

Welcome

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/DV SUNDAY
03 May 2026

*St Paul's Ipswich &
St Thomas' Ipswich North*

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (Incl Kids Time with God)

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (Incl Children's Ministry)

Rev'd Brian Hughes

Readings

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2:11-25; John 14:1-14

Events for this week -

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

9:00am Holy Communion—St Mary's Hostel

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday: 10:00am Holy Communion—Bundaleer Lodge

Thursday:

5:45pm Ipswich Remembers—Community Candlelight Vigil for DV—
join AMUA at 'The Fountains' Orion Springfield

7:00pm Bible Study: Text for Next Sunday—Via Zoom

Friday: 7:00am Holy Communion by Extension— St Paul's

Saturday:

7:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast—St Paul's Hall

2:00pm Cathedral Choristers Collective Unsung Heroes—St Paul's

4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's

Anglican
Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

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Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

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Parish Prayer

God of new beginnings, bless our Ipswich Anglican Community with a fresh vision for the future, with generous hearts to love one another, and with courage for the changes we now embrace. Draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ, so that we draw closer to you and to each other. Make us a blessing to the city of Ipswich as we walk together into the future you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Acknowledgment of Country

The Ipswich Anglican Parish Community respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

Next Week in the Parish

Sunday (10 May) 6th Sunday of Easter
—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion
The Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (Incl Kids Time with God)
The Ven. Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service
Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Prayer & Praise
Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension
(Incl Children's Ministry)
Rev'd Allana Wales

Next Sunday Readings:
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-19; 1 Peter 3:8-22;
John 14:15-21

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 10 May)

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday:
6:30pm New Testament Bible Study—St Paul's

Tuesday:
10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's
Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:
9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'
Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship
7:00pm Theatre Night "Ophelia Chooses"—Ipswich
Incinerator Theatre

Thursday:
6:30pm Ascension Day Service—St Paul's

Friday:
9:00am AMUA Prayer Service
Following Service 10 Commitments to Address
Domestic & Family Violence.
7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—St Paul's

Saturday:
4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's

Message for DV Month

A Domestic Violence Lament By Lesley Briggs

What is this plague across our land,
where people continue to raise their hand?
Some are raised to do another harm,
others to ward off the fist or the palm.

"I didn't mean it, please forgive me!"
Is often spoken as an urgent plea.
"You made me do it, it's all your fault!"
Is another excuse to rub in the salt.

For perpetrators of domestic abuse
can only blame others and make an excuse
for their behaviour towards their spouse,
or the children living in that house.

It's a house of horrors, often unseen,
for the abuser doesn't present as being mean.
They can act normal, like me and like you,
to hide from others what they often do.

So let us be aware of all the signs,
and keep them foremost in our minds,
to help the victims of this awful crime,
to know that everything is not fine.

As well as the tangible help that they need
to finally leave and know they are freed,
let us pray for all the parties involved,
until this outrage can finally be solved.

Domestic and Family Violence Month

A number of activities are being held to observe DFV month. Members of the parish are encouraged to engage in these activities to update themselves on the latest information and publicly stand by those who have experienced this scourge in their lives. The activities include:

1. An information display in St Paul's church, produced by St Paul's AMUA branch.
2. Domestic and Family Violence Sunday: An Australian wide Anglican observation- St Paul's Church on Sunday 3rd May and St Thomas' Church on Sunday 10th May.
3. Thursday 7th May: Ipswich Remembers: A community candle-light vigil and speakers. Join members of AMUA at 5:45 pm at "The Fountains" at Orion Springfield and make a public statement by your presence.
4. Friday 15th May: St Paul's Anglican Mothers Union Prayer Service, followed by information session on the Anglican Church of Australia's 10 Commitments to address Domestic and Family Violence.

For the future of our children let's Rise Up and Speak out, and say No to Violence in the family setting.

We can make a difference.

Please be advised any attendees at a service or anyone entering the church grounds may be recorded on video and, in the case of a church service, may be included in the livestream broadcast online.

Stewardship, work and grace

'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do' (*Ephesians 2:10*)

Our good works flow from God's love for us, his grace. It is because God has received us just as the Father embraced the prodigal son, that we have life with him. Now we have been transformed to live a life pleasing to him, not in order to win his favour, but as a response to his love. That is why we love to sing Amazing Grace! I often begin the day with a request to God that he will help me find and do the good works he has prepared for me to walk in that day. It is great to know that he is in charge of my day.

