



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.



- Parishioner Profile: Lyn Boal
- Curry Night fellowship
- Stuff we do—Candlemass
- Getting our bible on!



## Good things at Pandora's Op Shop

### Lyn Boal reaches out to those in need at Pandora's.

No, she's not a shop assistant at a high end boutique! Lyn regularly volunteers at Bayside's best op shop... Pandora's, a ministry of St Peter's community at Wynnum. The frocks, frills, sensible pants and other stuff is all there but it's all to assist those who need a bargain or a helping hand.

**Find out more about Lyn and her volunteering inside.**

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

# Community Matters

## Lyn Boal makes a difference at Pandora's Op Shop, Wynnum

### How long have you been involved in Pandora's?

18 months to two years... I never keep check of these things

**How often do you come over?** – Once a fortnight

**How does Pandoras work? Where do they get their stock from?**

Just donations...people drop things in when they are cleaning up or wanting to sort through their clothes or a lot of times there's people leaving the area and they just bring everything in

**What do you do while you are here?**

Sometimes I'm out the front on the counter...serving there... other times I'm in the back here with all the clothes when they bring them in and see if they are ok to put out and price them and put a stapled price on them. And then we take them back out the front and put them out on display.

**Are there any guidelines about what you have to do with the clothes? Are there some that you have to get rid of or not use?**

We have to yes. We often take them down to Silky Oaks.

**So you work in partnership with them?**

Yes and others. At Christmas time we had a big clean out here because we just got overloaded and took a lot down to one of the big recycle places at Capalaba. A couple of truck loads.

**How often is Pandora's open??**

Three days a week... Monday Wednesday and Friday 9-12

**What's the best thing about coming and working here for you?**

Oh I think its providing something for the community that's really needed ... people are doing it tough. I get a lot of enjoyment out of it and meeting lots of lovely people here and in the church... getting to know other people from St Peter's and beyond. Working together with others is good.

**And you do some other volunteering as well?**

I do go to the sailing group at Capalaba... they take the children out sailing especially with recent arrivals free sailing at weekends... I only go helping with serving the sausages for lunch. I belong to a few other groups.. the Mother's Union and Tatters and Chatters and the craft and games... cup of tea and lunch etc.

**Is there a memory or something that happened here and you thought that was a really lovely thing? A nice story or something that you noticed?**

The people that come in... a lot are lonely and want a chat... wander in for an hour or two sometimes... they might buy one or two things ... nothing too expensive and we have some really good stuff. It's good to chat to all the people and I get a lot out of it.

I'm more than happy to come. I saw something somewhere that they needed people to help and together with our church and Wynnum... So, I thought why not get to know other people who belong to this area and to the church too.

**What does it add to your belonging to St Paul's?**

Just to integrate with all the other people and get to know the other people and how things work with them. I love it here as they have the pantry and all the other helping things too. It's a great service for so many doing it tough.

**It's a nice practical living out your faith!**

Yes! And you know you are helping other people. We'd hate to be in that situation. We think we live in Australia and its all great but there's a lot of people doing without a lot of things. I'm one of the fortunate ones and got a good family but not everyone is that fortunate.

More volunteers are needed. Have a chat to Lyn if you have some time to spare.



Lyn modelling one of the glamorous donations. Maybe ready for Melbourne Cup?





## Why are op shops so important? There are three simple reasons.

1. A large number of **community programs** are funded by the income from charity op shops. These programs would struggle without generous donations to op shops.
2. Op shops help many Australians to **find a bargain**. They also help people who are having a hard time.
3. Buying second-hand is a great to **reduce our impact on the environment**. And donating good quality products keeps them from going to landfill!

## Tatters and Chatters

This Thursday 6th February  
9.30am in the Parlour



**Pandoras opens three days a week**  
**84-86 Bride Street, Wynnum**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9 am - 12 noon**

Donations are welcome. Please drop off during opening hours.

Above: Lyn and some of the lovely ladies at Pandora's.

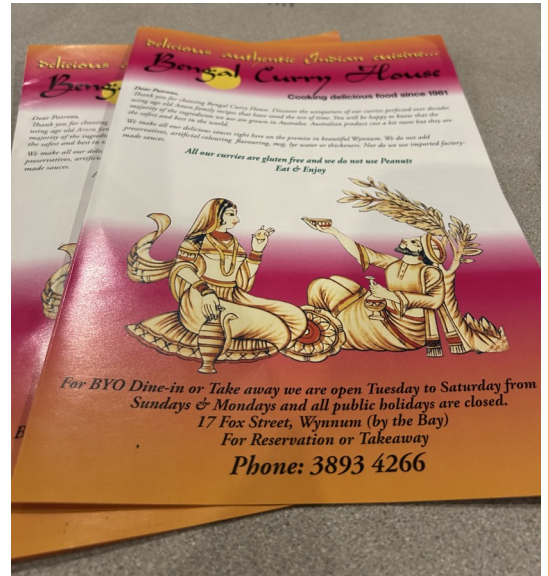
Robyn, Mary and Erica getting into the Chat! Companionship, craft, chat and even a few games. A cuppa and chat. Some folk bring something to share for morning Tea and a bite to eat for lunch if they want.  
**All welcome even the blokes!**

# Bayside Fellowship Curry Night

Our Bayside blokes and partners and friends gathered on Wednesday night for a community curry at Bengal Curry House. The Bayside Men's fellowship group meets every Wednesday night for support, sharing and lively discussion but ventures out when there is a fifth Wednesday in the month.

