



St Paul's Manly
Parish Profile
~ December 2023 ~

Welcome to St Paul's, Manly

At St Paul's Manly "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 seek to celebrate with joy God's presence among us. 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. As all people belong in God, all people belong in St Paul's Manly. Come join us and say G'day!

We are looking for someone who will lead us through the next exciting phase of our journey and into the future.

Are you a Priest that has a passion for community development and guiding diverse people into a deeper relationship with God?

Are you looking to work with a committed group of Christians who see themselves as a family of God?

Are you seeking a parish that has budgeted operational funds, no debt or building worries and a bunch of outstanding humans ready to assist in your ordained ministry?

Does your vision include working in a sub-tropical bayside suburb of Brisbane, far from the madding crowd with paradise on your doorstep and excellent transport options to the city?

We are also keen to journey alongside other parishes as they reinvent their model of ministry. Sound too good to be true? It's not!



► Who are we?

The Anglican family of St Paul's Manly has a long and vibrant history, testament to the dedication and faith of many committed individuals. Anglican ministry commenced in the Wynnum-Manly area in 1890, with a worship at Manly starting fourteen years later in 1904. We have worshipped in many locations including Tingalpa, Gumdale and Lota. St Paul's has always shown a willingness and ability to adapt to the times, just as Jesus did all those years ago. Whether the adoption of new technologies or moving sites to our present home at Edwin Marsden (E.M.) Tooth Memorial Residential Aged Care – Anglicare, we know that our parish is more than a building – we are a family!

You've probably heard of our Parish. We're the community that in 2022 chose to sell our church, hall, rectory and land to our neighbours – Manly State School and relocate just a few hundred metres down the road. We are now worshipping in the Chapel of the heritage listed Lota House [Anglicare facility] welcoming residents and newcomers. Being able to re-connect and extend worship has been uplifting. We also look forward to the planned addition of The Village Manly, and its additional residents in coming years.

We remain close friends with Education Queensland and look forward to watching our former church be developed into a Student Performance Centre. New life will emerge in our former sacred space for future generations, and we will be able to visit public performances. Plans also include play and leisure areas, along with additional classrooms.

► Worship

Sunday: Eucharist 9.30am

Weekly: Bible study

Monthly: Mothers Union, Cursillo, Community Craft group, Parish Council

Biannual: Fellowship meal / gatherings

Baptism, wedding, funeral and seasonal services as required.

Services are live streamed via Zoom.



► Qualities of our new priest

- Lives the love of God through their actions and words
- Is energetic, willing and capable, with the support of the parish and parish council, to grow the parish
- Openness to contemporary expressions of ministry such as informal, contemporary intergenerational services
- Is inclusive and accepting
- Ability to identify pathways for engagement that introduces people to faith and spiritual values
- Relates well to children, teenagers, adults and the aged
- Capable to reach out to the wider community
- Skilled and able to lead community members through the second stage of their lives

► Opportunities and Threats

Our parish is fortunate to have a strong presence of elderly faithful parishioners who bring wisdom and experience to our community. We welcome younger members to our church, and there is an opportunity for us to further engage and involve them in our parish life. We wish to continue to explore ways to expand our congregation, strengthen our financial stability, and foster active participation and commitment from our younger parishioners. Together, we can continue to nurture a diverse and interconnected church family.

► Lay Leadership


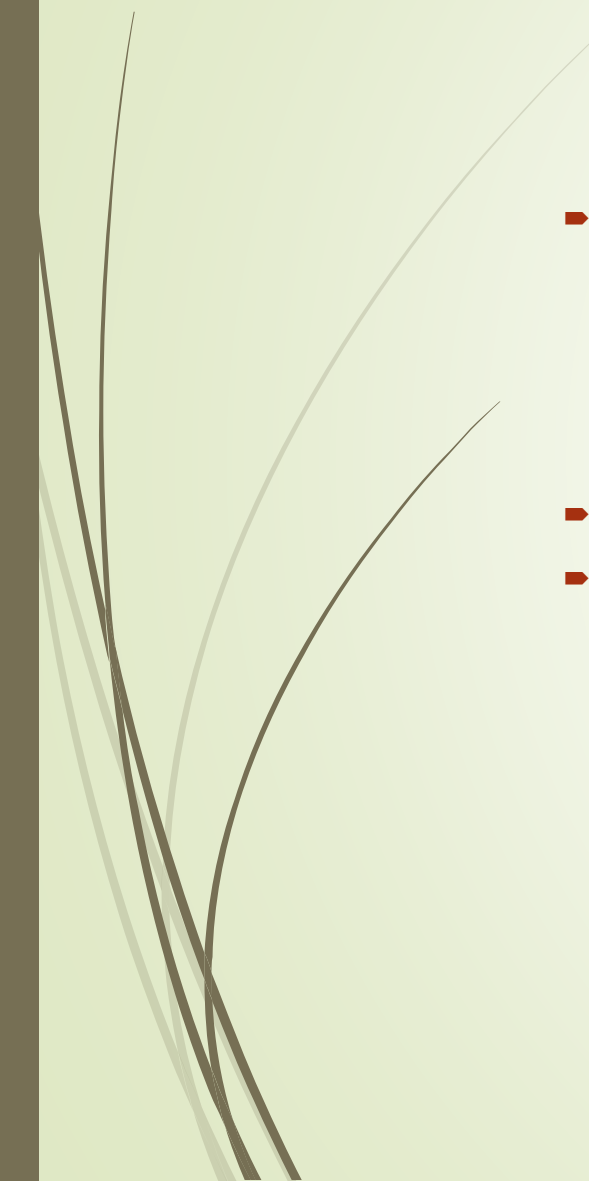
Liturgical assistants – 9; People to read lessons – 10; People to lead intercessions – 5; Organist – 1; Welcomers – 5; Technology specialists – 4; Supportive parishioners – circa. 65.

► Finances

Historically, revenue from collections and fund-raising has been in long-run decline. The sale of the church property in 2022 created two property accounts and lifted burdensome building and maintenance costs off the Parish. The Parish has Diocesan approval to access these accounts for capital works to the chapel and to meet ongoing operating costs. This supports a five year runway to return to financial sustainability.

These funds allow us to support a priest up to a full-time capacity for 5 years. We are willing and open to consider both part-time and full-time candidates.



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- The bayside suburb of Manly is an ideal place for families to grow and for people to engage in activities ranging from sports and music, sailing and the arts through to movies, coffee, shops and restaurants. There are six State Primary schools within the parish boundaries and two State High Schools. In addition, there are four private schools catering for primary and/or high school age groups. There are excellent transport options to Brisbane city for work, further education or leisure and all that the state capital can provide. Road, rail and bus connections to the international and domestic airports are within easy reach. The climate is sub-tropical giving us warm to hot summers (average 29°C) and mild winters (average 21°C).
 - The parish of St Paul's Manly works closely with our neighbours St Peter's Wynnum.
 - St Paul's Manly proudly identifies as an Inclusive Church. The congregation gathers for worship at the E.M Memorial Residential Aged Care chapel. Notably, a number of residents have become regular parishioners from diverse denominational faiths.

Loving God,

Through humble beginnings in a stable the ministry of your Son Jesus brought us into deeper union with you and all creation.

By the presence of your Spirit, may the people of St Paul's be strengthened in faith, inspired by hope and encouraged by prayer to love and serve you in the life of our community, here at the edge of the sea. Amen.

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to St Paul's Manly and would like to discuss further; please contact Adn Moreton, Ven Br Donald Campbell.

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