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'Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.'

Psalm 30:4

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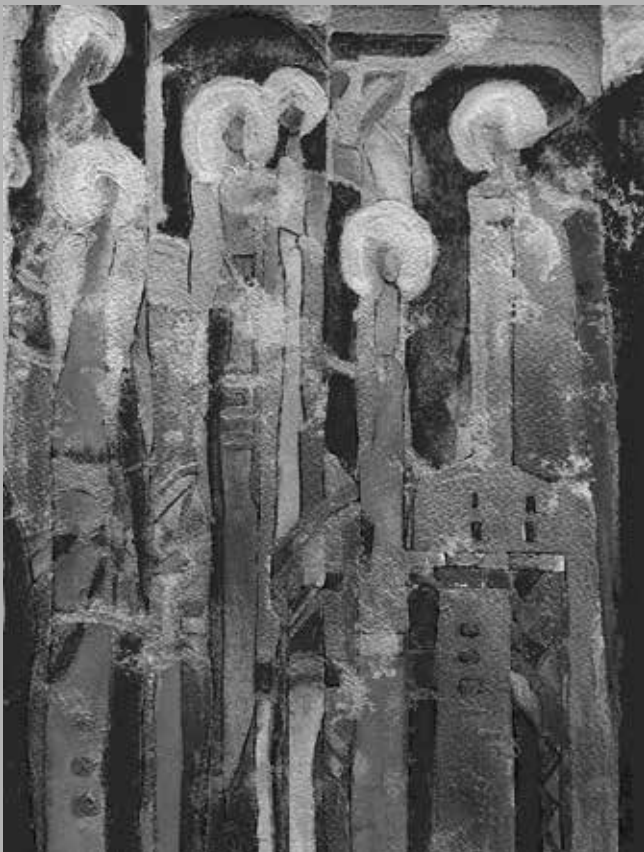
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To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth



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Come, Holy Spirit!

Give us new confidence in your grace,
new words for the mission we share,
new strength to go where you send us,
new spring in our step, as we set out
to spread our faith in changing times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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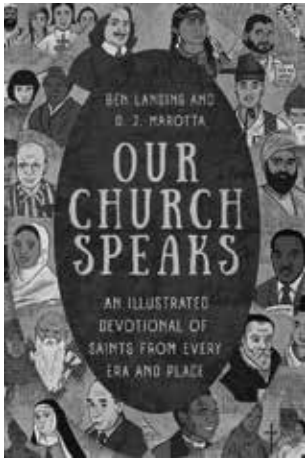
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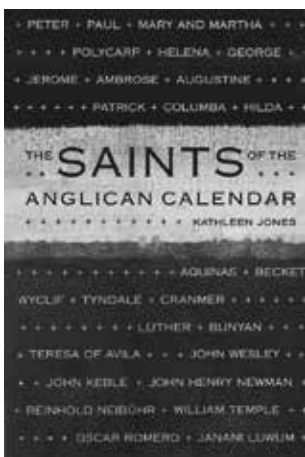
Though the Communion of Saints is most often associated with All Saints' Day in November, this June edition invites us to remember that holiness is not reserved for the end of the liturgical year.

Sanctity is often discovered in the ordinary rhythms of faithfulness: in daily prayer, quiet service, steadfast witness and life 'in the middle of things' – even in the middle of the year. June itself is richly populated with saints from across centuries, continents and Christian traditions: John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Columba and Alban, Cyril of Alexandria, Boniface of Mainz, Anthony of Padua, the Martyrs of Uganda, John XXIII, Janani Luwum and Evelyn Underhill. Their lives remind us that the Communion of Saints is not distant from us but surrounds and accompanies the Church in every season.

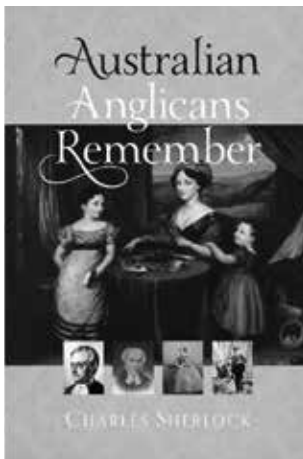
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Do you ever feel like you're alone in your struggles to live out the Christian faith? Do you ever read the Bible yet still wonder what it looks like to follow Jesus in the complexity and difficulty of our time? The stories of great men and women throughout the history of the church can help us form a bridge between the teaching of Scripture and our embodied lives. *Our Church Speaks: An Illustrated Devotional of Saints from Every Era and Place* is an illustrated devotional that vividly depicts the lives and words of great women and men of faith. Artist and deacon Ben Lansing and priest D J Marotta offer fifty-two profound images and reflections on Christians, from Polycarp in the first century to the martyrs of Sudan in the twenty-first century. These saints, from every continent and century of church history, demonstrate the historic church's relevance for Christians today and reveal God's faithfulness in all times and circumstances. The artwork, biographies, devotionals, and prayers in this book are meant to spark our imaginations, helping us to be faithful here and now, in our own age.



