



Hello to All

I hope that you are able to relish the sun between the bouts of pouring rain. I am finding that one benefit of this incredible wet is the chance to experience an intensity of green and growth we are not usually privy to in this region!

This is a special newsletter. In it we have endeavoured to shine a light on the roles that people do in our faith community that enhance the experience we all have of belonging.

There are many people behind the scenes who put in hours of work each week or month that contribute to Parish life.

Here are the roles and experiences of just a few.

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### Our Church maintenance

Emma Fairfax (left), one of the quiet volunteers cleaning the church. Often this and many other works go unnoticed, unless they are not done. Moya Kennelly (right) impersonating a 'ghostbuster' is another quiet worker for the good of the parish. Thank you to Emma, Moya and others for their behind the scenes contributions.



### The Church gardens

The Church's amazing gardeners have lovingly sculpted the church's garden beds. Thank you to Peter, George, John, Michael, 'Macca' and Rod.



### Our Parish grounds

Rod Anderson was 'in it over his head' to help George and George's nephew and plumber Jim solve water drainage issues on the parish site recently. Their combined 'smarts' and hard work solved the problems. When Rob isn't in over his head, he is also quite the baker and regularly brings his delights to our Sunday morning tea in the Parish Centre.



### Music Ministry

At present, the choir sings regularly at 9.30am Sunday Masses. Trish Collis is our organist and lives in Page. So practices are usually only held before major feasts such as Easter and Christmas. Helen Crane-Welsby with Trish's help, selects suitable hymns and prepares slides with words of hymns and sung parts of the Mass. She also keeps records of what we have sung for copyright purposes. Effectively we lead the congregation in enhancing the richness of the liturgy. Instrumentalists join us from time to time, at present we have Anne as our guitarist.



Seated: Trish Collis (organist), Pauline Murphy. Clockwise around the organ from lower left: Kath Holtzapffel, Mary Gellatly, Helen Crain-Welsby, Bob Perkins, Tjebbe and Margaret Bekema, Andrew Perkins,

Shane McMahon, Alex Eysers, Ray Sheehan. (Absent: Winda Alwira, Bianca D'Rosario, John Eysers, Anne Hitichings, Maria Kaju, David Lyons, Pip McCann, Christine Pay)

Before the amalgamation of the Parishes of Holy Trinity and Saints Peter and Paul, each parish had a choir with various organists and choristers. Each choir started about the time that the two churches were consecrated. On amalgamation into the Parish of the Transfiguration, the choirs became one. John Sloan





(Trish's brother) was the conductor at Holy Trinity church at that time and continued as conductor for the combined choir for some time.

Over the years organists and singers have come and gone but there is currently a strong core. New members are always welcome. Just come over to the organ after Mass to chat to one of us.

*"To sing is to pray twice" St Augustine*

### Celebration of a Milestone Anniversary

Vincente and Teresa Nguyen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Holy Trinity Church on 29 October. They are seen here with their grandson David who is in Year Two at Holy Trinity.

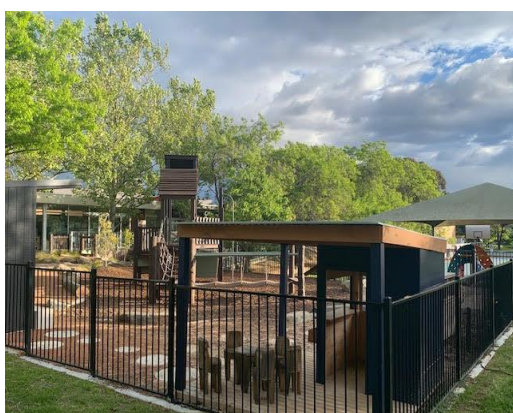


Vincente and Teresa were blessed by Father John in the presence of their family. Congratulations and may there be many more years of celebrations.

### Early Learning Centre - Holy Trinity School



The extended Early Learning Centre (ELC) of Holy Trinity School, made possible with the grant of some parish land, was recently blessed and opened. The area encourages creative play which builds confidence and social awareness. Fr John and Caomh cut the ribbon to open the extended ELC play area.



ELC Director and parishioner Cushla Sheehan addresses the excited young children.

### Parish Dinner

Around 65 members of the Parish attended the 5 November Parish Dinner organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. The event was the first of its kind in about three years due to COVID restrictions and lockdowns.

Kate Cleary from the 'Farm' at Galong spoke about their aim to help women from disadvantaged backgrounds and broken families, often by reuniting mothers and their children, one of the project's main aims. Children are sometimes removed from their mothers because they cannot



care for them.



A roast dinner followed by desserts supplied by members of the Parish was very much enjoyed over lively conversations. The event was appreciated by those who attended and supported by others, such that over \$1400 was raised for 'The Farm', a work supported by the Archdiocese.



### Parish Council Members

Msgr John Woods, Jane Hunt (Chair), Maggie Grove, Shane McMahon, Sharon Jonas, Margaret Wilson, Gary Evans, Julie Long and Clyde D'Rosario.