



# DEAN'S LIST

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



*“As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes.”  
Matthew 24:37*

As we begin a new church liturgical calendar, we consequently enter into the first week of the season of Advent. We begin our ‘new year’ by reflecting on the gospel parallelism between how people heeded the call to conversion during Noah’s time and the impending coming of the Son of Man. The theme of conversion is constantly being presented to us as God’s people, whether in the old testament, the new testament, and in our contemporary times. What it hopes to achieve is not to alarm us unnecessarily thereby causing us to panic or to be distressed by our ill-preparedness. Rather, it hopes to instil in us the virtue of ‘being ready.’ When the human heart and soul are always disposed for God, hardly there would be any instance of being caught off guard when the Son of Man returns. When we remain faithful to the Lord constantly, the grace of God builds up in us, enabling us to discover a home in His

presence. We grow in anticipation towards the fullness and realisation of his revelation, but never the fear of ‘missing out’ of the gift of salvation. ‘Being ready’ means therefore having a heart that seeks the love of God in everything that we do and being always prepared to seek God’s mercy whenever such love fails to be lived by us. While we should have already learnt the hard lessons from the events during Noah’s time, we sadly and miserably have chosen at times not to heed the call to love and the call for a change of heart. The first Sunday of Advent gives us hope that God will never withdraw his offer of mercy. We just need to start ‘being ready’ right at this very moment. At the end of the day, we might miss out not because of the lack of opportunities, but because we wilfully have left God out of our lives. Let us learn from Noah’s day. Let us begin now and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Amen.

## **STEWARDSHIP CALLING: We need your help!**

Since commencing our parish advertisement calling for volunteers, we have had quite several inquiries. We understand that taking on a huge parish role requires plenty of thinking time. We are however grateful to **JOEL GRAGASIN** who immediately expressed an interest in taking on the role of **Parish Maintenance Coordinator**. Joel has years of experience in the professional maintenance sector. He is one of our faithful acolytes and attends church regularly with his family. He is often seen with his youngest son, Luke Isaiah,

who follows him on the altar while he is preparing for Mass. His eldest son, Matthew, is an altar server. Clearly heartfelt service runs in Gragasin family. Joel remains humble and humbled by the opportunity to serve the Cathedral Parish and he sincerely believes that his heart is called to service.



L-R: Joel Gragasin with his two children, Isaiah and Matthew.

### [Our parish community continues to call for volunteers.](#)

**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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**ST PATRICK'S FAIR.** We are sincerely grateful to everyone who went and celebrated our parish ministries last Sunday, 20 November. The atmosphere was joyful and hopeful. There were plenty of cheers and laughter most especially at the chocolate wheel fundraising event. We are happy to announce that the fundraising event raised the amount of **\$1,107.95** which will be donated to YouthCARE. Many thanks to Simon Healy, our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Chairperson, and all members of our PPC and the community. Special mention goes Helen Brown for her over-all organisation of the event and to Rita and Lib Piparo who worked so hard to get the chocolate wheel fundraising running.

**DALYELLUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: [Calling for Community Leaders.](#)** We call on members of the Dalyellup Catholic Community to step forward and be part of the Leadership Group. The Leadership will serve like a "mini-PPC" with the purpose of caring for the pastoral welfare of community members. If you are interested or have any query, please ring the Parish Office.

# ORGANISATIONAL RE-STRUCTURING OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

*“Continuing the Mission of Jesus is a shared Parish community responsibility, for each member has been called to contribute through Baptism. So continuing this Mission is not solely the responsibility of the Priest or any other member, or group of members.”*

Cf. Parish Pastoral Council Handbook and Statutes for the Diocese of Bunbury

**HEEDING THE CALL FOR A RE-STRUCTURING.** The recommendations set forth by the groups that met for the community consultation on the Synod on Synodality held early this year initiated a re-thinking of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) organisational structure, as well as other pastoral concerns. The themes of the synodal consultation were Communion, Participation, Mission – all of which are important elements of a church that is meant to be ‘synodal.’ The PPC humbly acted upon the recommendations and eventually decided that a re-structuring of the PPC is “crucial” to its effectiveness “to foster Parish pastoral actions” (Cf. Diocesan Statutes).

**STEWARDSHIP.** The PPC acknowledges that ‘stewardship’ is not an organisational structure but a ‘way of life’ that is meant to permeate the PPC’s activity in realising the Mission of Christ in the parish. The proposed re-structuring will retain the ministries being the ‘life-blood’ of our parish life. This means therefore ministry co-ordinators of each of the four pillars of stewardship will be part of the Parish Pastoral Council. There will be four (4) PPC members serving as co-ordinators from each of the stewardship areas: Formation, Outreach, Worship and Service.

**A RETURN TO THE DIOCESAN STATUTES.** The re-structuring envisages the observance of processes that is ingrained in the ‘Parish Pastoral Council Handbook and Statutes for the Diocese of Bunbury’ which have been guiding parishes across our diocese for decades now. Some may recall that one of its features is the election of PPC officers, which our Cathedral Parish has undertaken previously. The ‘new’ PPC composition will be partly taken up by elected members of the community, while some would be ‘elected’ by the various ministry groups.

**THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING OUR NEW PPC.** The PPC have outlined the process towards the establishment of the new Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council. The process contemplates on an on-going re-structuring for some definite time, particularly on establishing the ministry group co-ordinators which will require formation and re-organisation.

## DECEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023 PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT

The Parish will invite the community to pray and discern for community leadership. Prayers will be offered during Holy Masses during these months. Also, the Electoral Committee will begin its preparation for the Election.

## JANUARY 28-29 PERIOD OF NOMINATION

Nominations will be called for the four (4) elected positions of the Parish Pastoral Council.

## FEBRUARY 28 NOMINATIONS CLOSE

After a period of calling for nominations, a period of thanksgiving for all nominations received. If only 4 nominees, there will be no need for an election.

## MARCH 11,12, 13 VOTING PERIOD

The Election will be undertaken after the homily and ballots will also be sent via Flocknote.

MARCH 14  
COUNTING OF VOTES

The Electoral Committee will count the votes.

MARCH 15-20  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Dean of the Cathedral together with the Provisional PPC will write to successful parishioners informing them of the result of the election.

MARCH 23  
INITIAL MEETING OF 'NEW PPC'

The 'new PPC' will be inducted over a meal. Clergy and the Executive Committee will be present.

MARCH 30  
OFFICIAL HANDOVER

The Provisional PPC will for the last time meet with the 'new PPC' for the handover. The official commissioning will be organised subsequently.

HOW THE NEW PPC STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE. The diagram below outlines the Parish Organisational Structure:

