HOLY FAMILY PARISH
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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PARISH REPORTS

Sunday, 9 October, 2pm
At New Camfield
154 Aberdeen Street
Albany W.A 6330

Christian Charity

"The end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be serious and sober for prayers. Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.
Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.
Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies,
so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:5-11

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PARISH VISION

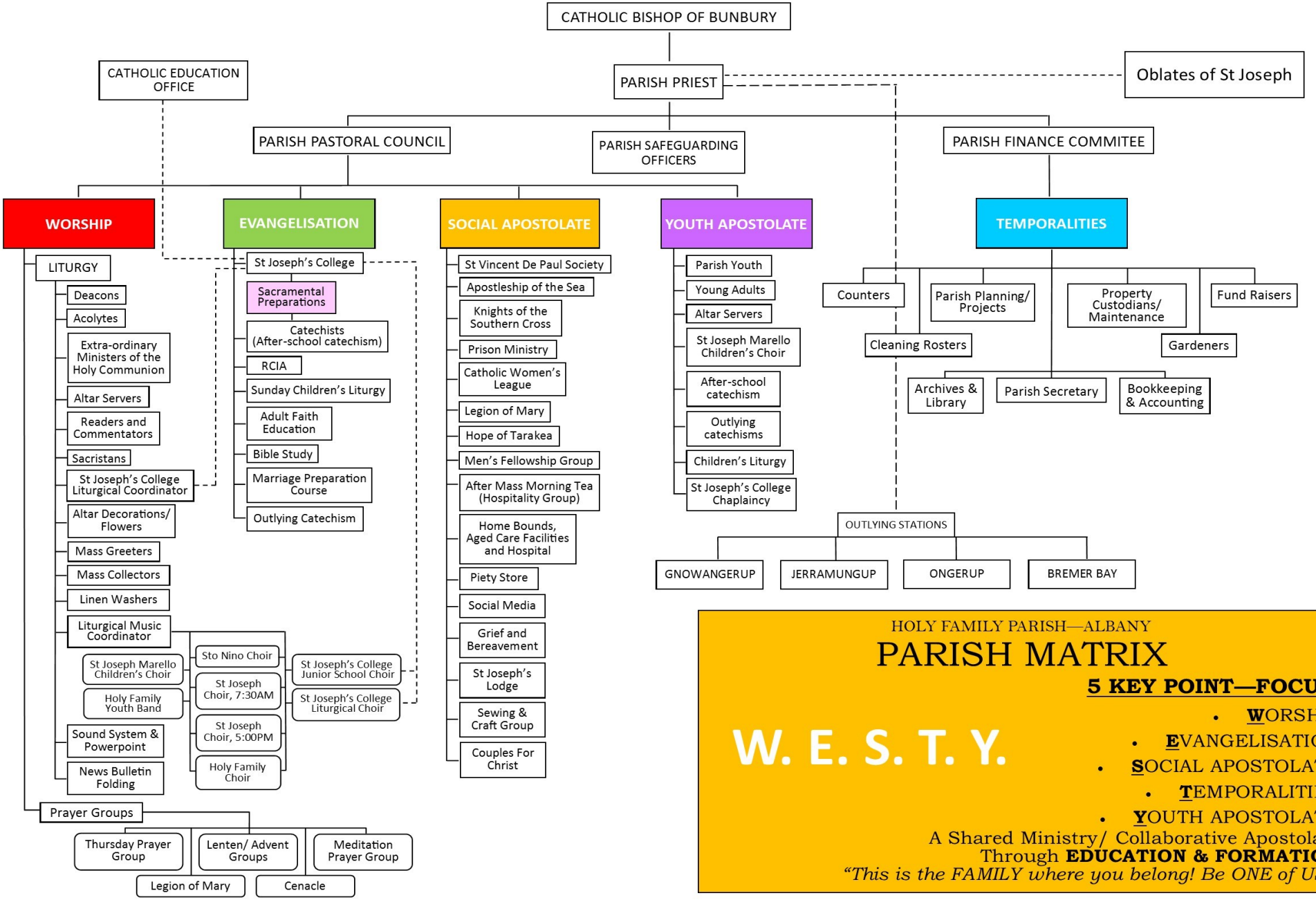
The Holy Family Catholic Parish Albany
comes together in the eyes of God
to build a church with a steadfast faith,
gained through the celebration of the Eucharist,
living the Gospel message through love,
service and proclamation.

PARISH MISSION

The Holy Family Catholic Parish Albany
is a diverse group of people
who join together to share in the Eucharist,
learning from the Word,

NOTA BENE:

Please take note that the Parish Matrix, which is on the next page, has not been updated yet. There might be some errors and requires some corrections.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH—ALBANY

PARISH MATRIX

5 KEY POINT—FOCUS:

W. E. S. T. Y.

- **W**ORSHIP
- **E**VANGELISATION
- **S**OCIAL APOSTOLATE
- **T**EMPORALITIES
- **Y**OUTH APOSTOLATE

A Shared Ministry/ Collaborative Apostolate
Through **EDUCATION & FORMATION**
"This is the FAMILY where you belong! Be ONE of US!"

OPEN LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS

My dear parishioners,

What do you think is the difference between a person who could see the beauty of the moon from the earth compared to Neil Armstrong who firstly step on the moon?

It is the PERSONAL ENCOUNTER! Because it gives the person an opportunity to have a personal experience, and this is what make things different in life and what makes life worth living.

It has been ten years now since I arrived in Albany and began my first posting outside of the Philippines. Before I arrived I was looking up on Google on what Albany was like. On the internet, I was just feeding my brain with information to cope with the changes that were coming into my life, to have a bit of an idea of scenic places, food, culture, people, etc. But being here brought me on a higher level of encounter that feeds my heart and my soul.

Albany, Gnowangerup, Ongerup, Bremer Bay and Jerramungup - Thank you so much for the generosity and warmth that you have shown me. You are amazing! Almost ten years living in your arms are wonderful years that won't be forgotten. I will cherish and treasure them in my heart forever. You allowed me to grow as I am and even accepted my shortcomings and deficiencies. You challenged me to go up on a higher plane in my ministry and in my journey, and never stop believing on me, even when sometimes it was hard to believe in myself. You continued inspiring me throughout these years and supported me in my dreams and aspirations for the community. Your hearts, ears and hands were always there, showing your love, concern, and protection.

As I am about to finish my time in this beautiful community, I would like to say these three magic words:

Thank you. – Because I am so grateful to meet you all in the crossroads of my missionary life. You are all a blessing and beautiful gifts from above. You have allowed me to meet Jesus in you. With this, you inspired me in so many things and guided me with wisdom and love. When we set the mission and vision and made decisions for the parish and various Catholic communities, I thought, it will be a very complicated path to traverse for someone who was so young in the ministry, let alone for someone who was so scared and never

had an experience to handle a parish. Yet, you were there, ready to back me up and cheered for me until we reached our goal. We have accomplished so many things and, I say, we did a great job. We aimed high and took pride of the things that we do in the parish community for the sake of our love for God in various ministries that we are all called to. It may not be perfect, as there are other things that we need to do still, yet we are happy, joyful and content to everything that we have, as everything is and will always be blessings from God.

You welcomed us, your priests—the Oblates of St Joseph, and opened your homes for us and joined you in your meals. We shared life's stories and even sometimes frustrations, dreams, and aspirations. You accepted us as we are, and even consider us as your own, a family.

During the celebrations of sacraments, we also shared some laughter, joys, stories and even some tears. We joyfully celebrated whenever we welcome new members in our flock through baptism, may it be an infant or an adult. But, it breaks our hearts together whenever we send someone to the grave. Together, we hold unto each other and remain steadfast and optimistic that someday, one day we will see each other again in paradise. And this is our great hope and consolation.

When the pandemic hits us, you were there still. You assisted us in so many ways and supported us until we opened once again the door of the church for the people. You never stop giving and sharing your time and talents for the community even though this sacrificed a lot of your time for your own self and family. Little did you know, this served as my inspiration and encouragement to be more diligent and industrious to my ministry.

