



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.



- MU gets ready for ministry and fellowship
- Tatters and Chatters... we got snacks
- Car Boot Sale... we got stuff... and cash
- Marvelous Meetings

## Planning Pondering for MU 2025



**"So that will \$100 on Mum's Choice in the 5th at Flemington and \$100 on Union of Love at Randwick at 10am."**

Ok, so Bev and Isobel aren't really having a flutter on the races but busy with checking dates and details at the MU planning day last Tuesday. Showing that they are contemporary women, it's technology all the way but of course a good number of old school paper diaries were to be seen as well. Trying to find times and spaces with busy and engaged women of faith like the Manly Wynnum MU members has always been a challenge but the efforts and commitment are as always admirable.

**Read more about MU plans for 2025 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

## Manly Wynnum Mother's Union organises the sisterhood!



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On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, in the much lamented absence of the president, Manly Wynnum Mother's Union Vice President Bev Schmidt, aided by Treasurer Secretary Robyn Lawlor, chaired the first official gathering for 2025 as they plotted world dominion and the activities for the year ahead. In her defence, President Ailsa Gill was called to higher duties at the Diocesan Executive Meeting at St Francis College Milton, exercising her power and authority as Co-Deanery President with Kay Voltz.

Ailsa reports that the Executive also made plans for the year's activities including Lady Day at the Cathedral on Wednesday 26th March and the Annual General Meeting on 11th March at Ipswich with the Archbishop presiding and a presentation from representatives from "Hope in a Suitcase"... a service for children in foster care.

There was wise discussion about the challenges of gathering at Lota House during the construction and the decision has been made to have the monthly service in the airconditioned comfort of St Peter's Wynnum for the next 6 months. This will be reviewed as the development progresses. The ladies are grateful to Fr Sam and the Wynnum members for getting this in motion.

Fr Andrew encouraged members to look for ways to collaborate and form partnerships to continue to tell the story of MU and to live into the core aim to advocate for support of family life and particularly women and children.

The workshop considering Elder Abuse in 2024 was a great example and thoughts are already in happening to see what might be possible in 2025. There are lots of lovely thoughts about participating in events and projects with the residents of E M Tooth and of course strengthening the bonds between our parishes across the diocese.

There was a great energy with the members and a lovely spirit of optimism and hope while being realistic about how to best use the gifts and talents at this stage of life. We look forward a busy but productive year ahead. Thank you to all for your wise contributions and wisdom.



**The first Manly Wynnum MU Service and meeting for 2025 with commissioning of office bearers will be on Thursday 25th February in the chapel at St Peter's Wynnum.**



## The Tatty Chatters get chatting again for 2025

Tatters and Chatters kicked off the year with a very crafty and chatty session in the Parlour at Lota House this week. There was cheese but this correspondent couldn't find any wine. We need to fix that for next time... maybe an orange juice and champagne morning cocktail? Not telling which participant quickly jumped in with the real name of the beverage - *Mimosa*... lots of prior knowledge and experience?

Lots of sharing of story and memories as always. It's always fascinating the little bit more we learn about each other and the interesting differences and similarities of family life. There were games available but the simple but effective craft activity proved doable and popular... plans afoot for a small gift offering at Easter.

**Tatters and Chatters will meet again on Thursday 20th February... in the Parlour at 9.30.**



**Watch this space as there may be some news coming soon!**



## Sharing the love across parish lines!

This is Bob and Glenda. They are regulars at St John's Bulimba but live out Carindale way. Bob and Glenda have been doing a big tidy out as they become reverse empty nesters... the kids are coming back! While of course they welcome opening the door again to beloved offspring it was also a push to empty some of those storage boxes... some were unopened for over a decade. Bob and Glenda made contact with us knowing we have a regular stall at the Carina Car Boot sale and offloaded ... I mean donated... some intriguing bits and pieces for us to sell. They did sell and our car boot cohort reports over \$350 from books, plants and bits and bobs.

Another way you could help is poking around your garden for bits that could be potted up and presented nicely for sale. Our wonderful regular plant lady, Anice, is taking a break for some much anticipated surgery so won't be able to provide plants for a few months. Simple things like a succulent in a teacup, a potted flowering annual in a nice container... anything with a flower or bit of colour sell well. If you go potty this week end they will be fairly well established for March or April.

**Be like Bob and Glenda... clear out some boxes  
to go to a good cause!**

### Scripture Readings:

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

### Next Week

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

### For your prayers:

- ◆ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ◆ The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn
- ◆ The Parish of Texas-Inglewood:
- ◆ Angligrreen
- ◆ St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Lyn, Ron, Val**

**A prayer to accept God's calling.  
Almighty God.**

**You are always with us and always beckon us  
to step further in our faith.**

**Your calling on our life is constant. Lord, you  
know we desire to do your will, but sometimes  
we find it difficult to fully offer ourselves to you.  
We trust your calling, O Lord, but sometimes  
doubt our ability to enter it. But still, you call  
again and again.**

**Help us to see your vision for us. As you  
touched Isaiah's lips, may your power work in  
the place of our doubt and weakness. Give us  
boldness, resolve, and faith. Help us to know  
that our calling is about having you work in us  
and through us, and give each one of us the  
strength to say, "Send me".**

**Amen.**

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## What's On

### This week

**Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room  
**Tuesday 9.30** Bible Reflection and Discussion @ the Chapel  
**Wednesday 7pm** Men's Ministry, Wynnum  
**Thursday 2pm** Stephens Harrison from Anglicare meeting  
with Fr A and parish reps  
**Sunday 9.30** Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel  
**Sunday 10.45** Annual General Meeting  
**Coming up**  
**February 18th** MU Service and Meeting  
**February 20th** Tatters and Chatters  
**19th February** Fr A @ Pete's Pantry  
**February 20th** Deanery Meeting @ Holland Park  
**February 21st** Bishop John catch up with Fr Andrew  
**February 25th** MU Service and meeting @ St Peter's

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.



# 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 by Wednesday this week...  
dot points are fine.



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