Fr Andrew, Chris, Isobel, Jen, Father Sam and a whole host of folk from a wide range of worshipping communities gathered to share stories, enjoy some great Indian food and tease Fr Sam about the gentle use of chillies.

The menu offered mild, medium, hot, very hot and then Indian hot! Hopefully Fr Sam and friend Martin were able to get the tastebuds tingling appropriately while other less adventurous palates savoured the complex and enjoyable flavours unadorned. These community meals are a great way to get to know other folk, support our men and their partners and grow in love and faith!



Have a chat to Chris or Nick if you'd like to know more about the Men's Ministry in our patch.



## Delving deep into the Word



**Our Bible reflection and study group each Tuesday at 9.30 is an opportunity to go that little bit deeper.**

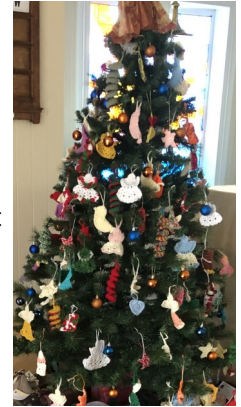
A 10 minute sermon... ok sometimes nearly 20 minutes if Fr Andrew is on a roll... is never enough time to really do justice to the depths to be discovered in the scripture shared. We are not bible scholars or experts just folk interested in soaking ourselves a little more into the Word. We chose one of the passages... often the Gospel but any of them are far game. We have a fairly simple process.

- We read the passage with an ear for the word or phrase that sticks in our mind. We share that without comment or explanation just to get us grounded in the passage. It's always interesting to find out what other people have noticed.
- We read the passage again but this time with an ear for what intrigues or interest us. Maybe it sparks a question, memory, opinion or anecdote. We share these which usually means some interesting unpacking of meaning. We often don't come up with hard and fast answers but our discussion is certainly stimulating and can send us off to find out more. Google on the phone can be helpful on the spot if something strikes us.
- We read again, listening for what we may need to take from the passage into our week, lives or actions. Sometimes this is a simple thing... be nicer... and sometimes it challenges us to think deeply about how we can live the love of God more effectively.

**Regular Mark says: "Bible study on Tuesdays gives me a bigger insight to the Gospel as presented on the previous Sunday. The opportunity to openly discuss the good news of our Lord among friends strengthens my faith and encourages me as a member of St Paul's community."**

## Why do we do that? Candlemass and the Christmas Tree

People might be wondering why the Christmas Tree and Christ Candle is still up in the chapel. Some folks take them down on Boxing Day or as soon as possible after Christmas Day in the big tidy up. Others keep it until the Feast of the Epiphany on the 6th January as a sign of the honour and gifts given to Jesus when the Magi visit... the 12th Day of Christmas as the carol goes.



We've chosen to keep it up until the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on the 2nd of February... 40 days after the celebration of Christ's Birth, the end of the Season of Epiphany and our entry point into Ordinary time.

**Another name for the Feast of the Presentation is Candlemass.** In the gospel, Simeon recognizes in this ordinary-looking baby the Son of God, and as he takes him in his arms, he utters the prayer:

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled:  
my own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
(Luke 2:29-32)**

In the Feast of the Presentation, we see that Jesus Christ is God's light to the nations, "*the light of the world*" (John 8:12)

One tradition is that all of the candles to be used in the church for the coming year are blessed, and the faithful are invited to bring their own candles so that they can be blessed and used in the home for prayer throughout the year. The beauty of candlelight serves as a lovely reminder of the Christmas celebration, when the darkness of sin was scattered by the "*true light who was coming into the world*" (John 1:9).



**It is a much-needed reminder that, no matter how grave things may be, "*the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*" (John 1:5).**

Adapted from: <https://mcgrathblog.nd.edu/what-is-candlemas-and-how-to-observe-it>

### Scripture Readings:

#### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

#### Next Week

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

### For your prayers:

- ◆ Parishes seeking new incumbents and schools seeking chaplains
- ◆ The Diocese of London – The Church of England
- ◆ The Diocese of Armidale
- ◆ The Parish of Stanthorpe
- ◆ Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital
- ◆ Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill: Chaplain – Br Nathan James
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Lyn, Mark, Val**

### A prayer for Light

Loving God,  
You calm the chaos of the world. Be present now to those whose lives seem filled with chaos. Grant them the grace of calm in the midst of confusion. You have always shown us the way from darkness into the light. For those struggling now to see the light, we ask that You shine it a bit brighter in our world. Grant us all the grace to see a way forward through any darkness we feel. Amen

Source: <https://www.chausa.org/>

## What's On

### This week

**Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room  
**Tuesday 9.30** MU Planning day in the Parlour. No Bible study  
**Wednesday 7pm** Men's Ministry, Wynnum  
**Thursday** Tatters and Chatters 9.30 am in the Parlour  
**Saturday** Cursillo 10am  
**Sunday 9.30** Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel  
**Sunday 11 –3.30** Parish Council Planning Day

### Coming up

**February 16th** Parish AGM  
**February 18th** MU Service and Meeting  
**February 20th** Tatters and Chatters  
**February 25th** MU Service and Meeting

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.  
Luke 2: 40



# Parish Council Planning Day

## Sunday 9th February

### 11 am – 3.30 pm

Please hold Parish Council in your prayers as we begin the year with a planning day and February meeting. We will be looking at our parish calendar, fundraising and finance, outreach and mission activities and how we might best serve you and the community in the year ahead.

## St Paul's Anglican Church Annual General Meeting

### Sunday 16th February

#### Following the 9.30 service

Ministry Leaders are asked to prepare a simple summary of their activities over 2024 for the AGM report... dot points are fine.



### Support our Ministry

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