I Love You. – Wherever I go, I will always cherish those moments when I was with you. You now occupy a huge part of my heart. I may be forgetful in so many things, but my experience in this parish is something that I will carry throughout my life. You have been so wonderful and awesome in so many ways. Your love for Jesus is extraordinary. The way you carry out your ministries, groups and apostolates in the wider community is phenomenal. It is very inspiring to look at when people volunteer themselves, as their way to respond to the love of God.

I wish for you. – I wish you all the best. Always remember that you have Jesus in you. When you are happy, never stop praising the Lord all the days of your life, for He will always be with you even until the end of time. When

things are hard and difficult, always go back to God and ask for blessing and grace to proceed. Do not be discouraged to serve your community through your chosen ministry, even sometimes you want to give up. When you feel lonely and alone and seemingly no one cares for you anymore, find consolation and peace in Christ, for He offers a great solace in your hearts.

Moreover, I wish that you would also extend your generosity, support, and trust to Fr Vincent Comple, OSJ as your new Parish Priest, together with Fr Joeffrey Arceta, OSJ and Fr Joel Villanueva, OSJ. We pray for them always, as priests need most of your prayers.

Once again, thank you, thank you very much for these wonderful years. May God always bless you and keep you in his care. I won't say 'goodbye' but I will just say, 'see you later'. I know, one day, we will see each other again. Please always remember me in your prayers. As I will go to my next parish destination, St Damien of Molokai in Dawesville, WA, I will carry with me all the memories that I have of you and the vigour, experience and dedication in the ministry that I have learned from you.

God bless you always! I am now signing off.

Sincerely yours,

Fr Christian Saminal, OSJ

"Let us not become weary in doing good,
For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- Galatians 6:9

MESSAGE FROM THE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart

This verse from Proverbs encapsulates the way in which the Holy Family Parish has approached the challenges of 2022. With Covid still present in our everyday lives, adaption and thinking outside the square were the only way in which we could continue to gather together as a community while keeping everyone safe. With the re-introduction of number limits to our churches in March, it was decided that weekend masses would be held in the Holy Family Church as it had a greater seating capacity. The spirit in which people made the change to continue to celebrate the Eucharist together was uplifting to say the least. Priests, sacristans, musicians and readers from both churches, worked through the changes to bring each mass together for the parish.

As the weekend masses continued at the Holy Family Church through to May we were very blessed to have so many people working together in one place to make our Easter celebrations a period of reflection and spending time with others and with God. Each part of Easter, from Palm Sunday to the final mass on Easter Sunday evening, brought about a unity within the church. With the dedication and hard work that went into every part of the celebration, we were surrounded by the love that people have for each other and the love that we have for our faith. A huge thank you to the many people that were involved in the this very special time in the Church, giving so wholly of themselves.

The continuation of the newsletters being emailed out to parishioners has also brought a sense of continuity and community to the parish, ensuring that everyone is kept up-to-date with the events of the parish. If you would like to be added to the email list, please complete a 'Connection Card' at the back of the church or come into the parish office.

"Be present, be active, be supportive"……These were the words that Fr Christian used when discussing our parish back in February at the Leadership Day. When we step back and reflect on how many volunteers that we have in our parish, we can see that WE are present, WE are active and WE are supportive. So many people work with so many service groups and individually to give selflessly and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help those around us. The parish is alive with hard work and charity from an unfathomable amount of volunteers. To everyone who has given of themselves in whatever way they can to make our parish a place of charity, love and service, an enormous thank you.

A huge thank you also to those quiet achievers who clean, do maintenance and garden around the buildings of our parish. This is a huge task, and we are very blessed to have people who consistently volunteer for so many jobs. With the rise in Covid cases, the vigilance that the cleaning routine had to maintain was enormous. A big thank you also to those people who stayed after each mass to wipe down every pew to make out church a safer place for all. If you have any skills or would like to volunteer to join the church cleaning roster, or if you can help in any way with parish repairs, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Many hands make light work!!

With the absence of Fr Christian for his 'Long Service Leave', we saw Fr Joeff take over the role of Parish Priest. Thank you Fr Joeff for the amazing way in which you took on this mammoth task. With so many things happening in the Parish, you did an amazing job and the parish is very grateful.

With a very heavy heart, we say farewell to our Parish Priest Fr Christian. For the past 10 years, Fr Christian has been the driving force behind so many projects and initiatives throughout the parish and his generosity with his time, patience and enthusiasm have inspired us all to make our parish the wonderful, faith filled community that it is. It is not only our parish, but the outlying parishes of Ongerup, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup and Bremer Bay, that have been blessed by the joy and uplifting relationship with God that Fr Christian bring to all who celebrate the Eucharist with him. Our priest, our friend, our family, you will be greatly missed.

Finally, we welcome back to our parish Fr Vincent. Fr Vincent started his mission in Albany after arriving from the Philippines quite a few years ago. He then moved onto Dawesville as the parish priest, but is now returning to Albany as our parish priest. It is wonderful to have you home Fr Vincent.

God Bless

Simone Meuzelaar
Parish Chairperson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members
Fr Christian Parish Priest
Fr Joeffrey

Steve Amato	**Chairman**
Dorothy Fields	**Secretary/ adviser**
Yuliya Burns	**Adviser**
Steve Gorman	**Maintenance/adviser**
Julian Letter	**Maintenance/adviser**

The Parish Finance committee are pleased to present this report for the year ending the 30th June 2022. The total income for the 2021/22 years was $263,065.86. (down $22,000)

Outgoing expenses were much lower especially with maintenance; this allowed a final total profit of $63,900.67 for the year. ($14,000 down)

2021 – 2022 year:

- Re-leased the convent to Skill-Hire with a further 3 year option
- Repaired guttering on St. Joseph's church
- Replace all the fluros on the convent building to LEDs ($7,500.00)

The next twelve months will see the following:

- New toilet block at St. Joseph's church
- Re-nailing and oiling the convent veranda
- Looking at repairing the sky-light at Holy Family church
- Repairing and painting St. Joseph's church
- Renovating the presbytery kitchen

The Big Grove land holding on the other side of the harbour is still ongoing with no positive outcome.

In conclusion, the Finance Committee wishes to thank Father Christian and wish him well on his new parish, Father Joeffrey and finally the many parishioners that bring to our attention matters that need dealing with and also their helpful support.

Steve Amato
Chairman Finance Committee

(CEWA) Catholic Education Western Australia's Vision and Our Vision

St Joseph's College, as a CEWA school, is a Christ-centred and child-focused community of engaged learning environments, inspiring all to actively live the Gospel.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Our Present Situation

St Joseph's College has a current enrolment of 692 students from Three-Year-Old to Year Twelve (656 students in 2021). As each year passes, the enrolments at the College continue to grow. In 2023 there will be an extra class in Kindergarten, Year Two and Year Eight due to increased numbers. Additional staff will also be employed across the College to cater for these students.

Throughout the first six months of this year, COVID continued to impact significantly on student and staff absences and parents were unable to engage with the school due to social distancing requirements. Thankfully the second half of the year saw things slowly return to 'normal'. At St Joseph's College, our staff, students and families are people of hope and worked together to ensure the best for our students despite the challenging times.

Sacramental Programme

In 2022 a pleasing number of families presented their children for the Sacraments; a testament to the evangelisation process being alive at St Joseph's College. Beautiful liturgies occurred for each of the Sacraments together with children from the Parish. Nearly all College staff were present at the liturgies for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation further highlighting these important milestones in the faith journey of the students.

Staff Formation

When appointed to the College there are several Accreditations that staff must complete; Orientation, Faith Story & Witness, Accreditation to Teach and Accreditation to Teach Religious Education. In 2022 staff completed PD on 'New Testament' and 'Revelation' presented by Sister Christine Clarke. New staff also completed a programme entitled Faith Story & Witness; a history and understanding of the charism of St Joseph's College.

