



# 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.



## 2023 AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received their Sacraments of Initiation during the past week. We thank our parish Catechists for generously offering their time to instruct our young parishioners, to their parents and families for their support, and to Fr Jayan Johnson HGN for his overall co-ordination. We thank also our Parish Staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION** held on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 5pm. Catechist: Ronelle Lewis. Confessors: Fr Pierre Repuyan and Fr Jayan Johnson.



**FIRST EUCHARIST** held on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 10am Mass. Catechist: Ralou Millan. Fr Pierre officiated at the First Holy Communion Mass.



**CONFIRMATION** held on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 6pm Mass. Catechist: Melanie Tan. Fr Pierre presided over the confirmation of our young parishioners. Fr Jayan concelebrated at the Mass.

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: THE GIFT OF BAPTISM



SARAH ELIZABETH McDONALD and JACOB DAVID McDONALD, children of Ryan David and Maree Deanne McDonald, were both baptised last Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 11am. Their godparents are Amanda Talbot and Thomas Talbot.



Brothers, KOA JAMES STEENS and JED WALTER STEENS, were both baptised last Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 2pm. Their parents are Kia Jade and Nicholas James Steens. The godparents are Jason Patrick Steens and Ashleigh Louise Gallo. The Steens Family are from the Perth area and have been known to Fr Pierre since the beginning of his priestly ministry in the Mandurah Parish in 1999. Fr Pierre has also officiated the wedding between Kia and Nicholas, as well as Nicholas' brother, Jason who married Leah.



MIYA QUINN WILLIAMS, daughter of Shana Ilacqua and Marc Williams, was baptised last Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September at 11.30am. The godparents were Mitchell and Sherie Chapman.





**FORMATION PILLAR IN-SERVICE** was held last Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, in the Parish Hall. The gathering started at 10.30am and finished at around 3pm. A respectable number of parishioners whose parish ministries fall under the umbrella of 'formation' attended the in-service which was facilitated by Shendelle Mullane, the Director of Catholic Missions for the Bunbury Diocese. Shendelle led the attendees to reflect on "Living and Leading your Mission in the Image of Christ, with inspiration from Pope Francis." Through the in-service, we now have formed the Formation Pillar Core Group which is made up of the following: Dave Maguire, Sr. Christine Clarke, Dot Savage and Pauline Harling. **Dave Maguire** agreed to represent the core group to the Parish Pastoral Council. Please congratulate our new Formation Core Group. We extend our sincerest gratitude to Helen Brown and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for working generously to constitute our new PPC. So far, we now have completed the in-services for the following stewardship pillars: Worship, Outreach and Formation. We are currently planning for the Service Pillar gathering. Please continue to pray for this parish initiative which hopes to fully integrate and embrace the synodal way of living out our mission in Christ.



**2023 ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT.** Twenty-seven (27) priests attended this year's annual retreat, both those who are still in the active ministry and those who are retired. The above photo was taken immediately after the last conference where some priests have already left due to urgent parish commitments. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD DD, the Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore (sitting behind the desk table), was this year's retreat master. His conferences were well-received by our priests. He certainly challenged the way priests pray and minister to people. He gave emphasis on knowing Christ as revealed in the Scriptures as it is the ultimate literary source if people are truly to know Jesus Christ. Our Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, SBD DD, was present during the first day of the retreat. It was his first time to meet our priests collectively in person after his appointment as our Apostolic Administrator last 30<sup>th</sup> of June. He met our priests via Zoom a few weeks after his appointment. He emphasised that in this period of *sede vacante*, what priests can do best is to be a good pastor to their people. If you see a halo above Fr Jayan and my head, it is because of this uplifting retreat.