



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY  
Lent Three 23rd March 2025

# 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.

Rev Andrew Cooper - Parish Priest

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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.



- Cursillo Capers Update
- 100 Years of Yvonne celebrated well
- MU Mothering Sunday Collection
- Many ways of serving the people of God

## Time to hand on the passion for LiNC



*Love in the Name of Christ is embedded deep in the heart of our wonderful Helen Collins... as a way of life... and as an organisation she has served since its very beginning decades ago.*

**LiNC Church Services Network (Bayside) Inc.** was born in the 1990s as a response to unmet social needs, offered with "no strings attached". It gives church members the opportunity to put their faith and love to work in concrete ways like transport, in-home visitation and friendship.

Helen has been an office bearer for many years and currently serves as our representative on the managing committee. In her wisdom, Helen has decided it is time to hand this labour of love to someone who shares her love of God's people and has the capacity to represent St Paul's as LiNC moves and grows into the future.

**Have a chat to Helen about what it involves and how we might respond to God's call in this great service.**



*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



# Cursillo

## SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

Anglican Cursillo Movement Diocese of Southern Queensland (Brisbane)

## Manly Cursillistas – Onwards and Upwards!

Preparations for “Cyclone Alfred” aside, we have continued to make progress in furthering the Cursillo Movement in this Diocese.

We have visited parishes to talk to prospective Candidates, contacted recent Cursillistas to encourage them, kept our own Group Reunions going, and maintained our prayer schedule for the Cursillo Movement.

Last Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) Jen and I attended the Bundaberg Ultreya, and we took not just our singing voices but lots of Weekend banners to brighten their Good Shepherd church.



David, Warren and Peter led us in singing our hearts out!

The Witness Speaker was David Carr (a Candidate on M80 at Glendalough, October 2021) and it was wonderful to hear David’s story of “stepping into the unknown” with the confidence gained through his Cursillo experience – both the Weekend 3 years ago and his Cursillista life since. David has been a “gospel singer” for as long as he can remember, always performing only in closed church environments. He has grown so much in faith and acceptance of God’s plans for himself, that he now sings at non-church events all over the place, no longer concerned about what non-believers may think of his Christianity.

Bill Lawrence (a Cursillo leader in the Bundaberg region) delivered a Response to David’s talk, and later a great Reflection. After much singing, listening to David and Bill, hearing bible readings and having a “floating group reunion”, we did what we always do after Ultreyas – we ate too much and caught up with lots of friends from far-flung parishes.

### Blessings from Nick Crisp



## YVONNE CHOWN 100th BIRTHDAY WITH FRIENDS FROM ST PAUL'S

On Saturday 1st March, Shirley, Desley, Kay and Robyn set off to visit Yvonne and help celebrate her 100th Birthday.

**Kay Voltz writes:** Yvonne had moved with her daughter Jenny into their new home on the beach just outside of Kingscliffe NSW only the week before. Yvonne was so excited as she greeted over 50 family and friends.

She was particularly happy to have some of her St Paul's family join her and was full of questions about fellow parishioners and the Chapel. The Chapel holds a special place for her as she and Eric lived at EM Tooth for a number of years before moving to Janoah Gardens. She excitedly

celebrated many highlights on the day – a zoom call with a granddaughter from America, a video call from friends in France and cards and well wishes from many people which included the Prime Minister, NSW Governor, the Governor General and one from King Charles whom she had met in England when he was the Prince of Wales. It was a wonderful day, scrumptious buffet, beautiful surroundings and catching up with friends and family, including Pat & Derek Hunts daughter Allison who had come from Tasmania. Many thanks to Robyn for driving us safely there and back.



**Yvonne sends her love and best wishes to all at St Paul's.**

### **Full of Hope and Full of Life A Lent Quiet Afternoon at Bethania Street Community Garden.**

Cox Park, Bethania St, Lota

**Saturday 29th March, 1.30pm – 5.30 pm**

**One of the calls of Lent is to take time to pray,  
ponder and practice peace.**



We invite you to give over an afternoon to just waste time with God in the beautiful surrounds of the Bethania Street Community Gardens. There will be times of community prayer, plenty of holy pauses, material to bounce ideas off, a chance to smell the flowers and ponder the message of life and hope a garden provides. We will end the day watching the sun go down with snacks and refreshing beverages.

**What to bring:** A folding chair, sun and insect protection, things to help you pause like your bible, writing or drawing materials, craft stuff, something to share for afternoon tea, some nibbles to share at sunset, your own cooling beverages in your own cooler bag and a gold coin donation. Coffee, tea and water provided.

**RSVP to Rev Andrew at [priest@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:priest@stpaulsmanly.org)**

## **Tatters and Chatters... WE WILL TRY AGAIN!!!**

Our second attempt at Wynnum Library was also cancelled.

This time due to storm damage... but we will persevere!

**Tatters and Chatters will try again on the first Thursday in April!**

**Wynnum Library Meeting Room from 2pm -4pm**

**Chat to Bev and Robyn for more details**



## The Bread of Life at Pete's Pantry

Volunteers Kate and Mick form part of the accurately described "dream team" from Guardian Angels Catholic Community, Wynnum. They join with other angels from the parish on the roster to serve the clients at Pete's Pantry. Rev Andrew suggests this ecumenical outreach with volunteers from many faiths... and none... is one of the strengths of Pete's Pantry and a sign of how the love of God and service of God's people transcends our theological and organisational difference. This week the usual generous donations of fresh fruit, vegetables and baked good were available despite the shortages our supermarket donors are still experiencing following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

This last Wednesday over 38 men, women and children were supported. With service offered on Mondays and Fridays as well, the number rises into the 100s. **Please help!**



## Mother's Union Promotes literacy!



### Overseas Project Target

2025-27

### Melanesian Adult Literacy Project

**AMUA is supporting MU in the Solomon Islands to implement an Adult Literacy Program in three dioceses:**

- Diocese of Ysabel
- Diocese of Malaita
- Diocese of Guadalcanal

#### Outcome 1:

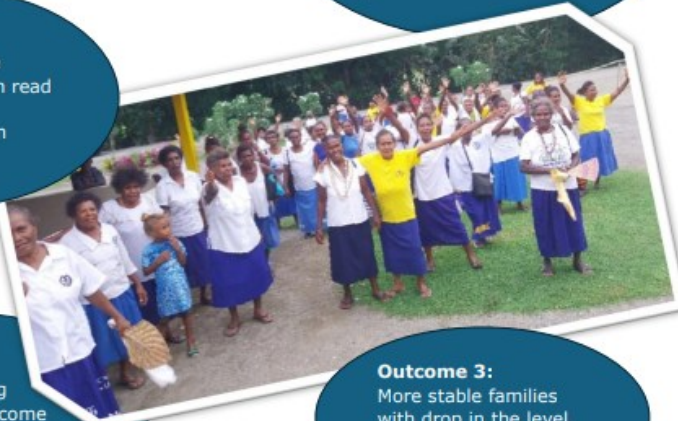
More women at the grassroots level can read or write and are confident to take on leadership

#### Outcome 2:

Women engaging in business or income generating activities and are more independent or self-reliant

#### Outcome 3:

More stable families with drop in the level of abuse and violence



Issues such as equality, gender-based violence, safety and security, disaster resilience and other issues that pose risks to families are better realised and can be proactively managed when members of society are equally literate.

When women can read and write, they are able to participate in prayer and worship, understand what is happening in the world around them, and respond appropriately to the day-to-day needs of their families

**The Target Project for the Mothering Sunday collection this year is the Melanesian Adult literacy Program in the Solomon Islands.**

*"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development..."*

*Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right..."*

*Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential."*

— Kofi Annan

**MU President Ailsa Gill writes:**

I encourage you to support our 2025-27 Overseas Target Project to improve literacy in the Solomon Islands. A small... or large ... donation to our leaving collection would be much appreciated.

**Please remember to bring some cash next week!**

# Hospitality Matters!

A shout out to the wonderful folk who sooth the savage beasts, refresh the weary and caffeinate the congregation each week and on our special occasions. It's a great spot to greet most folk and, as Robyn experienced in this pic, even have a chat with the Archbishop!

This hardy band of baristas and biscuit wranglers have been more than a little under pressure of late as the almost weekly changes of the development works make their impact known. We don't really know what we are going to encounter each week as access to water, power points and tables can vary so much.

Words of encouragement to keep on keeping on and deep appreciation for the flexibility and problem solving the team has to bring each week.

