



### Message from Geoff Joy, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January). Its members are very conscious of the role of the PPC. In brief, the council works in collaboration with our parish priest, Fr. John, to nurture the parish community as followers of Jesus Christ.

Items presently on its' agenda are:

- How can we be more inclusive as a parish? For example, different cultural feast days.
- Parish Feast Day – Sunday 6 August. After the 9.30am mass, the parish hospitality took the lead in providing hot soup and, or cuppa, in the parish centre.
- Guest speakers.
- Parish Dinner will be held in November to support the work of Vinnies with the homeless in Canberra.
- Goulburn Day Trip to visit the extensively restored former cathedral of Ss Peter and Paul, Goulburn, Monday 11 September. The cathedral was blessed and opened by Cardinal Moran (and nine other Archbishops / Bishops) on 29 June 1890. (The first mass celebrated at Goulburn was in an inn in 1833).

More information on the above will be included in parish newsletters and bulletins.

Suggestions from parishioners are very welcome. Check out the photos of PPC members in the foyer.

God bless.

Geoff Joy

### Year of the Holy Spirit

Archbishop Christopher Prowse in his 27 June Pastoral Letter noted that the 'Year of Walking Together' ends on 8 August. The 'Year of the Holy Spirit', commenced on 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption. The 'Year of the Holy Spirit' will include an Archdiocesan Assembly to be held in the second half of 2024 with a "view of re-establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council". Videos addressing issues about the Year of the Holy Spirit can be accessed at:

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## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

### Traditional Dress on Pentecost Sunday

To celebrate the unity in diversity of Pentecost, some of our parish choir members took up the invitation and presented in traditional dress. Winda Alwira is from Sulawesi, Indonesia, Nola Kololo from Samoa and Maria Kaju (left) from Flores, Indonesia.



Right: Winda (who was recently married to Arnold in Indonesia), Nola and Maria.

### Parish Finances - John Eyers

Now that we have just one collection at each parish mass, 30% of parishioners' contributions goes to a fund which supports all the clergy of the archdiocese, and 70% goes into an account for paying other expenses of this parish. Those proportions of 30% and 70% are set by the archdiocese.

While our finances are currently healthy – a surplus of income over expenses, and a substantial reserve – there's a gradual trend of income declining as regular mass-goers and regular contributors become fewer.

However, Fr John, with advice from us in the finance council, has agreed on terms for the Latin mass community's use of the church in Garran which have freed the parish for the time being from most of the expenses of owning it. We also have under review long-term options for the presbytery and will keep parishioners informed and consulted as ideas turn into plans.

Whatever the future of those two buildings, there will remain the core expenses of the Holy Trinity church, the parish centre, and a parish office with a secretary, plus our share of supporting Fr. John and the other clergy of the archdiocese. So, we continue to be grateful for parishioners' generous contributions to meet the parish's expenses.





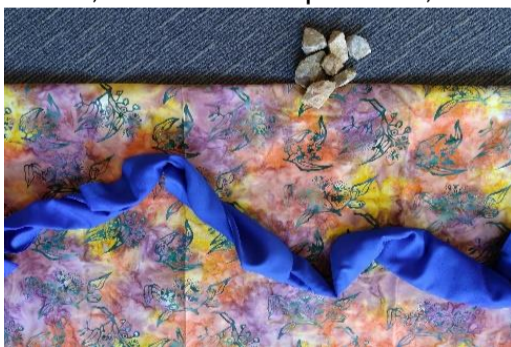
### May They Rest in Peace



**John Chesworth (L) and Michael Duffy (R) are recently deceased parishioners of long-standing.** John was a parishioner of Ss Peter and Paul, Garran. He assisted with parish finances there and later did so at Transfiguration Parish, as well as coaching school football teams. He died the night his beloved Wests Tigers were victorious! John was always on for a chat and regularly enjoyed the Sunday morning cuppa in the parish centre. Michael resided in Lyons for nearly 6 decades. He assisted with paper drives to raise money for the building of Holy Trinity and was involved in the installation of the church sound-system. Michael was proud to be an Acolyte for many years. He had a keen, if often dry sense of humour. John is survived by Jan and extended family and Michael by Ruth and extended family. Both congregations for their Funeral Masses were reflective of the esteem in which these humble, faithful and good men were held. May they rest in peace.

### Symbols and Ecumenical Prayer Gathering

**Water. Stone: powerful symbols!** What do you think of when you consider these symbols? Maybe watercourses, oceans, creeks, rivers? Perhaps earth, famous rocks, desert ground?



This year's annual ecumenical service (during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) around Pentecost was prepared with First Nations peoples in mind. In many cultures, water represents life. For Aboriginal people, stone

represents our personal and ancestral history, and recalls the sacredness of the ground on which many generations have trod and lived.

For Christians, water is also one of our baptismal symbols, initiating us into God's community of love and responsibility. At Pentecost, we are strengthened as the Body of Christ, as living stones, with Christ as the cornerstone: the lynchpin, stabiliser and supporter.

Nearly thirty Catholic parishioners as well as members of the Curtin Uniting Church, the Lutheran and Anglican communities attended the liturgy on Tuesday 30 May, followed by refreshments and conviviality!

It is hoped that there will be more such gatherings for matters of common interest.

Thanks go to Margaret Ryan from the Liturgy Committee for initiating and organising the function, and also to the Hospitality Group for their efforts in providing a lovely supper.

### Parishioners enabling good things to happen

The parish has a number of hard-working parishioners working away to make good things happen. Besides the Parish Pastoral Council, some of these are:

#### Parish Finance Committee

John Evers, Catherine Grinsell-Jones, Brendan Ryan, Robert Johnson with Msgr. John Woods

#### Parish Social Committee

Gael Nicholls, Margaret Wilson, Maggie Grove, Christine McLaughlin, Sr Angela Jordan, Jacquie Mullen

#### Parish Liturgical Committee

Msgr. John Woods, Sr Angela Jordan, Emma Fairfax, Margaret Ryan

### Catholic Humour



### Feast of the Transfiguration, 6 August, Parish Feast Day



A PPC and Social Committee initiative saw parishioners enjoy delicious home-made soups after the Sunday morning Mass.

### Parish Council Members

Geoff Joy, Julie Long, Jennie Mardel, Shane McMahon, Glenn Roff and Msgr John