The Saints of the Anglican Calendar by Kathleen Jones introduces us to the 232 men and women who are commemorated in the Common Worship Calendar. Nearly five hundred years after the Reformation, the Church of England is coming to a fuller appreciation of the saints, and their contribution to our spiritual heritage. Medieval accounts of saints' lives were often marred by confusion and contradictory oral traditions, the writers' desire to tell an edifying story, and the exploitation of the commercial opportunities of pilgrim shrines. Embellished with improbable miracles and unlikely legends, these accounts made the saints seem remote and unbelievable figures, but recent theological scholarship has cleared away the accretions of centuries, enabling us to see the saints as real people who faced up to the challenge of living out the Christian faith, often in conditions of great difficulty or danger - and who made mistakes like everyone else. This lively and informative volume presents the experience of men and women from the days of the early Church to modern times - people from many walks of life, including some from other Christian traditions. They represent the 'great cloud of witnesses' who enrich our understanding of the Christian faith, endow us with a legacy of two thousand years of Christian values in action, and inspire us to walk faithfully in the way of Christ.



Many Australian Christians know little of the numerous others in this country who, by God's grace, were effective witnesses to Christ. In *An Australian Prayer Book* (1977), a few local festivals were included, but not Australian people. In *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995), the Calendar included a dozen or more people in whose lives God's grace was so evident that they are commemorated in some part of this land. *Australian Anglicans Remember* by The Revd Dr Charles Sherlock covers all Australian and New Zealand commemorations listed in APBA.



Exciting Holiness by Brother Tristram SSF and Simon Kershaw is a convenient companion to the Calendar for Anglicans throughout Britain and Ireland. A complete resource for Eucharistic worship on all festivals and feast days, it remains the only volume of its kind, providing prayers and Scripture readings for each day of the Calendars of the Church of England, the Church of Ireland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church in Wales. For each figure commemorated, *Exciting Holiness* offers a short biography explaining how the individual inspires us to holy living. For those celebrated with a Festival or Lesser Festival, it also offers a Collect, Bible readings written out in full, Responsorial Psalm and a Post Communion prayer.



Blessing the Plough in the Avon Valley

Despite early concerns as to availability and price of fuel and fertiliser, local farmers in the Avon Valley took advantage of earlier rains to commence planting crops of canola, oats, barley, wheat, and lupins. Alongside this activity there have been opportunities provided to local farmers and residents to acknowledge their dependence upon the Divine in the greater order of food production and so pray for a good season.

The local priest, The Revd Canon Philip Raymont, conducted five Blessing of the Plough services during May, including those at the Baptistcare Balladong Gardens Aged Care Home in York, and the Baptistcare Kalkarni Gardens Aged Care Home in Brookton.



After the service, a typical rural “bring and share” lunch was enjoyed. At Faith’s Church, Quairading, a small garden one furrow plough was blessed at the 5.30pm service on Saturday, 16 May. On Sunday, 17 May an eight-furrow mouldboard plough and seed were blessed by Bishop Kate Wilmot at St Andrew’s Church, Greenhills, in the Parish of York. Bishop Kate was visiting the parish to baptise one adult, confirm that adult alongside two others, and to receive into the Anglican Church of Australia another person. After these liturgical celebrations many of the congregation adjourned to the nearby White Gum Farm for lunch.



Meanwhile at the 10.00am service on Sunday, 10 May at the Church of St John in the Wilderness, The Dale, in the Parish of Beverley-Brookton, a one-furrow handheld mouldboard plough drawn by a 65 horsepower Massey Ferguson Tractor, provided the opportunity for the plough, and the oats, wheat and barley seed to be blessed, and the seed to be planted and watered.



While it is unlikely that any ploughs were in action this planting season, maintaining such a tradition as the Service of The Blessing of the Plough reminds us of our need to give thanks to God for the goodness of creation and to pray for our proper care of natural resources.