Staff Retreat

This year our staff experienced their inaugural retreat. This two-day retreat aligned with our Evangelisation and School Improvement Plans where a key focus is Catholic Identity. This experience had a balance of Catholic input

from the Catholic Pastoral Institute, a liturgy, wellness activities and social fun. The formal input aimed to build staff knowledge on God, Creator of Heaven and Earth linking our sustainability programmes with *Laudato Si*, Catholic Earthcare, Catholic Social Teaching and Making Jesus Real (MJR). Staff also engaged in Christian Service completing activities at St Vincent de Paul, singing at Albany Community Care, making gift bags for Silver Chain, cleaning at St Joseph's and Holy Family churches and several improvements around St Joseph's College. One of the highlights of the retreat was the comradery between staff. Our large school campus does not make it easy for staff to spend time getting to know each other daily but the retreat greatly assisted in this area.

Staffing

As a College we are fortunate to have staff who provide an array of activities for students of all ages. The hours are long, the demands continue to grow but one thing I know is that the staff do know well and care for the students. Our school community is very grateful for their on-going commitment to provide a quality Catholic education for all students from Three-Year-Old to Year Twelve. Thank you to Father Jeoff for his efforts with our students, staff and families in his role as chaplain.

Opportunity for a Catholic Education for All

This year St Joseph's College has again supported families who do not have the financial means for their children to attend our school. The College has covered the cost of tuition fees, uniforms, books, camps etc. St Joseph's College continues to ensure a Catholic education is available to all. Regardless of income, any family is welcome to send their child to our College providing they are supportive of the Catholic ethos.

There was a small increase of 1% in our fees in 2022 (the first in six years) as part of our on-going commitment to keep Catholic education affordable in Albany.

Capital Development Plan

The Capital Development Plan submitted last year was unfortunately not approved by Catholic Education Western Australia Ltd. This year another plan was constructed still focussing on improving de Vialar or the multi-storey secondary block. Some of the key developments contained in the plan are a commercial kitchen for Home Economics, three new Science laboratories, a new staff room, the Administration block moves to the centre of the College, a larger designated secondary Music area, a new secondary Art

room, additional toilets on all three floors, a lift and a large break-out space where the current library is situated. Next year we will find out if we have been listed for a panel visit and if our need is deemed great enough, then we should be able to obtain a low interest loan or government grant or a combination of both with the intention to commence building in 2024.

St Joseph's College Achievements

Over the course of the year, despite the presence of COVID, there have been numerous Masses, camps, sporting carnivals, assemblies, a College Ball, retreats, debating, Music performances, excursions and a College Production. The students have displayed energy and enthusiasm with all these events. Through an array of activities, St Joseph's College seeks to develop each student spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. Some of our key achievements this past twelve months have been:

Our median ATAR at the end of 2022 for the state examinations was 72.10. Our highest individual ATAR (university) score was 99.3 but when scaled for Curtin University for example, this became 99.95. This was an exceptional achievement by our College Dux! 91.2% of our Year Twelve students achieved their WACE and secondary graduation. This was an improvement of 11.2 on the previous year. 88% of our ATAR (university bound) students received an offer to a university –commendable!

In 2022, Senior School students have undertaken School Based Traineeships in the areas of: Business, Information Technology, Kitchen Operations, Hospitality, Sport and Recreation, Construction, Tyre Fitting and Childcare. The completion of a School Based Traineeship enhances a student's chances of obtaining full-time employment or securing an apprenticeship after completion of their secondary education.

Sammy and Noah are both in Year Four and in September 2022 they were in Melbourne at the National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Awards. Last year they were finalists with their inquiry project on saving long neck turtles from extinction. Their project focused on creating a nesting box to help repopulate in areas where numbers of these beautiful creatures are decreasing.

St Joseph's College is extremely proud of Sammy and Noah's recognition. Through encouragement and support from their teachers they have achieved at the highest level.

Our College production The Three Musketeers was showcased at the Port

Theatre. Our students certainly shone as the actors were articulate and revelled in their character roles. The Certificate II and III Music students performed with confidence and the vocalists were sensational. The Arts is an important part of the curriculum and allows a different cross-section of students to work together and combine their artistic skills to bring joy to the audience and personal growth in self-esteem for individual students.

In the ACC Athletics Carnival, the secondary students achieved 5th place. The Senior boys were runner-up in their division. To achieve 5th place for a school of our size and the distance to be travelled is commendable!

The Year Five and Year Six girls competed in the Bendigo Cup Netball Carnival in Katanning. Both teams achieved runner-up! The Year Five and Six boys achieved 5th place in the Docker's Cup. The students, staff and families once again were generous in their donation of non-perishable food items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. For the first time in 2022, the Year Seven students used some of their money raised from the 'Containers for Change' programme to purchase various items.

Ella and Jasmine are both in Year Eleven and competed at the 2022 World Skills Competition in the Commercial Cooking category. Ella achieved 2nd place (Silver) and Jasmine achieved 4th place.

Over 400 dads and their children came to the Father's Day Breakfast. The Junior School staff cooked delicious bacon and egg burgers and provided fresh fruit, tea and coffee.

The inaugural Grandparents' Day was celebrated with a Mass and a morning tea. Approximately one hundred grandparents were in attendance.
Art students designed and constructed three pieces of wearable sculpture for the inaugural garment catwalk events and two-week exhibition in the Albany Town Hall.

Thank You Father Chris
For his first three years in Albany, Father Chris was the chaplain for St Joseph's College. Once appointed parish priest he still managed to celebrate Masses with students and staff from time to time. Father Chris has a 'natural' gift of being able to pitch his sermons in a way that they have meaning to the lives of the students and staff. Thank you for all you have done for St Joseph's College Father Chris! We wish you many blessings in your new parish and school.

Personal Farewell

With the recent announcement of my appointment as Principal of St Mary MacKillop College in Busselton for 2023, this is my last parish annual report. I would like to thank the Holy Family Parish for the support received over the past seven years. Special mention must be made of Mrs Anne Smith, Ms Simone Meuzelaar, Mrs Angela Gorman and Mr and Mrs Steve/Steph Gorman who have always taken a particular interest in the students, staff and their families. The St Joseph's College community is grateful for all you have done. Always remember that St Joseph's College is an important extension of the parish. I wish all many blessings from God in the years ahead!

Recommendation

Parishioners should have confidence that St Joseph's College is a quality Catholic school that is seeking to make further improvements to provide the very best for our students. Please do mention our College to people you meet whether local to Albany or new to the parish.

Mr Mark Browning
Principal

CATECHISTS' REPORT

Catechism classes are held Mondays 3.45pm-5pm (during school term) at New Camfield for Catholic students not attending St Joseph's College, cost is $20 per child for the year. A snack is provided for the children on arrival and as a COVID precaution this year each had their own pencil case (items were donated). There was a change in teachers this year, we said goodbye to Anne Smith and Lesley Geers who finished at the end of 2021. Our sincere thanks to Anne for the years of dedication and commitment she has shown to this ministry and for the ongoing assistance she gives on the many occasions we call on her expertise. We welcomed Jasmin Habal who was responsible for the First Holy Communion class (four children). Other teachers were, Helen Anderson preparing those for First Reconciliation and any younger than year three (three children) and Marinela Vanni with the Confirmation candidates (three year seven students).

Our Catechists are volunteers who have a passion to pass on our faith to children in the parish and prepare them for the sacraments. This year our program concluded at the end of Term Three (normally the whole year) this is to allow Sister Pauline Dundon (Bunbury Diocesan Catechist Coordinator) to come to Albany to deliver formal Catechist training. Is this ministry something that interests you? Would you like to be included in the training? If yes, please contact the office and leave your details. First training days are scheduled for October 24 and 25 2022. Please note that a current Working with Children Card is a requirement.

The Sacraments

The General Sacramental parent meeting was held in Holy Family Church on February 22 with Fr Tony Chiera the guest speaker, his message is always well received. Each sacrament has two other meetings for parents and children to attend. Commitment Mass was the Masses on the weekend of 19/20 March.