**Rev Andrew would like to have a catch up with the team after folk have beverage and biscuit in hand this coming Sunday to put our heads together to make sure this vital ministry continues in spite of the uncertain environment.**



## Easter at the Chapel and Beyond

**13th April Palm Sunday:** Blessing of the Palms and Eucharist 9.30am @ The Chapel

**17th April Maundy Thursday:**

- ♦ Washing of feet, celebration of the Eucharist and time to watch and pray. 9.30am @ The Chapel
- ♦ Agape Shared Meal and Eucharist 6.00pm @ Wilson Home (*RSVP Required\**)
- ♦ St Peter's, Wynnum - Traditional Eucharist, Foot Washing and Vigil Prayer 7pm

**18th April Good Friday:**

- ♦ Solemn Commemoration of the Passion – A Service of Prayer and Remembrance. 9.30am @ the Chapel
- ♦ Stations of the Cross by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore Park 3pm

**20th April Easter Sunday:**

- ♦ Dawn Resurrection Service by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore 5.30am
- ♦ Easter Eucharist @ the Chapel 9.30am

\*Agape Meal enquiries and RSVP to [office@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:office@stpaulsmanly.org) or Rev Andrew 0447 409 188



**Bush Church Aid boxes are due for return on Sunday 13th April.**

Read more about the work of BCA over the next few weeks

### Scripture Readings: Lent Three

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

### Next Week: Lent Four Mothering Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11-32

### For your prayers:

- ◆ Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- ◆ The Diocese of Sydney
- ◆ The Parish of Centenary
- ◆ Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre (Cleveland)
- ◆ St Francis Theological College, Milton
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien, Marilyne**

### A Prayer for Good Health

Gracious God, You knit me together  
in my mother's womb;

I am fearfully and wonderfully made  
(Psalm 139:13-14).

My body is a wonder

and at times a mystery to me.

Please keep it functioning well.

Keep my heart strong and my lungs healthy.

Keep my blood pressure

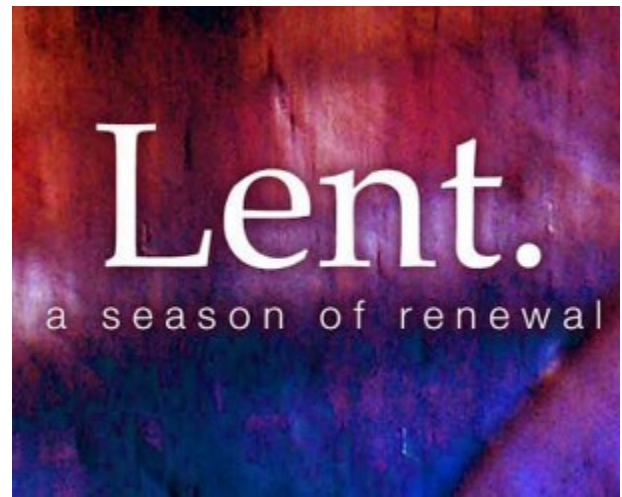
and cholesterol in a healthy range.

Protect my memory and preserve my senses.

Oversee all the functions of my body

that promote health and well-being. Amen.

Source: <https://guideposts.org/>



### St Paul's is conducting Lent reflection and discussion on the following days:

- **Tuesdays 9.30 a.m.** except March 25th @ Chapel
- **Tuesdays 7 p.m.** via Zoom on March 11, 18, 24, April 1st.
- **Lent Quiet Afternoon on 29th March,** 1.30-5.30 @ Bethania St Community Garden

### Tuesday Evening Zoom Gathering

You can use the Zoom link

for our Sunday Worship

Or

**Meeting ID: 929 1085 5979**

**Passcode: 414242**

### How is your Lent going?

We are now about halfway through Lent and you may be feeling a huge range of emotions. You may feel motivated and your faith or you may find it difficult to stay motivated. The most important thing is that if you break your Lenten goals, don't use it as an excuse. Brush yourself off, forgive yourself, and keep going.

Christ fell three times as he carried his cross to Calvary. But the important thing is that he got up and kept going out of love for you. You can get up and keep going too.

<https://www.coraevans.com/blog/article/5-tips-to-help-you-when-lent-gets-hard>

## What's On

### This week

**Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room

**Tuesday 9.30** MU Wave of Prayer Quiet Day, St Peter's

**Tuesday 7-8.30** Zoom Lent Reflection Group

**Wednesday** MU Lady Day Cathedral

**Wednesday 7pm** Men's Ministry, Wynnum

**Saturday 1.30pm-5.30pm** Lent Quiet Afternoon

@ Bethania St Community Gardens

**Sunday 9.30** Parish Eucharist, Mothering Sunday and MU Collection, @ Lota House Chapel

### Coming up in April

**3rd** Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm TBC

**5th** Car Boot Sale

**9th** EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm

**12th** Cursillo 10.30am

**13th** Palm Sunday

Look for Easter Details Inside!!!

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

### Support our Ministry

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