

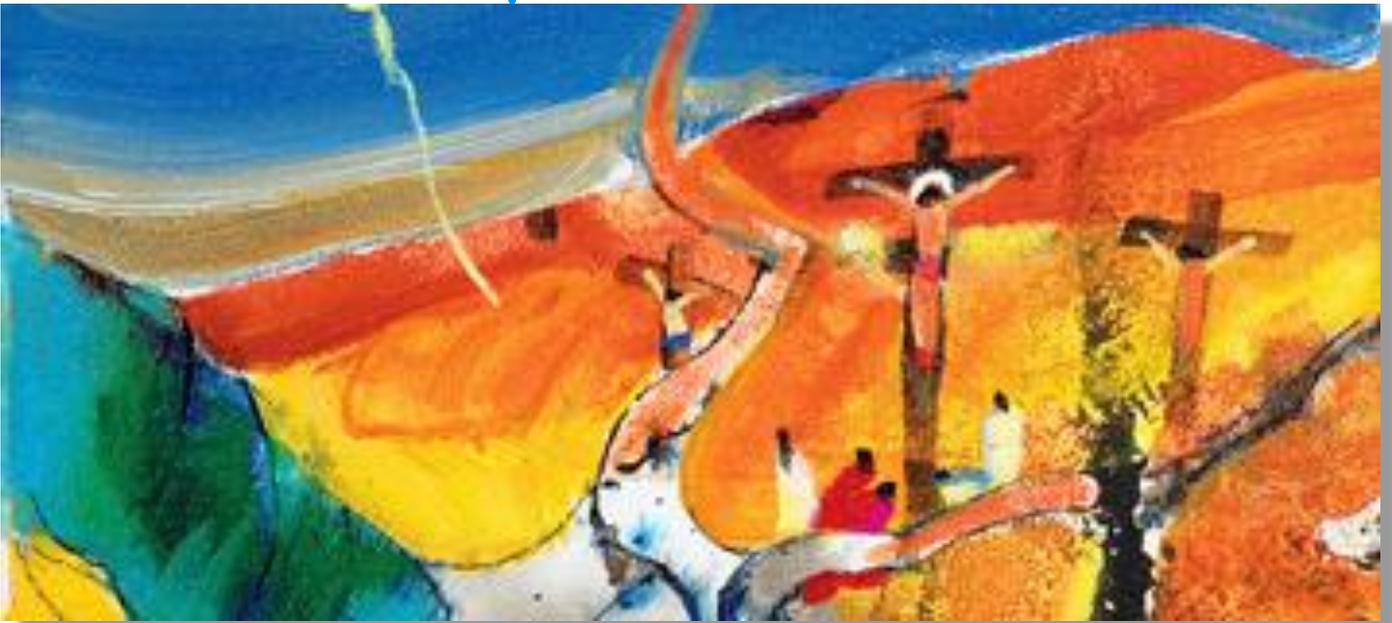


# DEAN'S LIST

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Welcome to all Parishioners and to all our friends from different faith traditions!

## Stewardship: a call to altruism



“...remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
Luke 21:13

This Sunday, the universal church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the last Sunday prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent marking the beginning of a new church liturgical calendar, we can be rightfully presented with the thought-provoking image of Christ whose throne is the wooden cross on Calvary. Traditionally, we may recall the image of Christ sitting on a throne being expressive of His kingship. While Christ's kingship can be understood as the 'reign' of the Kingdom of God, at the heart of this 'reign' is Christ's altruistic offering on the cross. It is upon this cross that Christ manifests His 'reign' through the sacrifice he offered for the salvation of all.