Writing in *The Anglican Focus*, the Diocesan Newsletter of the Diocese of Brisbane, in August, 2022, after having conducted the Blessing of the Plough ceremony at the Brisbane Exhibition (“The Ekka”), the equivalent of the

Perth Royal Show, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall noted "It is spiritually important to remind ourselves about where our daily food comes from and about the work of the people who help produce it. With an abundance of produce and other foodstuffs in our supermarkets, as well as fast food, take-aways and home deliveries, we can easily forget the gift of fertile soil, the sowing of seed, the raising of livestock, the seasons and the necessity of rain, the harvest, and the transfer of produce to market, all so that we can eat and drink."

As the Archbishop concluded his reflection, we do well to pause to give thanks to God for the wonder of creation and for daily food, homes, families, and friends: "The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. For this food and for every gift which comes from you, O God, we bless your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Might that, and the following, prayer, which was offered at all the services in the Avon Valley, be one for all, be they farmers, gardeners or not:

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
for in your abundant care you have given us fertile
land,
rich soil, the seasons in their courses.
You provide seed for sowing, water, light and
warmth
to bring forth the miracle of growth.
You give us skill to work the land,
to prepare and nourish it, that it may be fruitful.
By your blessing, let this plough be a sign of all
that you promise to us.
Prosper the work of our hands, and provide
abundant crops for your people to share.*

*Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.*

*God speed the plough.
God speed the plough.*

SYNOD 2026

Friday 16 October and Saturday 17 October

Friday 16 October

**6.30pm Eucharist
St George's Cathedral**
followed by the
**First Sitting of the Second Session
of the Fifty-Second Synod**
including the President's Address

Saturday 17 October

**9.00am - Second Sitting of the
Second Session of the Fifty-Second Synod**
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges
46-54 Marine Terrace, Fremantle
Please note: Lay Conference at 8.00am

DEADLINES for SYNOD BUSINESS

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to be received by the Legislation Committee
at Diocesan Office by 5.00pm **on Friday 10 July 2026**

EARLY MOTIONS

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EARLY QUESTIONS

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Pilgrimage of Joy

CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Christ Church Grammar School was honoured to play a meaningful role in the Anglican Diocese of Perth's Pilgrimage of Joy, welcoming Assistant Bishop, The Right Reverend Hans Christiansen, during his four-day journey connecting Anglican schools across the city.



More than simply a physical journey, the pilgrimage represented an opportunity for Anglican schools to reconnect with their shared identity and consider how joy can be lived out within communities through compassion, connection, and collective purpose.

Bishop Hans arrived at Christ Church alongside our boarders and friends from St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls, where he was warmly welcomed by students and staff. His visit created a unique opportunity for the School community to pause amid the busyness of school life and reflect on the values that unite us - faith, service, gratitude, and fellowship.

The visit was marked by a special Boarders and Community Service held in the School Chapel, attended by members of the Christ Church community. The gathering provided an opportunity for students, families, and staff to come together in worship and reflection,

recognising the importance of community and shared purpose within Anglican education.

After spending the night sleeping in the Chapel, Bishop Hans joined the School the following morning as a special guest at the Senior School Assembly. Speaking to students, he reflected on the deeper meaning of pilgrimage, and the role joy plays within faith and everyday life. He noted that joy is mentioned more than 180 times throughout the Bible, reminding students that joy is not simply a fleeting emotion, but something grounded in hope, connection, and service to others.

A particularly meaningful symbol throughout the pilgrimage was the shell Bishop Hans wore around his neck and carried on his backpack. He explained that historically, shells have been worn by pilgrims as markers of the journey - symbols of spiritual transformation, guidance, and completion. During the Assembly,

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Bishop Hans presented a shell to Spiritual Prefect Jeeo McGuire as a gift to the School, representing connection to faith, community, and the wider Anglican tradition.

Students were especially moved by Bishop Hans' message about the power of unity and shared action. "The key to finding joy is to know we can do something special together, not alone. When we come together, it can dispel the problems we are facing, personally and globally."

Following the Assembly, Bishop Hans was farewelled with a guard of honour formed by Year 3 and 4 students, alongside visiting students from St George's Anglican Grammar School and Carmel School. The joyful send-off reflected the warmth, spirit, and sense of togetherness that characterised his time at Christ Church.

Bishop Hans then continued on foot towards St George's Cathedral in the Perth CBD, where the pilgrimage concluded with a Eucharist attended by representatives from each participating school, including Christ Church Prefects.

