



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Ministry Centre 2 Rectory

WORKING BEES

What an amazing display of working together towards the common cause of converting the Parish Ministry Centre back into a Rectory. Fr Scott, Gis and family will move in during the September School holidays.



The building has been totally cleared; apart from the Garage, where surplus goods have been stored.

Workers have patched, sanded and washed the inside of the building down and painting is well in hand.

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RECTORY ROOF REPLACEMENT

Approval was given by a Special General Meeting of parishioners for funds (\$43,000) from a term deposit to be allocated to the budget enabling the replacement of the Rectory roof and guttering (and later on, St George's hall). Two quotes were obtained for the rectory roof. The asbestos removalist recommended by the Diocese came in as the lower of the two at (\$18,500). This was accepted.



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Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon

This year's Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon will be held on Sunday 13th September. The luncheon will be in St George's Hall. This will be an opportunity for all parishioners to be involved and to see just how God has enabled so many in the parish to work in many and varied capacities to do His good will. To this end, the Stewardship Committee and others are preparing a large "What-we-do"

The roof replacement was completed by an extremely efficient team in only a day.

Finances

The **Treasurer's Report** looks healthy at first glance. The May Fair is keeping the overall income looking somewhat respectable and expenditure has been minimised. However, all service offerings are running below budget. As there is, however, a substantial expenditure on renovating the Rectory, parishioners are encouraged to use direct debit via ANFIN (which is totally anonymous) and then use the ANFIN Gifting cards to put into the plate in lieu of cash plate offerings.



APWB Financial report to 30th June 15

Our total income **\$81633.63** - we budgeted **\$83075.02**

Our total expenses **\$62833.16** - we budgeted **\$81416.42**

These figures show a nice little profit of about \$18000 for this period however, we should not be complacent because we have substantial ongoing expenses in returning PMC into a Rectory.

It should be noted that in the 2015 budget we allocated that :

- we should receive **\$65299.096** in Offerings and Pledges; however
- we actually received **\$58363.68** which was well below budget .

display board that will be available for parishioners to see where they fit (might fit) into the scheme, so that a full picture of church mission can be better understood and appreciated.

So, please mark Sunday 13th September in your diaries.

Stewardship Committee

One of the requirements of the Bishop was that the parish prepare itself in 2015 to run a Stewardship Campaign. A stewardship group was formed and has met three times. The group consists of Rev'd Theo Woods, Aline Stinton, Rob Clark, Jim Stahlhut, Marilyn and Russell

Hockaday.

Much preparatory work has been undertaken by this group in readiness for a campaign.

Originally, it was felt that this should be held prior to Fr Scott's arrival, however following a full discussion by Parish Council it was agreed that there is just too much going on in the Parish.

The refurbishment of the Rectory and reassignment of various ministries' goods and chattels plus the relocating and setting up of the new Parish Office at the back of the hall will keep us busy for a while. Plus the finalisation of the Parish DVD by Helen Cunningham is, in itself, a huge undertaking. Therefore, it was decided that the Steward-

ship Campaign be deferred until around mid 2016.

Never-the-less, the Stewardship Committee is now progressing the September Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon with enthusiasm.

PC Network Update



With the relocation of the Parish Office, it was considered timely for the parish to update the Operating System and software to simplify the way the computer system operates.

Many parishioners receive the Tidings, Snippets and other important emails from the Parish Office. Sometimes, these do not eventuate due to incorrect email addresses or system failures caused by too many obsolete addresses. This prompted in March, a 4 month project of refining the Parish Con-

tacts list and verifying the accuracy of the email addresses.

Many parishioners have received "test emails" over the past few months.

At the same time, Brian Blinco has been upgrading one of the stand-alone PCs with Windows 8.1 and Microsoft Office 2013.



The other computers will be upgraded in due course. Last weekend, the domain server and email server were decommissioned and the office is preparing to run a local network.

This upgrade, like all changes to office procedures, will have a short term impact on office staff whilst they become familiar with the new setup. Please give them "some space" to "get their heads around" this new system.

News from The Guild

The Annual Fund raiser for St Andrews Pot Luck Lunch at Ormiston was held on 19th July, where six attended from St James.

St James' Day was held on 26th July. It was a lovely service, and great to see the Church full. There were many from St George's. Thank you to all who brought food; there was plenty.



The Guild's next fund raisers are the Cent Auction on Saturday 12th September and Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 3rd November.

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Other excellent progress included roof replacement, modification of wardrobes and sourcing white goods. Curtains will be purchased by Pam Monaghan and Kay Blinco, in conjunction with the priest's wife Gis. Kay/Brian will organise floor coverings for the kitchen.

Pam will oversee the gardens with Tony Collins and the Sunday School when the roof is done.

A large amount of surplus furniture and goods remain following departure from the Ministry Centre. A garage sale was planned for Sunday (2nd August) for parishioners, the remaining goods will be donated to charities.

There is work still to be done however, our thanks go to the many parishioners who have participated so far.

Parish Pantry farewell

Parish Pantry has been emptied and the contents donated to Bayside Christian Community Church at Wynnum West. They undertake a similar assistance to needy people in the way that the Parish Pantry was intended. They were very thankful for the donation. We are extremely thankful to the parishioners who have contributed to the pantry over the past number of years.

Billets for Roma Parishioners



Thursday 8th October is Fr Scott's Commissioning Service. It is expected that a number of Roma parishioners will want to join us for this special occasion; particularly Wardens who are involved with the hand-over. As Roma is a 5 hour trip away, it is intended to billet the western visitors.

If you are prepared to billet one or maybe a couple of Roma people, please contact the office staff Sharon or Glenda on 3822 1110.

Welcome to Fr Theo



A very warm welcome to Fr Theo and his wife Lorelei.

Fr Theo is with us until Fr Scott's commissioning on the 8th October.

We are so thankful for the way Fr Theo is "throwing" himself into all aspects of parish life. Even to the extent of bringing his compact caravan on-site to act as a temporary office



whilst the Rectory is being renovated.

Thank you Fr Theo for your spirit of enthusiasm, it can only encourage all parish leaders knowing that support for them is being offered.