First Reconciliation	8 September		22 candidates
First Holy Communion	18/19 June		23 candidates
Confirmation	28 August	*Bishop Gerard Holohan*	25 candidates

COVID did have an impact, but only on First Holy Communion candidates as some had to postpone their initial date of reception. A planning meeting was held in December 2021 with Priests, catechists, and several staff from St Joseph's College to prepare the Sacramental timetable for this year and evaluate the 2021 program. The Parish works in close collaboration with St

Joseph's College staff, in particular Chris Palfrey and Erica Mielens, to ensure that all the preparation required for this wonderful faith journey so many families are on (the Parish Sacramental program) is attended too. We would like to thank Erica Mielens (Head of Junior School, St Joseph's College) for her contribution to the Parish and the Sacramental Program over the past eight years and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Helen Anderson
On behalf of the 2022 Catechist Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is conducted every Sunday during the 9.30 a.m. Mass at Holy Family church, except on days of major celebration……..e.g. Easter, Christmas, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is felt that the children will have a better experience by participating in the Mass these occasions.

After a Blessing given by the presiding priest, we generally begin with the Sign of the Cross, followed by a Welcome, an exercise to increase awareness of how to become a better Christian, and then the Gospel story of the day followed by a short activity.

Teachers, all who hold a Working with Children check, include Mrs Anne Smith, Mrs Kassie Miller, Mrs Kim Yuswak and Mrs Jenna Mills. Parents are welcome to remain in the room with their children if they wish.

We have had at times, from three to up to twenty five children……..any parishioners interested in assisting in this work are most welcome to contact me.

Anne Smith, Co-ordinator
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“OUR CHURCH “ GROUP
Adult Faith Education/ RCIA

Since the beginning of June 2022, on Sundays after 9.30 a.m. Mass at Holy Family church, a small group of parishioners meet to learn more of the beliefs, teachings and practices of our Church. The formation of this group was prompted by a request from a new member of the Church, but ‘old ‘members of the Church are finding that they too are learning interesting facts.

We always begin and end with prayer linked to our needs and what we are about to discuss. After initial discussion on what we wanted from the group, we have so far worked through the basic history of the Church since its inception and up until Vatican II. Although basic beliefs have not changed, we have discovered that present teachings and practices have definitely been influenced by the past.

‘On going revelation’, that is, God revealing Himself to us gradually more and more over time, ensures that nothing remains static.

Along the way, as it becomes relevant, we are aware of what is happening in our Church at this particular time, sharing information and discussing understandings. e.g. The Plenary Council, Teachings of Pope Francis, the Diocesan Social Justice Commission etc.

Anne Smith, facilitator
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ST JOSEPH'S LODGE INC

St Joseph's Lodge Board of Management consists of retiring Chairperson, John Kelly, newly elected Chairperson Greg Hunter, Vice Chairperson Tony De Rossi, Treasurer Helen Polette, Manager/Secretary Maria Jackson and members Dorothy Field, Sheryl Dawson, Ian Skalko, Michael O'Dea and Ex Officio, Fr Christian Saminal OSJ, Parish Priest.

During the past 12 months the board has undertaken significant capital improvements to our buildings to the benefit of resident's comfort and current expectations. The Board has been able to follow through with these maintenance issues with confidence as our tenancy rate is currently 100% with waitlists of seven for leasehold and 20 for rentals. The maintenance included:

- Unit 4 - Floor coverings, interior painting and new air conditioner.
- Units 1-5 and Office – New ceiling insulation.
- Units 14-17 and Units 18-25 – Replacement of sewer pipes with special thanks to the Water Corporation and PB Bird Plumbing for their immediate attention in reducing inconvenience to those residents affected.
- Replacement of Site Main Switch Board fronting Aberdeen Street.
- Completion of the resurfacing of the visitor carpark adjacent to New Camfield using black asphalt.
- Karl from Albany Gardenworks has completed renovating the front garden and adjusted reticulation outlets.

The board has adopted policies and procedures to comply with the ATO Self-Governance Checklist for not-for-profit organisations, meeting obligations as a registered charity.

Morgan Charter continues to manage our annual financial reports, however due to unforeseen circumstances our books are audited by MacLeod Corporation who reported complimentary comments, especially referring to the quality attention to detail by Helen and Maria.

Once again on behalf of the board I wish to thank the Holy Family Parish for including St Joseph's Lodge as part of their parish website.

The board has been proactive in providing a Defibrillator for the use of our residents, Holy Family parish and the general public. It is pleasing to have the residents' hands on interest and involvement, also taking part in the initial training including CPR training exercises. During our attendance at the Residents Annual General meeting, I noted a high level of satisfaction with the management of the board and a number of personal thanks relating to Maria's friendly availability in meeting numerous daily requests.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to address our appreciation to our service providers for their professional attention in meeting St Joseph's Lodge maintenance requirements. These include electrical, plumbing, general maintenance and our common gardens. I would like to include in this reference a special thanks to Peter Jeffs who makes his time available when help is required.

May I pass on my thanks and gratitude to all present board members for their generosity of time and commitment to the good management of the board. All decisions have been made in the context of shared knowledge and respect for the benefit of the residents, and we have been rewarded with so many successful outcomes.

Our thanks to our Ex officio Fr Christian, who always reserves his time at our meetings amidst his very busy ministry to the Holy Family parish.

Before I conclude my report may I offer the boards respect and gratitude for the contribution Jim White has made to St Joseph's Lodge during his 16 year membership. I'm sure Jim's memories of his time would include some very interesting conversation.

An open invitation is extended to any prospective resident who wishes to gain more information about living at St Joseph's Lodge by phoning Maria on 9847 4303. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm.

John Kelly
Retiring Chairperson

CARE AND SUPPORT/ GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our small group which sadly getting smaller, has not had a very successful year.

Covid again has played a part, not only for those who we contact or visit but by our team as well.

In the Grief and Bereavement Ministry, there have, sadly, been several deaths in our Parish in the last few months. All the families of those who have lost loved ones have been contacted and offered our deepest sympathy, prayers and words of consolation and further visits, if they so wish. Only one though, has replied and been deeply touched and extremely grateful for reaching out, which is a comfort to us as a group.

Grief affects everyone in a unique way and we respect that. I pray that our prayers and offers of consolation and fellowship are nonetheless, a comfort to those we have approached in sincerity.

We are also, in our Care and Support Ministry, continue to reach out to the elderly and lonely in our Parish, as the need arises. This, too, is very rewarding and much appreciated by those who need help and friendship.

Something to live by:
KINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING,
YOU CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD
NEVER MIND THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
ALL YOU CAN DO IS LOOK TO YOUR LEFT
AND YOUR RIGHT AND TRY TO BE KIND
TO WHOEVER IS THERE.

God bless!

Colleen Purdon

CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. A keen group of our Albany members meet for prayer and to discuss client needs and issues once a fortnight at our depot in Chevalier St, to continue to address the needs of the disadvantaged in our community.

Last Christmas we gave out 110 hampers to needy families, enabled by two full ute loads of food donated by the St Joseph's College community, $2317.00 from generous parishioners and members of the public and some Albany businesses. This year we have already begun planning the hampers, but due to the present state of the Australian economy we have decided to prepare food only, that is, we will not include a gift for each child in the family, as in the past. We feel that in this way we can provide more of necessity to families.

Each month we interview up to one hundred clients at our offices, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Requests from as far afield as Narrogin, Kojonup, Tambellup and Ongerup keep coming in as there are no longer any services in these centres for those in need. Most clients need assistance with food and clothing, many need furniture, bedding and kitchen essentials and some help is offered for utility bills. Other particular requests are discussed at our meetings and clients assisted where possible.

To coincide with our Winter Appeal, the Albany Advertiser wrote an editorial on our need for all the above essentials, as our depot was almost completely empty……we have been amazed and extremely grateful for the very generous support received as our depot is now bursting at the seams. As well as contributions of blankets, bedding and food from St Joseph's College, we appreciated practical support from some of the staff. Contributing as the Christian Service component of their Staff Retreat, they donated their time to thoroughly clean four full packing boxes of shoes. Donations from parishioners amounted to $2832.00.

Being so busy, we would love some more volunteers to help us with our work here in Albany. Anyone interested may ring to make a time to come in, have a tour of the depot and stay awhile to observe what we do.

Anne Smith, President
bannesmith78@gmail.com

LITURGY COMMITTEE

2022 saw the lifting most of the Covid-19 restrictions including the lifting of the mandatory wearing of the masks. Everything goes back to the usual.

From the celebration of the Advent and Christmas in 2021 and Lent and Easter Triduum in 2022, everything went really well. All these huge gatherings plus our regular weekdays and weekend Masses are very well supported by those various ministries who worked really hard on the background: our deacons, acolytes, sacristans, altar servers, readers, various choir groups, collectors, PowerPoint operators, greeters, Church cleaners, Hospitality group, prayer groups, flower arranger, and Safeguarding Officer. For all your hard work and generosity, thank you so much. Each task and ministry is important and add a special ingredient in the liturgy as a whole.

We only had one formation session on liturgy this year that was led by Fr Joef, OSJ. Anyhow, this is something that may be focused on wholly in the next coming months.

Collection during offertory had also been discussed. There was an open discussion with regard to the essence of the Offertory during the Mass, which Angela Gorman gave a wonderful short presentation about its 'why's' and its importance in the Catholic liturgy and historicity. Since Fr Chris' time in Albany is already numbered, it has been decided by the body to remain on the *status quo*, but at the same time incorporate now the offering of the Bread and Wine to be included in the offertory of the collection. Likewise, names have been collected to create a pool of regular people who will be helping in the collection during the Mass.

Another thing was about the 'silence' before the Mass. It has been reminded by the Parish Pastoral Council to observe the silence in the church before the Mass, which had been suggested already at the beginning of this year during the Leadership Training Day. This 'silence' is the best way to dispose ourselves in preparation to receive Jesus in the Word and in the Eucharist. It is also the best time to be at peace with ourselves and take away all distractions that hinder us from recognising God's presence. As a gentle reminder, it is more about lowering down our voices and refraining ourselves from talking. However, this doesn't stop us from welcoming and greeting our friends, parishioners and visitors or even tuning our guitars for a few seconds as we usually do, provided we're still being respectful to those who are praying.

One more thing is about the PowerPoint Operators. We have just included in our roster three people to join this special group. Finally, we now have regular operators in all weekend Masses.

- 6pm—Lionel Horton
- 7:30am—Sasha Burns
- 9:30am—Sophie and Ruth Speldewinde/ Herbert Flores/ Wendy Nagon (depending on the set roster)
- 5:00pm—Anna Pauley

I would like to highly acknowledge our deacons, Rev. Manuel and Rev. Ron, and acolytes, Stan, John and Mike, who have been helping out our priests in serving our church and community through the Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

Most of all, I personally would like to thank Fr Joeff, OSJ who have been so generous to take over the parish while I was away during my long service leave. He has been so committed to the parish work and school, and assisted me in so many ways.

God bless everyone and thank you!

Fr Chris, OSJ

PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY

Holy Family Parish has 5 groups and 3 individuals who provide all of the music for the 4 masses every weekend, for special occasion liturgies, some school liturgies and other occasions upon request.

- St Joseph's Church 7.30am Choir - Yuliya Burns leading
  (Every Sunday)
- St Joseph's Church 5pm Choir - Lucyna Collins/Ana Pauley leading
  (Every Sunday)
- Holy Family Church Ladies Choir - Dorothy Field leading
  (2nd & 4th Sundays)
- Joseph Marello Choir (Children's Choir) - Angela Gorman leading
  (2nd Saturday, 3rd Sunday)
- Santo Nino Choir - Fe Navalta leading
  (1st and 5th Sundays, 3rd Saturday)
- Angela Gorman - on her own
  (1st Saturday)
- Sophia Sebarillo - on her own
  (4th Saturday)
- Lionel Horton - PPT operator every Saturday.
  (CD's on 5th Saturday)

Since our last report we have lost another choir – the St Joseph's College Choir. Sophia Sebarillo has been filling in every 4th Saturday of the month at the 6pm Mass.

Fe Navalta has put in a separate report for the SNC. Dorothy has asked for additional singers for her choir. Please consider committing to this choir. All choirs need support!

This year we had combined choirs for the Paschal Triduum, First Communion and Confirmation Masses. These included many rehearsals prior to the celebrations.

We continue to encourage the singing of the Psalm at all Sunday Masses. I also run rehearsal as requested for special occasion Liturgies. I am available

to provide resources for the Liturgical Seasons of Advent and Lent.

I would like to personally thank Yuliya Burns, Lucyna Collins, Anne Letter, Sophia Sebarillo, Fe Navalta and Dorothy Field and all of their choir members. We also thank Lionel Horton who provides music via CD's for the 5th Saturday of the month, Mass, runs the PowerPoint on Saturdays and assists us with any technical issues. Thanks also to Peter and Wendy Nagon and Peter Yuswak for their assistance in creating and/or running PowerPoint presentations.

Thank you and God bless.

Angela Gorman
Music Ministry Coordinator

STO NINO CHOIR

Thank God, He helped us through the Covid-19 pandemic years which has now become endemic and letting us adapt into the new normal ways of our lives. There's a lot of joyous reasons after all the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have been lifted. We have our freedom back to celebrate with the Lord in our own humble ways.

The Sto Nino Choir became busy once again getting involved in the church's activities along with the other choirs of our church especially during Confirmation Mass in August. Luckily, Gary Garcia was able to join us, in spite of the busyness of his schedule.

It's back to the regular schedule in singing during the Mass and choir practices in between to hone further the beautiful voices of the members.

Notwithstanding their busy lives, the Delima Familoy have shared their time and talent with the choir, Rogene and son, John, alternated playing drums, while Kirly is on guitar.

Mark Collins, as St Joseph's College teacher, also shares his guitar expertise with the choir every now and then.

Fe Golden has finally joined the choir regularly now, adding her wonderful voice to the group.

Moreover, it may have been late, but finally we now have the image of the Sto Nino to be enthroned in Holy Family on Sunday, 16 October to commemorate the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines.

Lastly, the Sto Nino Choir has been tasked to organise and coordinate the visit of the Philippine Honorary Consul in Perth, Atty. Virma Symons, to Albany. She will be meeting some local government officials and most especially the Filipino community in New Camfield on Saturday, 19 November at 11:30am.

God bless us all!

Rev. Manuel & Fe Navalta

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY

This special ministry in our parish community brings to our consciousness to reflect on the Gospel of Matthew 25: 36-40, "'I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ...And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" This is the guiding principle of this ministry.

The Catholic Church has two allocated days in visiting the prison—first and fifth Sunday of the month. During the visit, we organise bible sharing and liturgy with the inmates, chat with them, sing with them and most especially listen to their stories as well.

However, when Covid hit us in 2020, everything stopped. Catholic Prison Volunteers were not allowed to continue their ministry until now due to some outstanding restrictions from outsiders. The other challenge in this ministry at the moment is, because majority of the volunteers are already in the retiring age and with the advent of new policies pertaining to safety, it is now considered as hazard for our elderly volunteers to visit the prison.

At this time, we will wait until further notice on this regard.

Anyhow, I still visit the prison on a weekly basis where he also organises a liturgy and bible service on Wednesdays, and continue to offer pastoral services and support to our brother inmates.

This is a wonderful ministry. So, if you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

Fr Chris, OSJ

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH GROUP

The Holy Family youth Group (HFYG) is a place where EVERYONE is welcome!!!!!!!!

The aim of the HFYG is to provide young people with a place to go where they are able to:

- Share time with friends
- Meet new people
- Develop spiritually
- Feel safe and welcome
- Have fun and spread happiness
- Strengthen their relationship with God
- Feel at home in the Church

At the commencement of 2022, there was much excitement about the plans for the Holy Family Youth Group. Mark Browning, the principal of St Joseph's College, had been very generous with his time discussing potential activities for the youth group and how to maintain contact with the youth at St Joseph's College. Regular times had been arranged to come in and speak to classes and it was all systems go. Unfortunately, just as we were about to start another fun filled year, covid hit again. Restriction came into place in regard to the movement of visitors in and out of the school, mask requirements and the general apprehension about keeping our young people safe made it difficult for the youth group to begin for the year. So, the Holy Family Youth was put on hold. As they year progressed, each term was assessed according to the risk management involved with Covid.