The Pilgrimage of Joy served as a powerful reminder that schools are not only places of learning, but communities grounded in shared values, relationships, and faith. Bishop Hans' visit encouraged students and staff alike to reflect on the importance of walking together with purpose, supporting one another, and seeking joy through service, connection, and community.



Mandorla Art Award 2026

Responding to the 2026 Mandorla Art Award theme 'What is Truth?' 'I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself' - Genesis 3:10, the winning entry by Uncle Glenn Loughrey of Victoria, entitled 'I Was Naked, You Was Afraid, So you Hid Me - Genocide 17:88'. It is a work which juxtaposes the hiding and nakedness found in Genesis 3:10 with contemporary issues, and displays the Mandorla belief that Hebrew and Christian Scriptures speak to the heart of what it means to be human.

The judging panel commented, 'Glenn Loughrey's work hits with the impact of undeniable, brutal truth. Painted in languages of spirituality, it refuses ambiguity and demands acknowledgement'. This major prize of \$30,000, which is an acquisitive one, is sponsored by St John of God Health Care. Uncle Glenn Loughrey, as well as being an artist and writer, is an Anglican priest.



The winning work by Glenn Loughrey *Genocide 17:88* with the Hon Kerry Sanderson AO CVO and Tara Peters, Chief Mission Integration Officer for St John of God Healthcare

Other winners announced were two Highly Commended prizes.

The Revd John Ward Memorial Prize sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Perth, announced by Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, was awarded to local artist, Jo Darbyshire for 'Two Truths'. The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Prize was awarded to Tasmanian painter Grant Hill for 'The Disagreement.'

An Emerging Artist Prize, sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Australia, was awarded to local artist Melissa Clements

with her work, 'Sprawling on a pin'. Melissa is a former student of both Guildford Grammar School and Perth College who studied Philosophy and Fine Art at the University of Western Australia. The Mandorla Artist Residency Prize was awarded to Aaron Moore of the Northern Territory who exhibited 'The truth is lacking'.

In her opening remarks to a large audience of artists, judges, supporters and committee, Dr Angela McCarthy, Chair of the Mandorla Art Award Committee, reflected upon the meaning of the terms religious art, sacred art, liturgical art and Christian art, observing that all the art in the exhibition was Christian art in that it responded to a Christian scriptural text from Genesis 3:10, 'I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself' - Genesis 3:10.

Dr McCarthy noted that as Christians we seek meaning. We seek the truth that we know has a divine origin. What we ask artists through the Mandorla Art Award, she said, is to seek the meaning of our sacred texts and challenge us with their interpretation and then art and faith come together. As she continued 'Each of the works here tonight have come from a very personal point of view from our artists and they are without doubt, challenging. We are grateful to our artists for your excellence and your courage in taking on such a challenging theme'.

This year there were 253 entries eclipsing any previous total. Of the entries 41 became finalists. Particular thanks were offered for the work of the Curator, Erin Coates, the social media team of Mandy-lynn Van Der Schyff, Rebecca Hepworth and Joel Gibson, and designer Leanda Chia.

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The task of judging was undertaken by a panel of three - Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, a visual artist, a Muslim Australian of mixed ethnicity, who lives and works on Bindjareb Nyungar country, in the Peel region of Western Australia; Anna Davis, Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, whose research focuses on evolving relationships between art, living systems and nonhuman intelligence, and Associate Professor Glenn Morrison, theologian and writer, whose research interests at the

University of Notre Dame (Fremantle) include theology and phenomenology, the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas, interfaith relations, ecclesiology, spirituality, pastoral theology and Catholic universities.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, The Hon Kerry Sanderson AO CVO announced the theme for the 2028 Mandorla Art Award: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it' (John 1:5 New Living Translation).





STEPHANIE BUCKLAND *Chief Executive Officer, Amana Living*

The Spirit of Saints in Everyday Service

Reflecting on how compassion, service, and human connection bring purpose and meaning to daily life in our community.

In the Anglican tradition, saints are remembered as people of faith whose lives were shaped by compassion, humility, and service to others, and while we honour these figures from history, we also understand that the qualities we associate with saints are not confined to the past. They continue to be lived out each day in quiet and faithful ways, inviting us to reflect on how those same values are present in our own community.

At Amana Living, our mission reflects this same calling: together, we enable older people to maintain their individuality and provide what is needed to support a fulfilling life. It is grounded not only in care, but in dignity, respect, and genuine human connection.

