



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
Lent Four Mothering Sunday 30th March 2025

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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.



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Hands and Heart together at MU



Manly Wynnum Mothers Union women are always open to deepening their life of prayer and reflection!

Rev Andrew led a crafty reflection morning as a Lent prayer focus last Tuesday. Some years ago Robyn and Rev Jamie-Lee introduced the idea of prayer beads to the ladies, but it was a new thing for over half the current members. We learnt a little about how prayer beads are a common tool for meditation across denominations and other faith traditions then made our own.

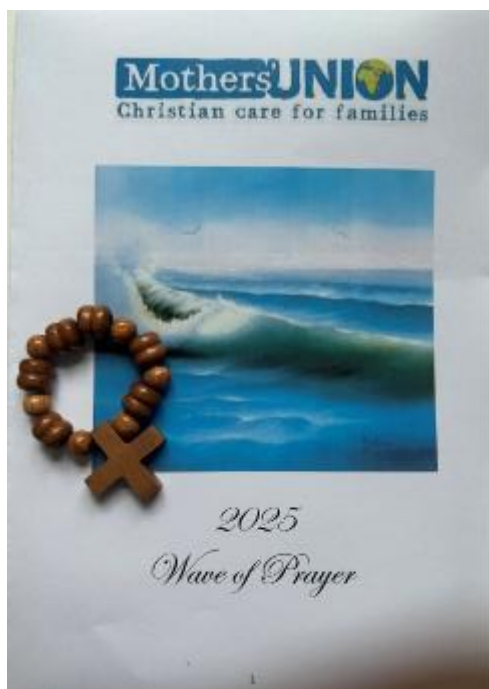
They are a simple way of connecting our physical bodies into our prayer life as the action of gently handling each bead or knot helps quiet and focus our minds to allow God some space. Some members made traditional Anglican prayer beads while other used the idea to create a circle of prayer for family, friends or life aspects they want to remember and hold before God.

Creativity sure, but lots of beautiful story telling too!

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

Manly Wynnum MU continues to grow!



On Tuesday 25th March, MU celebrated two new members officially joining the branch.

Amanda Moran and Jenny Kayler-Thompson are pictured after making their promises and receiving their badge, Booklet and member's card from President Ailsa Gill and the warm welcome from every member. Both Amanda and Jenny have inspiring memories of MU from family members. Amanda's mum Ann looked proudly on, Jenny recalled



her mother and both are inspired by the ideals of fellowship and support in family life. Pictured also is newly Jenny with one of our longstanding members Beryl Wheeldon. Beryl and Ann now both live at E M Tooth and is amazing to have them both present and engaged at our monthly meeting.

The welcome was all the more special as it occurred in the beautiful annual MU Wave of Prayer Service where member learnt and prayed about the link dioceses for 2025. They are Rokon in South Soudan, Kampala in Uganda, Korforidua in Ghana, Peru in South America and our very own Diocese of Brisbane. A wonderful sense of the world wide movement.

After the much appreciated cuppa and snack, members settled into learning and making keepsake prayer beads before ending the morning with midday prayer.



Celebrating MU Women on Lady Day at St John's.

Wynnum and Manly Branch banners processed in at the Lady Day service at the Cathedral. Lady Day is otherwise known as the Feast of the Annunciation and is celebrating 9 months before we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A great service led by the Archbishop who preached about how fast he was able to say the Rosary as a schoolboy at a Catholic school in Adelaide. Plus a few words about what makes up the Rosary. Very familiar for us as it turns out! +Jeremy also commented on prayer being a waste of time and that's why we should pray more so that we take time to pause and waste a little time in our busy lives. Rather like the holy pause!



