

PPC Ministry Report

St Vincent De Paul	
Michael Dixon	
Report for June 2022	5th June 2022

Membership : We currently have 6 active members .

Services : Main areas of assistance were Food hampers, Foodbank, Clothing, Furniture, Toiletries, Help with Utility payments including Power, Gas and phone payments. Rent assistance where there was a likelihood of a tenant being evicted.

We assist with car registrations where clients were homeless and sleeping in their car.

We were able to donate a fridge and washing machine to a client that had none.

Financial Councillor : Has 2 weeks backlog of clients with financial stress.

Clients : We assisted over 75 clients in June

Synergy payments , Alinta gas and rent defaults made up a large proportion of assistance given. It is extremely hard to assist those who have been evicted as there is a very limited supply of rentals on the market. We assist those sleeping in their cars by paying their registrations and support them with food and toiletries.

We were able to prevent 2 families from being evicted during the month by paying their rental arrears. All families had breach and eviction notices.

Blanket Appeal : Our Lady of Lourdes School in Dardanup had a drive for blankets and delivered over 30 new blankets for our winter appeal.

Give A Damn appeal: The school appeal has started and we received over 500 items of food . Other school collections will occur in July

Covid : Masks and social distancing are still mandatory in the welfare office

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Ministry: St Marys Catholic Primary
Name: Helen Brown
Date: July 2022

On Sunday 19 June, many of the Year 4 students received the Eucharist for the first time. Father Pierre led the community in a joyful and prayerful celebration, and we all learnt more about the love God has for us. We congratulate the children and their families and look forward to sharing this life-giving and sustaining sacrament. We have a special Mass planned for those students who couldn't attend on the day, and we will joyfully welcome them into the body of Christ.

We also gathered as a school community for our feast day Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We are very thankful to Father Pierre for sharing his gifts with us as he explained the Icon that is displayed in the school front office. Students, teachers and parents alike learn so much about the love God has for us when Father Pierre breaks open the Word. His presence at St Mary's is such a blessing and I'd like to share one of the Pre-Primary student's comments to me. "I love Father Pierre because he teaches me about how much God loves me and wants me to be with him in his family."

We hope to reinvigorate the altar serving ministry at St Mary's with students from Year 3 –6 invited to serve on the Altar at both school and parish celebrations. Students will be given training and be rostered with an experienced server until they become more confident.

We keep the St Joseph's school community in our prayers and offer our deepest sympathy on the passing of one of their staff members who had been ill for some time. We also pray for Julietta's family at this time and ask God to comfort them in their grief and sorrow.

Term 3 is shaping up to be another busy time and we are looking forward to celebrating the feasts of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Assumption on Monday the 8 August and Monday 15 August, respectively. We will welcome four Year 4 students to the body of Christ at the St Mary of the Cross Mass on the 8th.

St Mary's offers support programs for students who need extra assistance. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please contact the office 08 9726 7500 or email admin@stmarysbnby.wa.edu.au

You are invited.

Get a group together for a fun night out and help support our school!

Please join us in the premiere screening of 'Where the Crawdads Sing'. The highly anticipated film adaption of the bestselling novel.

Thursday 21 July

6:15pm for drinks and raffle purchases

7pm Movie screening

\$20 per ticket – includes entry and door prize ticket.

Purchase tickets through CDF Pay or by emailing kim.fildes@cewa.edu.au

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Ministry: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Name: Melanie Stapleton
Date: July 2022

First Eucharist

Everyone enjoyed a very special First Eucharist Mass and celebration with our Year Four students. Thank you to Fr Tony and the Parish for their support. We had great feedback from the parents.

Sad News

We are sorry to announce the passing of one of our dear staff members, Mrs Julietta Strano. Julietta was a dedicated, kind and caring teacher. Over the years Julietta had prepared students for the sacraments both at St Joseph's and at LCPS She was well known in the Bunbury, Australind and Brunswick communities.

Easing of COVID Restrictions

We are happy to be able to welcome back our parent helpers across the school. The children have loved having their parents in their classrooms.

Term 3

We are preparing to celebrate NAIDOC Week during the first week of Term 3 with guest speakers, crafts and dance. During the term we will be busy with Yr 6 Camp, BRLA, Book Week, Confirmation and First Reconciliation celebrations, Interschool Sports and our own Athletics carnivals.

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Ministry: YouthCARE Bunbury : State School Chaplains
Name: Rita Piparo
Date: 1st July, 2022

During the month of June Lib and I attended the District council meeting held at Tuart Forrest Primary School. The focus of the meeting was discussion around the need to find four Chaplains to fill roles in our local schools.

A power point and video were produced to advertise this need. These will be shown in Churches throughout Bunbury with a view to recruiting suitable Christians to fill the role. Please let us know if you are interested or know someone who may be suited to the role.

I will soon be organising to have the annual raffle tickets printed for our upcoming major fundraiser for the year. Lib and I have once again donated a prize of a two night stay in our Dunsborough unit for the third prize.

It is my hope that we will have volunteers from our church available to sell raffle tickets in the shopping centres. Last year four volunteers from Catholic Women's League ably assisted with this, much to the delight of our Chairperson Stephen Foster, their assistance was invaluable.

Please keep the Chaplains in your prayers as the level of anxiety in young people has increased and the Chaplains very much need and appreciate our prayerful support.