We see these values expressed every day through the work of our staff and volunteers, whether it is a care worker who pauses to truly listen, a chaplain who offers reassurance during moments of uncertainty, or a volunteer who returns week after week to provide companionship. These acts of service speak to something deeper, reflecting a commitment to others that extends beyond task or obligation.

Recently, one of our Care Advisors supported a family as they navigated the transition of a loved one into residential care. This is often a time marked by uncertainty and emotion, but through patience, gentle guidance, and consistent reassurance, she walked alongside the family, helping them feel supported at every step.

In the early days following the move, she continued to check in regularly with both the resident and their family, helping to build trust and a sense of calm. What could have been an overwhelming experience became one marked by understanding and connection.

It is in moments like these that we see how small, thoughtful actions can have a lasting impact. These acts may not draw attention, yet they reflect the same spirit of compassion and service that we recognise in the lives of saints.

Our volunteers embody this commitment in equally meaningful ways. By offering a listening ear, sharing conversation, or simply being present, they help create an environment where residents feel valued and understood. Recently, one volunteer shared how spending time with a resident each week, talking about their life and interests, gradually helped build a sense of trust and connection after a period of isolation. In doing so, they remind us that meaningful care is not only about meeting needs, but about fostering relationships and a sense of belonging.

This is mission in its truest form, not something distant, but something lived through everyday actions. It reflects a shared responsibility to respond to human need with kindness and to contribute to a community where each person is respected and supported.

Importantly, these acts of care are not performed for recognition, but are grounded in deeply held values such as care, empathy, patience, and respect, expressed through consistent and thoughtful action. Together, they help shape a community where older people are not only supported but truly known.

As we reflect on saints and mission, we are reminded that these are not abstract ideas, but living principles, expressed in the way we treat one another, in the time we give, and in the care we show. At Amana Living, we are privileged to witness this every day, and, in doing so, we are reminded that mission is not only something we speak about: it is something we live, together.



ANITA MARCHESANI Donor Relations Co-ordinator

1 in 7 Western Australians are living in poverty right now. It shouldn't be this way. Together, we can change this.

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This year marks 50 years of service for Anglicare WA.

For 50 years, with supporters like you beside us, we have provided aid and assistance to thousands of Western Australians when they have needed us the most. We have successfully lobbied governments for changes to policies that created better outcomes. We have fought - and will continue to fight - for genuine systemic change to break down the barriers created by poverty and inequality.

Much of this work has been supported through support from the community and donors like you. This support has been critical to our work so far, and a part of every life changed for the better.

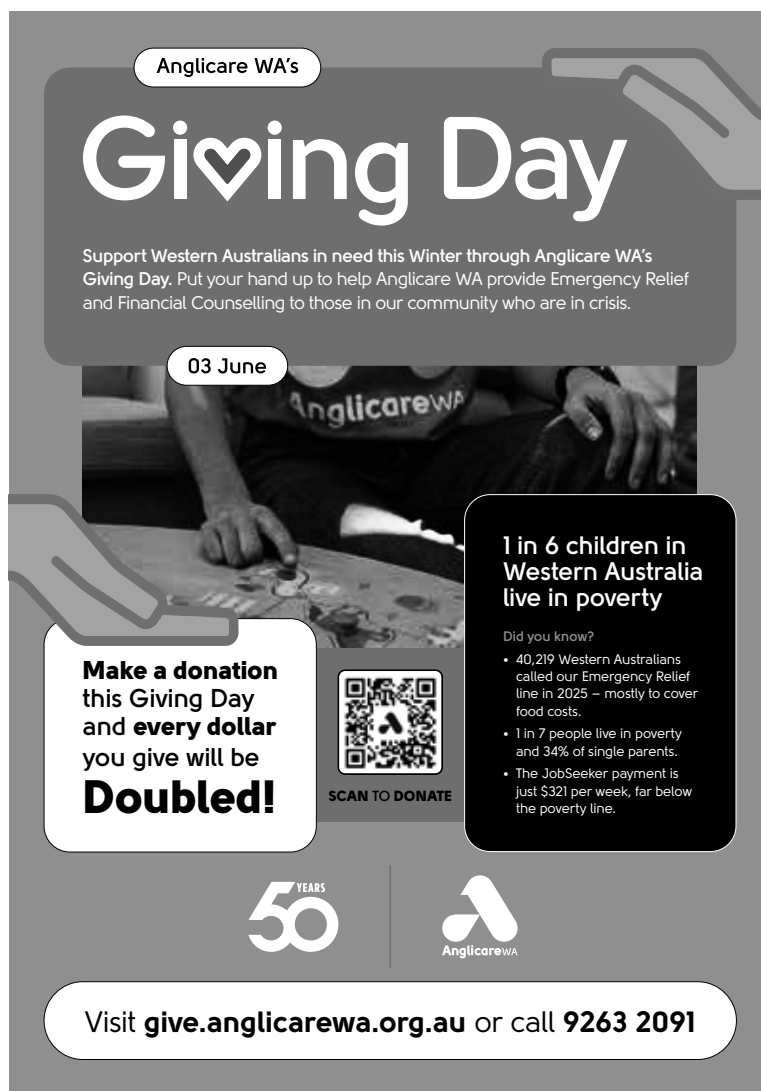
Sadly, after 50 years, there it seems that there is more and more work still to be done, and today, there are many thousands of Western Australians who need a helping hand.