However, at this moment, we are happy to say that in Term 4 we will recommence the regular meeting of the youth group. For Term 4 our main aim is to reconnect with our already established members who are now in Year 7 and 8, and train them as leaders for 2023.

Looking forward to 2023, we are endeavouring for the young people of our parish to create a garden located at the rear of the Church. For anyone who has attended the annual Christmas BBQs, this space is a fantastic area for the parish to gather, using the large tree for shade and a focal point for celebrations. With the help of the parish we will be fundraising by collecting cans and bottles to fund the garden, focusing on sustainability, using native

flowering plants that have the dual purpose of a shared garden as well as cut flowers for the church.

Please keep our youth in your prayer.

Simone Meuzelaar
Youth Co-Ordinator

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our aim in life is too be working for the good of all !

CWL's year 2022, has been a struggle once again to continue our little group. The pandemic has been mild within our ranks, Thank God! But we are an aging group and numbers are depleting within the active group. Membership is 10 active and 8 non-active. Unlike most of the group's within our Parish. We are a strong community of like-wise ladies with the believe that just a little good deed for the betterment of all, is better than none at all. Member Julia Miller was nominated for all her long standing work within the community of Albany in the Australia Day Awards. Julia was not a winner but in our eyes her has stood out for many years, giving to more than one charity and tirelessly with a smile, congratulations Julia. We have donated once again during the year to a long list of local charities [a list included] and sent money to CWL WA for their priority donations each year, this highlight is for 2022 Domestic Violence and Homelessness.

A high point for us this year was the bench seat, built by the students of St. Joseph's College, manual art department for us. We are very proud of their effects and the seat sits proudly on the lawn at St Joseph's Church. We hope to raise enough money again by summer next year, to have another one erected there too. Activities for the group during this year have that we attended the World Day of Peace 22, Due to numbers unavailable we did not do a WUCWO day, but sent our donation to State. Joined in with the Holy Family Sewing Group and held a morning tea for Mother's Day 22. We thank the sewing group that provided the very large decorated cake for the day. Left- over cake was taken to N.C.H. And those who had meetings or children's religious studies that week, had a special treat.

All state meetings were held by zoom this year, thus no travelling. The state annual meeting is to be held on the 21st October 22. We hope some members will attend. Our August meeting was a fund-raiser with a Bring & Buy, inviting all members of the Parish. This simply is a fund-raiser day mixed with a social afternoon tea, with a open invite to all the ladies of the Parish. Unfortunately we had only one guest attend. It was a successful day, raising about $170.00 towards our funds for the year. Many thanks to the very generous members. This year we have not had a President so Helen Anderson and Colleen Purdon have stepped up to help myself as Secretary and Julie Jeffs the Treasurer. Our members are also very involved within the Parish community and share their God given talents, in which we thank them dearly.

I quote from last years AGM booklet...
“Let the Holy Family encourage us, that as we open the ordinariness of our lives and relationship to his grace, God can bring about his saving plan.”

On behalf of the CWL Albany members.
Jenny Dul
Secretary

Donations for 2022 so far are as followed:

- Seminary Fund of Bunbury.
- WUWCO Day.
- St. Joseph' College Book Prize.
- Hope of Tarakea. In Dec.
- Stella Maris for Seafarers. In Dec.
- Linda's House of Hope. In Dec.
- CWL Albany donation for State Raffle.
- Grandparents with Children
- Items donated for the Share the Dignity.
- Money & Items donated to St. Vinnies Appeals.
- Donation to the Parish for the use of NCH.

LEGION OF MARY

Name of Praesidium……..Our Lady of Grace
Location, Date and Time of meeting……New Camfield, every Thursday, 1pm
Spiritual Director……Fr. Joeff Arceta OSJ
President……..Sr. Anne Letter
Vice President……..Sr. Christina Cameron
Secretary……..Sr. Wilma Ward
Treasurer……..Sr. Cirila Adams
Members……..Br. Julian Letter
Sr. Kath Trafalski
Sr. Rosa La Rosa
Sr. Josephine Webse

Holy Family Parish Albany has two priests who are very supportive of Legion of Mary. Thank you to Fr. Chris Saminal OSJ and Fr. Joeff Arceta OSJ

Aside from the regular acts of piety that we do, there are many apostolates in the parish that we are involved with including:

- Visiting and attendance at Masses at 5 nursing home in our area: Clarence Estate, Craig-Care, Bethel Baptist Home, Annie Byson Home and Gwen Hardie Lodge. Visiting parishioners homes and auxiliary members. COVID has meant that we have not been able to visit as often but have had to do phone calls often.

- Organising and delivering pilgrim statues to parishioners homes each week.

- Making rosaries for the missions for free distribution.

- Assisting with the cups of tea at both churches on Sundays.

- Responsible for the organising the cleaning roster for St. Joseph's church, relying on the help from parishioners.

- In March approximately 35 members and parishioners attended our annual A.C.I.E.S in St. Joseph's church.

- Delivering Christmas and Easter Mass timetables to various tourist destinations in and around Albany.

- Responsible for the Piety Stall in St. Joseph's Church and Holy Family Church which financially supports our parish

- Responsible in praying the Rosary during the months of may and October both in St. Joseph's Church and Holy Family Church

Anyone wishing to join our Legion would be most welcome to join in our apostolate.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have helped in so many ways. We would not be able to function and continue with our works without your help.

Anne Letter
President
Our Lady of Grace Praesidium
Albany

HOPE OF TARAKEA

Hope of Tarakea is a parish group created in 2010 to support the educational needs of orphans in Tanzania. The group was formed after parishioners and past parish priest Fr Msami, visited the village of Tarakea in 2009. St Pius X Parish in Tarakea has a fund established to support the education of the orphans within their community. Parish volunteers visit the orphans and their guardians, and then meet with local priest Fr Msafiri, to prioritise those in greatest need.

As part of my role within Hope of Tarakea, my husband Steve and I travelled to Tarakea in July this year, where we were fortunate to meet with 10 of the orphans. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to each child individually, learn about their goals and needs, and offer more personalised support. It's a common misconception that the children live in an orphanage, however they are cared for and live with members of their extended families – aunts, uncles, grandparents and sometimes even St Pius X parishioners. In most circumstances their guardians don't have the funds or capacity to provide for the children's educational needs. It's important therefore for us to meet with Fr Msafiri and the volunteers who visit the orphans, to discuss how to best assist each child.

I'd like to share with you a little about the story of 2 of the orphans we spoke with. We first met Frederick in 2017 when he was in secondary school. Frederick is now studying (ICT) Information Communications Technology at the Arusha Institute of Accounting. He is currently completing a 3-month Internship at United Nations, Arusha which he applied for himself and was proud to show us his acceptance letter. He is also hopeful that he may gain employment there at the completion of his studies. When he returns to college, he will have to find rental accommodation in Arusha as you are only allowed to live on campus during your first year of study. He requested a laptop which would be extremely beneficial for his course, but understands he will have to wait, with the possibility of obtaining one second hand.

Godfrey is another of the orphans who was sponsored and completed his schooling in 2014. Godfrey is now leasing a shop from a previous employer and is in a profit-share arrangement with him. He also rents a motorbike on daily hire and takes customers for trips down to the Kenya border for additional income. He is living with his partner, Happiness and their two children Newton aged 1 and Gladstone aged 3 years. Godfrey has pigeons which he sells as pets, and also raises chickens to sell. As such he has several

different income streams which has allowed him to save and purchase bricks to build a new house. Within the last few weeks, I've received photos showing the first bricks for his house have been laid. It is our aim that all children sponsored will be able to support themselves and their families in the future and Godfrey is a great example of what can be achieved.

It's been 12 years since Hope of Tarakea began, and many of the children we've been supporting have now reached secondary school, college, or university. This in turn means an increase in fees for secondary and tertiary education. We currently have 14 sponsors contributing and would love to increase our sponsor numbers.