Question for thought: What do I pray for as the day begins?

Loving Lord, we give you thanks for members in Kigezi Diocese in Uganda and for their commitment to serving you in caring for the many in their community who are suffering from poverty. We pray as they offer pastoral care to families facing challenges of health, lack of education and those needing parenting support, that they will assure them of your care and love for them. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/04/02/pray-daily-may-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of North India (United)
- The Diocese of Armidale: †Rod Chiswell; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Coolum: Karen Allen, Richard Gowty, Jocelyn Pitt, Jim McPherson, Richard Bowie
- NQ Lotus Glen Correctional Centre: Jim Tsang, Clare Norris
- Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill: Principal – Gary O'Brien; Chaplain – Br Nathan James; Chair of College Council – Bruce Moy; members of College Council; staff & students

TRAVELLING CROSS

Parishioners who would like to receive the Travelling Cross are warmly invited to add their names to the roster at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office. The cross may be taken home on Sunday and returned the following Sunday, or a member of the clergy can collect it during the following week. Parishioners are also encouraged to take a photo with the cross in their home to be shared on our social media platforms and in other parish publications, as we pray that the cross will be a sign of God's presence, love, and strength in each home and that those who receive it will remember the parish in their prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to receive Pastoral Care please contact:
Parish Office (3812 0377)

Pastoral
CARE

Prayers for Healing

Marion Corry
Janet Shailer
Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Jan Mundt
Barbara Hayward
Heather James
Nicole Woodward
Barry Blake
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Cheryl Marsh
Don Rossiter
Hellen Bongomin
Jan Grieve
Lesley Briggs
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
Nerida Lord
Chris Ingham
June Pidgeon
Reg Bond
Don Roberts
Lorna Bell

Year's mind

Evelyn Hall
Hannah-May Smith
Thomas Allan
Robert Cooper
Derek Robinson
Gary Neilsen
Neville Hall
Greg Schubel
Marilyn Hicks



For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code

May Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Aboriginal & Islander Ministry**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH
@ 7:30 A.M

Next Event — 9 May 2026

ST PAUL'S HALL, 124 BRISBANE ST, IPSWICH



DV Aware Sunday 2026

Our parish is joining churches across Australia for DV Aware Sunday, an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia's Families & Culture Commission.

This day helps us acknowledge the reality of domestic and family violence and to affirm that violence has no place in our homes, relationships, or communities.

Following national research into intimate partner violence within Anglican communities, our Church has made clear commitments to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. These commitments include equipping clergy and lay leaders with training and resources to respond wisely, compassionately, and safely.

Be part of the Church's response.

As we seek to love our neighbours and protect the vulnerable, your generosity helps resource our church to respond with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

Donations can be tax-deductible and can be made in the following ways:

Scan the QR code



Or visit the donation website :
www.charidy.com/DVSUNDAY

Or make a Bank transfer

For a tax-deductible gift :
Account Name: Anglican Health and Welfare
BSB 067 000
Acc 1072 0017
Add Reference **DVSUNDAY** (and your last name) Eg: **DVSUNDAY SMITH**

If you don't need a tax-deductible receipt:

Account Name: Anglican Church of Australia General Synod
BSB: 085-005;
Acc: 75-790-4052
Add Reference **DVSUNDAY** (and your last name) Eg: **DVSUNDAY Smith**



OPHELIA
CHOOSES

Theatre Night

"Ophelia Chooses"

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

7pm for 7:30pm start

@ Ipswich Incinerator Theatre,
15 Burley Griffins Drive, Ipswich

Tickets \$28 each including Supper

*Tickets on Sale now via Parish Office
—3812 0377!*



CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS COLLECTIVE Unsung Heroes

9th May 2:00pm

The Cathedral Choristers Collective the ensemble aims to foster a supportive environment where young people can flourish, hearing their own voices reflected through a diverse program drawn from a wide range of choral influences; including for the first time a piece composed within the group!

'Unsung Heroes' amplifies voices too often unheard, championing contemporary and marginalised composers alongside secular works, honouring the tradition of reflection upon the Easter story whilst welcoming new perspectives. Just as Jesus offered himself through bread and wine and knelt to wash his disciples' feet, this program finds mysticism in the everyday, and reminds us that hope is not reserved for the powerful or the polished; every voice carries the potential to spark revelation.

Support by donation to the
Cathedral Choristers Collective
is greatly appreciated

Saturday 9th May @ 2:00pm—St Paul's Church