say an "artistic" youth. I knew about that but only knew a little about her own faith journey. I wasn't aware of the piety behind it... I love the small mementos and prayer pamphlets and some interesting bits from the Sodality of Peter Claver... devoted to the conversion of negro babies in Africa.

Stepping away from the colonialism of it all, I was taken by one small slip of paper...

A receipt for a donation of one pound to be used for the



baptism "of a negro baby to be called Anne", the name of my stillborn aunt ... never really discussed but so obviously held in grief and love.

I cannot imagine the impact on my grandmother and the family at the time... and how that grief was slightly assuaged by that gift. Maybe there is a matriarch in an African family who bore that name... maybe not. But it gives me pause to remember, to pray and to hope that all who hold deep hurts may be heard and healed.

May you be heard this week.

Every blessing

Andrew

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