Hope of Tarakea gratefully accepts contributions made as a one-off donation or via annual sponsorship of $250. This covers the cost of the child's education, including school fees, uniforms, and stationery. Sponsorship is due annually in October and transferred to Tarakea at the start of each year to coincide with the due date of school fees. Donations can be made via EFT (online banking), or cheque made payable to Hope of Tarakea.

On the 12thJanuary, an international bank transfer of $11,000 was made from Hope of Tarakea, to enable the payment of school fees for the current year. Many within the Holy Family Parish community have given generously, including the CWL and Knights of the Southern Cross. We are sincerely grateful for your continued support.

You can find further information, photos, and reflections on the many visits to Tarakea on our website: hopeoftarakea.blogspot.com/

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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

After nearly two years since the first discussion of formalizing a Hospitality Ministry it was finally officially formed in October 2021 (COVID-19 was the reason for postponing). Gathered together, Building community, this is the essence of the Hospitality Ministry. We are here to serve not to be served and there are so many aspects of parish life that we need volunteers to be involved in to ensure that all the details of being a community are attended to. Everything we do is in the name of Jesus.

Under the Hospitality banner we include:

Greeters at Mass - people who are friendly and welcoming, interested in making newcomers feel happy and comfortable. Aware of regular church goers and therefore able to recognize who is new to our parish. Thanks to those who are there week after week spreading the good news.

Functions/Sunday morning tea - there are times during the year that we are gathered together where food, drink and fellowship are part of this. We need people willing to organize and coordinate these and have helpers to set up and clean up.

Church Cleaners – clean St Joseph's and Holy Family Church. COVID-19 created some extra steps to keeping our churches clean and parishioners safe in that everyone was responsible for cleaning the pews where they had been. Thanks to the Legion of Mary for ensuring the St Joseph's Church cleaning roster is kept up to date. Holy Family Church have two groups of people who are rostered to clean.

Activities

Affirmation Mass of the YouthCARE Chaplains, Sunday 27 March, 5pm Holy Family Church (COVID restrictions in place at the time and all Masses were held at Holy Family Church). Followed by a meal and fellowship. This went well and those present (21 guests) were impressed by the "spread" afterwards. Thanks to Fr Chris and Simone Meuzelaar for the work they did to ensure the evening was a success.

Sunday Mass Morning Tea, Holy Family Church – after a COVID hiatus this returned on Father's Day**,** 4 September. We have a full roster of volunteers who once a month prepare, serve, and clean up. Weather permitting, morning

tea is now served outside the front doors under the porch, and this has been made easier with the addition of a three-tiered trolley and picnic table.

Sunday Morning Tea, St Joseph's Church, 7.30am Mass – this has yet to return. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would be happy to be rostered on to set up, serve and clean up New Camfield before & after. Contact the office if you would like to be part of this.

Hospitality (the act of being friendly and welcoming to all) is something that all parishioners can be involved in, whether it is just a smile at those you see at church or being involved more formally in one of the many opportunities we have during the year, your participation has a positive impact on those around you and yourself. Creating an inviting space for fellowship and an opportunity to share food, drink and our faith is important.

We, the laity, are called to contribute to the life of the Parish community itself and the Hospitality Ministry is just one of many opportunities the Parish offers parishioners to use their gifts and talents for the good of our community.

Helen Anderson

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Introduction

We continue to meet monthly on every first Wednesday of the month. A feature of our meetings is the 'Formation' programme which is a spiritual reflection and discussion session - this year the theme topic has been 'Synodality'.

We also enter into discussion on topics from the 'Right to Life' newsletters, which this year have been mainly on 'abortion' and 'euthanasia' (voluntary assisted dying).

Our meetings commence with Mass and conclude with fellowship.

Membership

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the death of our member of 42 years, Brian O'Callaghan. He died on 17th June 2022 and his funeral was at Holy Family Church on 30th June at which most of our members attended.

Two wives of members also died during the year: Kerry, wife of Mike Matusiak died on 21st January 2022. And Norma, wife of former member, Jim Doyle (dcd.), died on 5th June 2022.

On a lighter note, Lorna Mullally, mother of member Shawn, turned 100 years of age on 14th August 2022.

Functions Projects and Activities

We continue to honour our annual commitment of sponsoring the St. Joseph's College 'Christian Citizenship Awards', and attend Graduation Night (each October) to make the presentation.

We also continue to honour our annual commitment of sponsoring the Catholic education of Tanzanian orphans in the village of Tarakea with a set contribution in October each year.

Our members also continue to retain their annual membership with the 'Right to Life Association' by payment of the relevant fees, supplemented with an additional donation.

On the weekend of 18th and 19th December2021, the branch arranged for the installation of two (Right to Life) 'Pro-Life Plaques'. They were installed and blessed at the entrance of both churches. The statement on the plaques reads :

" We believe in the sanctity of human life from conception to its natural end "

Branch Secretary represented our members at the 100th Anniversary Function of our Order in Perth on 12th Feb. 2022. The WA Order of the KSC was founded in Perth in February 1922. The function commenced with a Centennial Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Perth with other Bishops as co-celebrants.

Three members of our branch tuned in to the SW branch Webinar presentation on 29/4/22. It was mainly on the complexities of sexuality and gender identification.

KSC Columbarium - Wall of Remembrance : The semi-circle of olive trees were pruned by members at the busy bee on Sun. 12th Dec. 2021. To date there are 14 interments, 2 pending, and 8 reserved niches.

In conclusion, gratitude is extended to our branch chaplain, PP Fr. Chris, for making himself available to celebrate Mass prior to commencement of each meeting.

Mike Matusiak
Branch Secretary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We started the year with renewed enthusiasm by moving our meetings to New Camfield. By having more room has helped to create a more relaxed atmosphere. Changing our format has resulted in renewed interest with our average attendance at meetings up by three on the previous year.

In April we celebrated our seventh anniversary with a very special breakfast. Four of the original foundation members were in attendance. Over the years we have been involved in a number of parish projects of various types and had one or two, family meetings each year. We looked back to see what we have learnt from past experiences and how we can grow in faith together and support each other in the future.

Our guest speakers included a retired priest who spoke on how he came to the faith, highlights of his ministry and what he does to keep the faith. Another speaker spoke on his missionary work in Morocco and how he integrates it with his paragliding business. Subjects covered by guest speakers also included a selection of passages taken from the writings of Luisa Piccarreta, 'The Little Daughter of the Divine Will' and the support of the Sea Farers. While some of our discussions involved the history of Divine Mercy and the benefits men gain from being part of a Catholic Men's Group.

We were blessed with comradeship and support at our very enjoyable end of year barbecue, with Father Christian, our wives and partners.

A very sincere thank you to all our active members who give their time to help make our meetings so spiritual, educational and rewarding.

Our core group is bonding well and with the addition of some new faces during the year, augers well for the future.

Michael Collins
Co-ordinator

PARISH SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM

The Safeguarding Program was introduced into the Bunbury Diocese in 2018. Creating a safe church involves active participation and responsibility by all leaders, clergy, church workers, and the wider parish community including parents and families, who are encouraged to talk to their children about the Safeguarding Program.

The role of Parish Safeguarding Officers is to implement the safeguarding policy and procedures, but it is more than making sure that forms are filled out and checks are in place. We are your point of contact to respond to any safeguarding concerns or issues within the parish. Safeguarding posters are displayed in both churches with our contact details, which you will also find in the parish bulletin.

Our parish website includes information about the safeguarding program. Safeguarding forms can be downloaded, including the Parental Consent form along with the Safeguarding Handbook. It is a requirement of the following roles within the parish, to hold a current WWC card and have completed Safeguarding Forms 2 and 18: Priests, Deacons, Acolytes, EMHC, Youth Group coordinator and leaders, Children's Choir leaders, Catechists, and Children's Liturgy leaders.

All parishes are required to undergo an annual self-audit which ensures that the relevant Safeguarding policy and procedures are followed. Fr Christian and both safeguarding officers conducted the Parish Self-Audit in February this year, which was then submitted to the Safeguarding Coordinator at the Bunbury Diocese office.