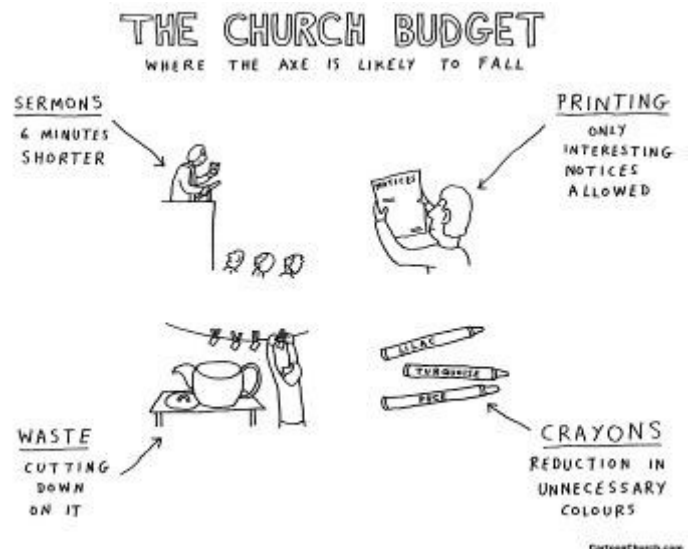
Parish Council is growing too!

Parish Council welcomes a new voice to its midst in Chris Woods. Chris is an active, engaged resident at E M Tooth. You read about him and his connection to Darwin and Cyclone Tracey in this newsletter. Chris joins us every Sunday and is a welcome addition our Tuesday Bible Reflection and Discussion Group. Chris has a deep faith, lots of stories and a willingness to embrace wherever God takes him in life.



At our AGM, we allowed for two more appointees to Parish Council. Chris will be a valuable voice of our E M Tooth residents and has much wisdom to offer. We give thanks for his presence among us.

We also give thanks for our new treasurer, Nick Crisp who has been busy picking the brains of former treasurers Craig and Ailsa. We wonder if this cartoon reflects his thoughts!



CourtesyChurch.com

Tatters and Chatters... WE WILL TRY A NEW SPACE

Wynnum Library is still closed but we WILL gather in April at St Peters.

**Tatters and Chatters will meet on the first Thursday in April!
St Peter's Hall, Bride Street, Wynnum from 2pm -4pm**

Chat to Bev and Robyn for more details

Why do we do that? Confession and Absolution

A Rookie Anglican Guide to the Reconciliation of Penitents

By Jacob A. Davis

When I first explored Anglicanism, I was surprised when I came across the Reconciliation of Penitents in my Book of Common Prayer. I was shocked as I read through the rite: this was confession! But wait, isn't confession a "Catholic" thing? We can approach God without going through a priest! It's one of the hallmarks of Reformation theology! And yet, there it is in our Prayer Book, with a substantial tradition of practice behind it. So, what is confession from an Anglican perspective, and how do we practice it?

What is the Reconciliation of Penitents?

The Reconciliation of Penitents, commonly called auricular confession (auricular roughly means audible), appears on pages 773 through 778 in our 1999 *A Prayer Book for Australia* as one of the pastoral healing rites. Like in the ministries to the sick and dying, the priest stands in on behalf of Christ and the Church to appeal before God on behalf of the person and communicate to the person on behalf of God. Thus, the priest fulfills Jesus' commission in John 20:23: *"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."* In this way, the priest acts like an emissary, saying only what the king—God—says is true and binding and acting on his behalf. Like other healing ministries, reconciliation actively demonstrates how God repairs what is broken in us and our world.

Is Anglican Reconciliation like Catholic Confession?

In contrast to the Roman Catholic practice of confession, most Anglicans do not consider the rite a sacrament (though, as we receive a type of grace through it, many still consider it a "sacramental act"). Others consider it a "Sacrament of the Church" versus the two "Sacraments of Christ": Baptism and Holy Communion. Unlike the latter, auricular confession is not required to be an obedient church member. Confessing privately to God is still the way most Anglicans will practice repentance. However, it is an available discipline that can lead to much healing and spiritual growth if practiced.

Why Should We Practice Reconciliation?

An oft-quoted mantra regarding auricular confession is attributed to Richard Hooker:
"All may, some should, none must."

Obviously, since we have *"an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"* (1 John 2:1) and we have the Holy Spirit within us who *"intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words"* (Romans 8:26), we can come before God on our own. **And yet, in the Anglican tradition, we have a long history of confessing our sins and receiving absolution. The corporate version of this is an essential part of every Eucharistic liturgy.**

However, personal confession offers two additional benefits:

- It provides a personalized expression of both the sins surrendered to Jesus and the pardon delivered to the penitent.
- It brings with it an element of individual spiritual guidance specific to the struggles of the penitent.

Just because we can confess our sins to God directly doesn't mean we shouldn't practice confession with a confessor. Quite the opposite is true. By practicing the Reconciliation of Penitents, we lay our sins before God, are assured of his forgiveness, and receive pastoral guidance for the future. It should enhance, not replace, our personal relationship with God.

A Quick Thing to Note

Before confessing, you should know that the conversation between the penitent and the priest is entirely confidential. This long-held sacred principle called the Seal of the Confessional must be upheld whenever possible. However, according to the guidance of many dioceses, an exception may occur when the life or well-being of the penitent or another person is in potential danger. This exception is becoming more prevalent as many states have attempted to pass laws that compel clergy to breach confessional privilege in these situations. Please check with your clergy about their practice on this issue.

Have a chat to Reverend Andrew if you'd like to know more!

Adapted from: <https://anglicancompass.com/the-reconciliation-of-penitents-a-rookie-anglican-guide/>

Hospitality Matters!

Check out the smiley faces of some of our Hospitality Ministry ministers! They were fresh from a catch up with other members of the team to support each other in managing the challenges of the development. Some wise discussions to make sure your refreshing beverage is available as safely and efficiently as possible. Give 'em a big smile and thanks when they pour you a cuppa next!



Washing up can be a challenge... give them a hand... bring your own Keep Cup each week



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 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
<https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/>

Scripture Readings: Lent Four Mothering Sunday

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

Next Week:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 ;
Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

For your prayers:

- ◆ Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- ◆ The Parish of Coorparoo
- ◆ Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, South West Region – Roma Foster & Kinship Care and Family Intervention
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien, Zoe**
- ◆ **We give thanks for great health results for Marilyne, Lyn, Nick and Chris!**

A Prayer for the Gift of Forgiveness.

Father, thank You for the gift of forgiveness that You have so freely given through Jesus. Teach me how to forgive others as You've forgiven me. I admit I often fall short of Your standards, but I'm so grateful You are faithful to forgive me over and over again.

Knowing You want me to love others is a lot easier than actually doing it. I find it challenging to be kind to those that cause me pain. Help me to be quick to release others of their mistakes against me. Help me to not hold on to hurt and release forgiveness quickly.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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

What's On

This week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30

Tuesday 7-8.30 Zoom Lent Reflection Group

Wednesday 7pm Men's Ministry, Wynnum

Thursday 2-4pm Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm @St Peter's

Saturday Early-11am Car Boot Sale, Carina

Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist, @ Lota House Chapel

Coming up in April

9th EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm

12th Cursillo 10.30am

13th Palm Sunday

17th Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm @ St Peter's

Look for Easter Details Inside!!!

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.



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

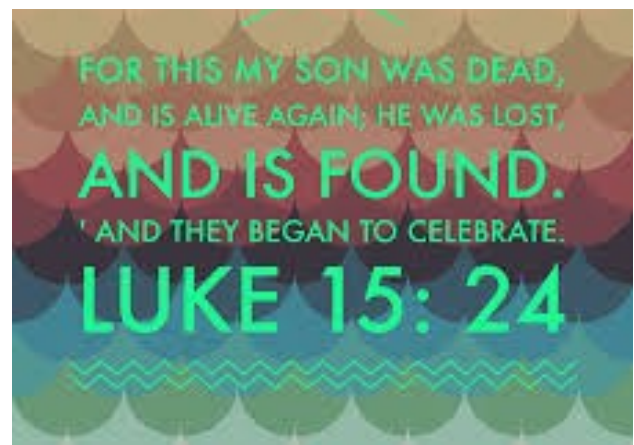
- **Tuesdays 9.30 a.m.** except March 25th @ Chapel
- **Tuesdays 7 p.m.** via Zoom on March 11, 18, 24, April 1st.
- **Lent Quiet Afternoon on 29th March,** 1.30-5.30 @ Bethania St Community Garden

Tuesday Evening Zoom Gathering

You can use the Zoom link
for our Sunday Worship
Or

Meeting ID: 929 1085 5979

Passcode: 414242



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