



DEAN'S LIST



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of country throughout the South West and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION. “**GOD DOES NOT HAVE FAVOURITES**” we are boldly told in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. One clear expression of not having favourites is the intentional avoidance of any form of differentiation which aims to categorise and insulates people from each other. God sees everyone with the same merciful and compassionate heart. God certainly does not differentiate, hence, does not demonstrate favouritism, and sees the goodness in everyone’s heart.

While we may accept the truth that God has no favourites, we may wish to recall the story of the widow and her two coins in Luke 21:1-4 and ask why Jesus seems to have favoured the poor widow over the rich donor. He seems to have given full praise to the poor widow because she had given all she had in contrast to the rich person whose donation amounted to nothing because the rich person happens to have so much in abundance. This is the view of some people who consider the philanthropy of rich people as negligible since the money they are donating is merely a pittance and would hardly make a dent in their financial status. Without doubt, God loves them both, yet God sees whose heart is genuinely ‘good’ or not. God embraces the ‘good’ not due to favouritism, but because God is essentially ‘good’ and anything contrary to the ‘good’ is opposed to God who is ‘good.’

“**ANYONE WHO FAILS TO LOVE CAN NEVER HAVE KNOW GOD**” is the testimony expressed by John in our second reading. A true disciple only yearns to follow Christ’s generous and compassionate heart. If one wilfully steps out of the moral path that leads to God, such person is missing out on what God has to offer by having a relationship with Him. Without the acceptance

of God’s love, one is not in a position to seek true love, let alone speak about what love is, since the person has elected not to remain in love but to remain isolated from God. The nature of love is that it is effusive, which means it naturally flows out of one’s heart because love is meant to freely engender love. Love’s desire to love, if it is truly genuine, can never be suppressed. Genuine love for humanity underlines Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Drawing from human experience, we believe in the reality that husbands and wives would want to have children because they themselves have experienced what genuine love is all about. Their decision to have children expresses ultimately their experience of either human or divine love.

“**REMAIN IN MY LOVE**” is therefore the disciple’s way to authentically flourish in their moral ways. Following the metaphor of the vine and the branches in last Sunday’s gospel, we need to remain constantly drawing love from Christ who is the real source of our life. There is really nothing to speak of love if we reject the love of God. A godless society worships itself and the values it upholds manifests a betrayal of our common identity as children of God. What does become of us if we reject the reality that we belong to God? If we are not for Christ, who are we for?

AWARENESS OF OUR COMMON STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S CREATION. Our Cathedral Parish, through our Parish Pastoral Council, has taken important steps in caring for our environment. The invitation to ‘care for our home’ was initiated by Pope Francis’ through his encyclical, *Laudato si’* published on 24 March 2015. Our parish has adopted a sustainability program which includes and not limited to reduce-recycle-reuse printed materials, water conservation, reuse/minimise single-

use plastic, etc. We have designated the weekend of 5-6 October to highlight this awareness in our parish. More details will be published soon.



FR VICTOR'S 25TH. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Carmelite nuns and the Dalyellup community for organising the celebration of Fr Victor's silver jubilee of his priestly ordination last Sunday.

WELCOME TO THE GREETING MINISTRY. Elizabeth (Liz) Dickison will be commencing her greeting ministry this Saturday at our Vigil Mass. She will join Shirley Tindall-Davies every Saturday in the parish roster. Please say hello to her as she welcomes you to our Mass. Thank you, Liz, and God bless.

YOUTH CONVERSATION is happening straight after this Sunday's 6pm Mass. It takes place every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the 6pm Mass. Youth Conversation is a forum for young people – ages between 15-25 – to talk about faith in a respectful environment.

CONFIRMATION. Please check the display in the Cathedral cloister and remember to pray for all our candidates. Their Confirmation is scheduled to take place on 18 May (St Joseph's CPS) and 19 May 10am Mass (St Mary's CPS).

ALTAR SERVERS will be gathering on Tuesday, 21 May, 4pm in the Parish Hall. Young children, as young as Year 3, who are interested may come and join those who are already serving at our Masses. We hope to be able to commence the rostering of altar servers in the ensuing weeks.

MUSIC MINISTRY GATHERING. We call upon our musicians and choristers to take part in the meeting on Saturday, 11 May, 11am in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Your support is very much needed.

FORMATION PILLAR COMMITTEE have taken the initial steps in planning an ongoing formation program for our parish. We thank those who took part in the survey. It is the committee's role to ensure that as a parish we are constantly growing in our faith through integral formation of the heart and mind.

WORSHIP PILLAR COMMITTEE. Some of the parish worship ministers will be receiving an invite to specifically attend the meeting scheduled for Saturday, 8 June, 2.30pm. It is envisaged that this manner of appointing leadership roles will draw others to active participation. The Worship Pillar is the largest parish committee and it does need all our prayers and support. May we count on you.

2024 WINTER REFLECTION SERIES. Cathedral parishioner and spiritual writer, Patricia Greene PhD, will be running a Winter Reflection Series on the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila. The series will be held bi-monthly over three months during winter: 1 and 15 June; 6 and 20 July; and 3 and 17 August. To be held in the Parish Hall, it will start at 10am and finish by 12noon. Please register your interest by phoning the Parish Office at 9721 2141.

2024 RCIA. Our new Catholics will be formally welcomed into our Church on Sunday, 9 June, at the 10am Mass in the Cathedral. They continue to move through the Period of Mystagogy, the period of deepening their faith in God. There will be a celebratory morning tea after the Mass.



BAPTISM. Welcome to God's family. Mikayla Kate Gardner was baptised on the 27 April. She is the daughter of Joanne Gardner and the goddaughter of Christine Mooney. Blessings to the family.

ANZAC DAY. We thank Helen Brown and Dot Savage for the inspirational display in the Cathedral cloister, the Parish Choir and Brett Corkery who played the bugle and all church ministers for assisting at our liturgy, including those who offered and laid wreath in the Cathedral and at the Graham Bricknell Memorial Music Shell ANZAC Day service.

NEW PRIEST TO OUR DIOCESE. We are expecting the arrival of a new priest who will be serving our diocese as a loan priest from the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle in India. He is Fr Joe Anson MST. He will be staying in the Cathedral Parish for 1-2 months before being given his pastoral placement. Let us pray for his ministry in our diocese.

PRIESTS' ONGOING FORMATION DAYS. Priests from across the diocese will be coming to the Cathedral Parish on 14-15 May for their ongoing formation days. Local parishioner, Pat Kelly, will be presenting the topic on Professional Supervision to them. Let us pray for the success of their PD Days.