Safeguarding Sunday was held throughout the Bunbury Diocese on September 11 to coincide with Child Protection Week. Special intentions were included in the Prayer of the Faithful and the Safeguarding Prayer was in the parish bulletin.

Holy Family Parish is committed to the fundamental belief that all children, young people, and vulnerable individuals have the right to feel safe at all times. We look forward to continuing working together to support Holy Family Parish being a welcoming, safe, and caring environment.

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Parish Safeguarding Officers
albanycatholicparish.org.au/safeguarding/

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP

This group use to meet on Thursday night at New Camfield but due to the COVID pandemic has been in recess for quite some time.

We are just ordinary people who have the need to share our faith in our loving God with each other. We believe in the power of sincere prayer. In our meetings we also listen to the word of God in Gospels and encourage each other to live what Jesus is teaching us.

Is this something you would be interested in? We are looking at recommencing but changing the meeting time to during the day (possibly afternoon) rather than at night, still at New Camfield. Please contact the office and leave your details if you would like to know more or would like to be part of this.

We warmly welcome anyone who has the desire to pray and worship God and join us in our fellowship.

Agnes and Hans Fleck

SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Sewing and Craft Group started on Monday June 24th, 2013. We provide an opportunity for Parishioners and their friends to get together for fellowship and to spend time working on their own sewing/craft projects, exchanging ideas, sharing their skills, or working on projects for others. There is no commitment to how often you come or how long you stay on the night. We love seeing new faces and enjoy seeing what people have created!

WHEN: The second and fourth Monday of each month
WHERE: New Camfield
TIME: 7.00pm – 10.00pm
WHO: All are welcome
COST: Gold coin donation, supper provided

This year has been a little like last year and we have been a bit ad hoc in meeting up (COVID and winter breaks). There is a core group that look forward to getting together. The atmosphere is always very welcoming.

Donation

The group, in partnership with CWL, assisted with a Mother's Day morning tea after the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday May 8 and donated a large chocolate mud cake for the celebration.

Upcoming Projects

We are working on having a Saturday morning mending/repair session for anyone to come along and bring their items and spend the time to get the job done or ask for help if they can't do it themselves. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for details or call the numbers below if you would like to know more.

Resources

We have several resources that can be used including yarn, fabric, cutting board, rulers & rotary cutter.

For further information contact
Helen Anderson on 0427 10 88 10 or Andrea Parker 0409 448 378.

STELLA MARIS, APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Stella Maris Centre is currently open and running smoothly. Shore Passes are supplied by the Port Authority for those crew members who would like to go ashore to do their shopping. Unvaccinated crew members are still not allowed to come off the boad. So, for those crew (if they supply a list), we will do the shopping for them and deliver them all to the ship.

Mass On-Board and blessing of the ship is still needed. As soon as know who is replacing Father Chris, the arrangement can be done.

In July, we celebrated World Seafarers Sunday. So, we give thanks the generosity of the congregation for the support of the Apostleship of the Sea and the needs of the seafarers.

Stella Maris, represented by Marilou and Fr Chris, is now a member of the Australian Seafarers Welfare Council that is run by the Port Welfare Committee in Albany. This special committee provides support to the welfare of the many seafarers who enter Albany each year and consist of representatives from welfare providers, industry, government, seafarers and unions, with a common goal of providing quality seafarers welfare facilities in our Port.

Marilou Lomas
Centre Manager

ALBANY CHRISTIAN LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

This is a gathering of leaders, elders and pastors from various Christian denominations in Albany. This ecumenical group focuses on creating a harmonious relationship between Christian churches without interfering to their own particular practices of faith. At the same time, it aims to protect, guard and share the Gospel values and teachings of Christ to the wider community of Albany.

I have been a member of this group for more than three years now representing the Catholic community. We gather every first Wednesday of the month, sharing our sorrows and joys in the ministry, praying together and supporting one another. Moreover, this group also support the chaplaincy of the YouthCare in all the state schools in the Great Southern and surrounding regions, wherein we have welcomed them during the Affirmation Sunday in March in Holy Family Church.

Fr Chris, OSJ

OUTLYING COMMUNITIES

Bremer Bay
We celebrate Mass in Bremer Bay every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30AM. Anne Shields is the main coordinator of the church and the accommodation.

Gnowangeup
We would like to thank Tom McInerney and his council for looking after the church in Gnowangerup. Aside from him, we have Zaldy Lorzano as vice-chairperson and Eliz Poll as member and in-charge of the Liturgy. On Finance, we have Kate Oliver and Larissa Maria McInerney.

Priests from Albany would celebrate the Mass in Gnowangerup every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

Ongerup
At the moment, we also had a little bit of recess in Ongerup because the Mass attendees would usually go away especially during the winter season. We visit the place every 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30AM.

Jerramungup
We didn't have any sacramental programmes this time, as the pandemic hit badly everything. Hopefully next year, we will be able to organise this once again.

Do Everything Without Grumbling

"Therefore, my dear friends,
as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence,
but now much more in my absence—continue to work out
your salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order
to fulfil his good purpose.
Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
so that you may become blameless and pure,
"children of God without fault in a warped
and crooked generation."
Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ,
as you hold firmly to the word of life.
And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ
that I did not run or labour in vain.
But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering
on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith,
I am glad and rejoice with all of you.
So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:12-18

ABOUT THE OBLATES OF ST. JOSEPH...

The Oblates of St. Joseph is a Catholic religious institute founded in 1878 by St. Joseph Marello. The institute has provinces or delegations in Italy, the Philippines, the United States, México, Perú, Brazil, Bolivia, India, Poland, Nigeria, Indonesia and Mozambique. The congregation also has members present in Australia and Indonesia. Professed members of the Oblates of St. Joseph use the post-nominal letters "O.S.J.," which corresponds to the Latin title of the institute.

Joseph Marello's original intent was to found a simple association of men dedicated to a common spirituality, serving the local church in catechesis and assisting local clergy but not publicly professing canonical vows in a religious institute. On March 14, 1878, he opened a house for what he called the "Company of St. Joseph" and invited four candidates to be members. By 1883, the Company had begun accepting candidates for the priesthood along with candidates to be lay brothers. Eventually the Company of St. Joseph would become known as the Oblates of St. Joseph. On September 15, 1921, the Oblates of St. Joseph received approval as an international institute of pontifical status.

The principal apostolate of the Oblates of St. Joseph is to work with the youth and the poor. However, Joseph Marello's original plan was to have the Oblates serve in whatever capacity the local bishop deemed necessary, so long as it was consistent with the spirituality and life of the Oblates. In the present day, the Oblates serve in many different capacities, depending upon the needs of the bishops where they serve. Common apostolates include education and catechesis of youth, care for the elderlies, parish ministries, serving the poor and underprivileged and orphanages.

“This is our mission:
to make the doctrine of Christ known, loved and lived.”
- Saint Joseph Marello

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Holy Family Church

(Cnr Martin & Hardie Rd, Spencer Park)
Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.00pm;
Sunday Mass - 9.30am;
Sunday, Children's Liturgy - 9.30am

St Joseph Church

(154 Aberdeen Street, near the town)
Sunday Masses: 7.30am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses At St Joseph Church:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - 9am
- Friday - 12noon

Lauds (Morning Prayer) before the Mass - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am

Rosary before the Mass - Tuesday at 8:30am

Healing Mass - 1st Friday of the month at 12 noon

Holy Hour & Benediction - 1st Thursday of the Month at 6pm

Reconciliation - Every Saturday after 9am Mass or by appointment at the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction - Every Friday at 10am until before the 12noon Mass.

Rosary and Benediction - 3rd Sunday of the Month at 3pm.

Sick Call - Anytime especially if it is emergency or by appointment.

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Simple Chat/ Counselling
By appointment at the parish office with the approval of the parish priest.

Mass Stations

ONGERUP - St Joseph Church — 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am
BREMER BAY - Holy Cross Church — 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am
GNOWANGERUP - St John Vianney Church —2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am