



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2023

Message from Geoff Joy, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

At the October meeting of the PPC our Parish Priest, Monsignor John led an extended prayer and reflection on our engagement as PPC members, mindful of the 'Head, Heart and Hands' theme, as basis for Evangelisation and Encounter, Discipleship and Mission for the Year of the Holy Spirit. As the PPC guidelines encourage: 'Working in collaboration with the Parish Priest, the PPC seeks to nurture the parish community as followers of Jesus Christ.'

Other matters:

- Report on the trip to Goulburn for tour of Old Cathedral and lunch.
- Parish Dinner – 18 November (support for Vinnies and the Homeless)
- Trivia night – possible future event.
- Mens' Group – possibilities?
- Responses to 'Laudate Si' – ongoing.

Relevant details on above in Parish Bulletins / Newsletters.

Geoff Joy

Parish Gardens in Spring



The Parish gardens are looking great thanks to the hard work of Peter, George, Rod and 'Macca'.



'St. Mary MacKillop' Callistemon in the Parish grounds. This is a native plant which flowers in late spring.

Pilgrimage to Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Goulburn

Seventeen parishioners went on a pilgrimage to Goulburn for the purpose of participating in a guided tour of the original Cathedral in our Archdiocese. Marist College Canberra generously provided a bus which was driven by our pastor - Fr. John. The tour focused on the unique materials (especially the bluestone), the respectful restoration and the resting place for three of our early Bishops. Wonderful stories were shared. The tour concluded with an enjoyable luncheon across the road.



One of the restored French Stations of the Cross

Former Parishioners – The Bucane Family

Former parishioners, the Bucane family returned to their home country, Mozambique in 2020. They have since welcomed a new addition to their family, a boy named Ntamo who turned two recently. Both parents, Buane and Auriello, are thrilled to



have their fourth child in addition to their three lovely girls and as Buane says "Thanks be to God!!! for our boy". They are hoping to come back to Canberra again. Their daughter Mena has stayed in Canberra to complete her studies this year.



Father John's Milestone Birthday

Father John celebrated his 70th birthday in September. A special morning tea at the Parish Centre was organised by the Hospitality Committee on 17 September after the 9:30 Mass, which was the First Holy Communion Mass for a number of children. The celebration was enjoyed by all.



In Brief . . .

Water Diviner - Rod used his water divining skills to locate a water pipe and covered sump at the side of Holy Trinity Church.



Onam Festival saw members of the Indian community from Kerala gather in traditional dress for the annual celebration.



Parish Centre 'Cuppas' are held in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Sunday and First Friday Masses.

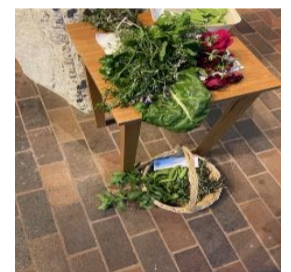


Excess vases were donated to Canberra Hospital and many were taken by grateful parishioners.



Fr. Mick Burke (r) has retired and is residing in the house formerly occupied by Fr. Tony Frey who has moved to Sydney. After the 'all clear' from his doctors, Fr. Mick intends to assist with weekend supply work in the archdiocese.

'Season of Creation': Children from our parish schools presented 'fruits of the earth' at Parish Masses, 14-15 October.



Congratulations to Caitlin Meany, Holy Trinity teacher and Brett Waslin who celebrated their September wedding in the presence of Fr. John at St Christopher's.

Catholic humour



Parish Council members

Msgr. John Woods, Geoff Joy, Julie Long, Jenny Mardel, Shane McMahon, Glenn Roff.