

Welcome

PENTECOST 10
17 August 2025

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion

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11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Simon Arok, Rev'd Elizabeth Chol,
Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Taizé Service

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30 am Messy Church

Rev'd Brenda Davis & Lesley Briggs

Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:20-12:2; Luke 12:49-59

Events for this week -

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Wednesday:

10.30am Holy Communion—Brassall Village Aged Care
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket
6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

Thursday:

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

Friday :

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Saturday:

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



Contact information

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St Paul's Church

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124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich Qld 4305

St Paul's Op Shop:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

St Thomas' Church

Address:

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Clergy Contact Information

Rev'd Mpole Masemola 0416 073 519

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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 (24 August) — Pentecost 11

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

Peter Taylor

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Simon Arok, Rev'd Elizabeth Chol,
Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Choral Evensong

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30 am Holy Communion & Harvest Festival

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29;
Luke 13:10-17

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 24 August)

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's
6:30pm Parish Council

Wednesday:

9.30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'
Following Service Mature Person's Fellowship
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket
6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

Thursday:

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

Friday :

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's
12:00pm Organ Concert — St Paul's

Saturday:

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

Please wear your name badge to assist Rev'd Mpole. If you would like to order a name badge, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Message from Rev'd Mpole Masemola

*"Do your little bit of good where you are;
it's those little bits of good put together
that overwhelm the world." — Desmond Tutu*

The week the church remembers among many witnesses Maximillian Kolbe, a Roman Catholic religious priest who was martyred in Nazi captivity and remembered for his act of charity. Maximillian is one of the ten 20th century martyrs depicted above the Great Western Door of Westminster Abbey in London. These martyrs are drawn from every continent and many Christian denominations and represent all who have been oppressed or persecuted for their faith.

On 17 February 1941 Maximillian and four of his fellow brothers were arrested by the Gestapo. Later in May of the same year, Maximillian was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner 16670. There he continued his discipline of daily prayer and to act as a priest to fellow inmates, something that the authorities took the wrong way. For this, Maximillian was subjected to violent harassment by the authorities. Some of the inmates worked to smuggle him to a hospital for treatment.

Despite the unimaginable personal suffering he was subjected to, Maximillian never lost his sense of charity for others. When one prisoner was reported to have escaped, ten inmates were selected for execution by starvation – a mere theatre of violence. Among these was a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek. Maximillian heard Franciszek's pleading for mercy as he worried for the fate of his family, should he be executed. Maximillian offered to take his place on the execution rollcall. The offer was accepted.

The execution by starvation and thirst ensued and lasted for 2 weeks. Four of the ten, including Maximilian were found still alive. Maximillian continued his discipline of daily prayer. A decision was made to execute the remaining four by a lethal injection of carbolic acid. He died on 14 August 1941.

Why am I sharing this story with you? I share this story for two reasons. First, because our world seems to still face a form of great darkness that we thought we left behind. And second, this time of darkness may need to be met with nothing else, but our daily acts of faithfulness and charity. Who thought that simple Christian priestcraft could cause Gestapo level tyranny to shake in its boots? Who thought that a simple discipline like daily prayer could overwhelm the world? Who thought that the simple things of our faith could turn us into unimaginably charitable people, dispensing a love that reshapes the world by making our hearts tender towards others? Perhaps it is to these little bits, these tender bits that we are called. They indeed overwhelm the world! I encourage you to find out about the other nine modern martyr on the Great Western Wall of Westminster Abbey.

A blessed week ahead.
Mpole

Faith and Community

'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.'

James 1:27.

One of the ways in which Christians acted from the very first was to look after the needy. For example, Christians would rescue unwanted babies (often girls) and care for them. They also looked after the sick, widows and orphans. This was all long before there was government help. Closer to our own time, Christians played a vital role in stopping the slave trade, in caring for animals, in looking after the victims of war, and in countless other ways. This was done at the command of Jesus the Saviour, whose love for us, unworthy as we are, has inspired us and whose word has directed.

Question for thought: How does Mothers Union help us to love our neighbours?

Merciful Father, we pray for the nation of the Democratic Republic of Congo and particularly for the Diocese of Kasai during the violence and conflict which they are experiencing. We pray for an end to the conflict and reconciliation among conflicting parties. Set a guard over them and protect them and comfort those close to them. May there be peace, justice and stability. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/07/24/pray-daily-august-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Scottish Episcopal Church
- The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Ekibin: Timothy Nicholson, Denis Galloway
- St Mark's Anglican Social Services, Logan
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster – Andrew Hawkins; Chaplain – John Dougherty; Chair of School Council – Adam Twemlow; members of School Council; staff & students

ABM Reflections—Celebrating 175 Years of ABM

My first work trip when I joined Episcopal Relief & Development 18 years ago, was to Myanmar where I not only met local partners but also got introduced to the Anglican Board of Mission's long historical presence in Myanmar. Over the subsequent 18 years, I have had the privilege of learning more about ABM's transformational footprint across the Anglican world, often through joint monitoring visits including with Julianne in Juba, with Terry in Manila, with Isabel in Nanjing, with Kate in New Plymouth, with John in Bangkok, and most recently with Lina in Colombo. Anglican Board of Mission - Anglicans in Development has a rich history of partnership beyond the above incomplete list where there are funded projects. Just as valuable, but much less visible, are the countless ABM-AID initiatives of accompaniment, coaching and mentorship afforded to community leaders and change agents across the world. I can't imagine that there has been a single week in the past 18 years where I haven't had some sort of ABM engagement – be it on zoom, field visit, email or a network call. ABM-AID is a very close thought-partner of Episcopal Relief & Development and I have been enriched by our interactions. Friends, a Happy 175th Birthday! The future looks brighter with ABM leading the way!

Nagulan Nesiah, who works for ERD in Sri Lanka

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



Prayers for Healing

Marion Corry
Janet Shailer
Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Jan Mundt
Barbara Hayward
Heather James
Coralie Dart
Angela Lawrence
Nicole Woodward
Barry Blake
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Cheryl Marsh
Don Rossiter
Lesley Briggs
Graham Bridges
Hellen Bongomin

Year's mind

Hilda Phillips
Edith Walker
Desmond Plant
Olive Frost
Isabel Larcombe
David Jones
Amy Roots
Henry Clark
Millicent Shelton
Beryl Grice
Gary Ruddick



**For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code**

August Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of Nungalinia College.

Harvest Festival

St
Thomas'
Church

Sunday
24 August
8:30am

All goods auctioned
after the service -
funds to support
Ipswich Hospice!



ST PAUL'S
ANNUAL 2025

QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

4 Sept – 6 Sept

\$5
ENTRY

Quilts | Cross Stitch | Wood Working Display |
Spinning | Weaving



Thu 4th - Sat 6th 9am - 3pm
124 Brisbane St, Ipswich

Co-ordinator:
Verna Hunt
0409 062 485

Refreshments, light lunches, craft
and second-hand books for sale.

Martyrs Day Service

St Paul's
Church

Sunday
31 August
8:30 am



Upcoming Events September 2025

- PNG Martyrs Service will be held on **Sunday 31 August** @ St Paul's
- Parish Forum will be held on **Sunday 31 August** @ St Paul's (after service)
- St Paul's Annual Quilt and Craft Show will be held on **4—6 September**
- Proms will be held on **13 September** @ St Paul's
- St Thomas' Annual Fashion Parade will be held on **20 September**

SING ALONG WITH JOSEPH

Music and Lyrics are an integral
part of worship
Come together to sing known
hymns and learn new ones

2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Thomas Church Hall
(after morning tea)