Altruism can be defined as the disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others. It is not difficult to immediately associate altruism with Christ's action on the cross. Our Gospel for this Sunday invites us to recall that while he was nailed to the cross, both hands and feet, Christ was altruistic in his self-offering, promising the thief who asked, “remember me when you come

into your kingdom,” a place in paradise: “Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Notwithstanding the pain and humiliation being up on the cross and nailed like a criminal, death would have entered Christ's mind as a natural consequence of the ill-intention of the Roman people to put him away. In spite of this, nothing deterred Christ from being the actual arm of God in linking earth to heaven. This would have been St. Paul's experience when he wrote to the community at Philippi: “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phi 1:21). Christ's death is our gain...the promise of eternal life in heaven.

Christ's altruism is something that every steward needs to know and follow. Our parish celebration of St. Patrick's Fair should highlight the countless display of altruism whose footprints in our community carry out our church life day by day. Day-in and day-out, parishioners quietly do their tasks of keeping alive our church ministries and managing and maintaining our church temporalities. They are no different to us. Like

us, they, too, have family and social commitments yet they strive to uphold their stewardship not as an added extra, rather, as a constitutive part of their human journey.

St. Patrick's Fair is both a reminder of what many are already offering to our community and the

challenge 'to belong' by 'going along' with our community life. Through baptism, we 'belong' to the Body of Christ. Due to our baptism, we are asked to 'go along' with the journey of our community towards believing and acting on the Christ's promise of life in paradise. So be it.

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## STEWARDSHIP CALLING: We need your help!

*Our parish community is calling for volunteers. Please respond to our community's need generously.*

Please join us in the spirit of helping each other in the following opportunities below. We are all busy yet this is part of our Church Life. Like getting our children to do the washing up and making their beds, we need everyone to do a little. This could be your way of praising God!

**PARISH PRECINCT MANAGER.** We are looking for someone suitable for a hands-on role who can serve as the go-to-person for parish matters that require action, including those that require immediate attention. This role envisages co-ordinating funerals, setting up for baptisms, and many other Cathedral events which require familiarity with church life and celebrations.

**TOILET MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS.** Adrian and Lesley Seale of Stratham are currently responsible for the overall maintenance of our toilets to make it sure that our Cathedral facilities are clean and well-supplied as needed. This is undertaken once a week and takes about 1.5 hours. They are reaching out for volunteers to be rostered for cleaning, ideally 3 groups of 2.

Please ring the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you in anticipation. God bless.

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### **DALYELLUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: Calling for Community Leaders.**

Last Sunday, 13 November, the community met as scheduled to discern matters relating to their community life. Those who attended agreed that the Dalyellup Catholic Community needs a LEADERSHIP GROUP that will follow up on the recommendations that have been put forward by the community. We therefore call on community members to step forward and be part of the Leadership Group. Please ring the Parish Office and let us know your interest.

**YOUTH CONVERSATION** will gather after the Sunday, 20 November, 6pm Mass. Please pray for all attendees as they continue to reflect on their faith and share support to each other in their faith journey.

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY.** Catholic dioceses across the globe are now being asked to comment on the working document in relation to the ongoing 'Synod on Synodality.' On October 27, 2022, the Holy See published the Working Document for the Continental Stage, titled "Enlarge the space of your tent". We are calling again for a small group of interested parishioners to comment on the document. If you are interested, please come to the meeting on Friday, 2 December, 6pm in the

Parish Hall. Please register by calling the Parish Office. Kindly visit the following site for more information and for an advanced reading of the document to be considered:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>

**FIRST RECONCILIATION.** Congratulations to all our Year 3s at St Mary's Catholic Primary School who made their first reconciliation last weekend. Please continue to pray for everyone who received the Sacraments of Initiation this year. May God bless you all.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be held on Sunday, 11 December, 12nn-2pm at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. Please help disseminate the invitation to members of our wider community who would benefit from this free lunch. If you can help with the organisation, please phone the Parish Office.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** have agreed to enter into a period of renewal and discernment of its organisational structure. It envisages aligning itself with the Diocesan Statutes being implemented across the Bunbury Diocese. More information will be published in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please pray and reflect if God is calling you to a leadership role in our parish community.