On 3 June, to celebrate the 50 Years of service by Anglicare WA, we're asking you to help us reach an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 in just 24 hours, so that we can help families and individuals in our community who are under extreme financial stress this Winter.

If you donate today or anytime until 3 June, our generous partners will match your donation, dollar for dollar and your donation will have double the impact in the Western Australian community.

Visit our Giving Day website online at give.anglicarewa.org.au to make a donation.

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03 June

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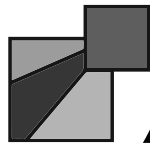
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Last year a record number of 520 students participated, with teachers and volunteers supporting the event. It raised a record amount of \$218,976.

For more information about this wonderful initiative and to donate visit the website:
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AngliSchools Anglican Identity Day 2026

More than 1,500 educators, leaders, chaplains and support staff from across our Western Australian AngliSchools gathered on 20 April for the annual Anglican Identity Day, a significant moment in our shared life.

Each year, this day offers us the opportunity to pause, to come together, and to reflect on what it means to be part of a distinctly Anglican system of schools. It is a time to reconnect with our purpose, to be encouraged in our work, and to be reminded that what we do each day is part of something much larger ... a national Anglican Church and a global Anglican Communion.

We began, as we should, in worship. Led by our Archbishop, The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO DD, with an address from Assistant Bishop The Rt Revd Hans Christiansen, we gathered in Eucharist, grounding the day in faith and worship.



Another highlight of the day was the keynote address from Ms Justine Toh, whose reflection on Anglican Excellence: Life Beyond Achievement Addiction struck a deep chord. In a culture that so often defines success narrowly, Justine invited us to consider a richer vision, one grounded in a Christian faith, one that holds together effort, service, humility and the common good. In doing so, she honoured teachers as the quiet, consistent practitioners of this kind of excellence.

Her message connects strongly with the values that underpin AngliSchools: Faith, Inclusion, Respect and Excellence (FIRE). These are not abstract ideas, but principles lived out in the daily life of our schools, shaping communities where each person is known, valued and supported to thrive.



Anglican Identity Day is also an important occasion to recognise the extraordinary contribution of our staff through the CEO Awards.

This year, I was delighted to present the CEO Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to Melissa Cuming, Early Years Coordinator at John Wollaston Anglican Community School. As a long-serving and highly regarded community member, and an exemplary practitioner, Melissa has made significant educational leadership impact and influence. She is at the forefront of educational research and works with dedication to bring state, national and international evidence-based approaches within her school and across the wider education sector.

I also had great pleasure in presenting the CEO Award for Outstanding Service to the School Community to Sheena Richardson, Café Manager at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School. From everyday meetings to major school events, Sheena consistently fosters a sense of welcome, care, and connection through her professionalism, generosity, and attention to detail. She always responds with warmth and flexibility to the needs of the School, and leads an inclusive, supportive team.

Both recipients embody the values we seek to uphold across AngliSchools. Their work reminds us that Anglican Identity is real when it is lived out daily: in classrooms; in staffrooms; in conversations; and in the quiet, faithful service of those who place the education and wellbeing of others at the centre of their work.

As we continue to grow as a system of schools, days such as this remain essential. They anchor us in our shared identity and strengthen the relationships that sustain our work.

My thanks to all who attended and contributed to this year's gathering, bringing Glory to God and helping equip God's people in our schools for mission and ministry.



St James' Anglican School

St James' Anglican School continues to place a strong focus on living out our Anglican identity through service, compassion and meaningful community connection.

Guided by the AngliSchools values of Faith, Inclusion, Respect and Excellence, our students are encouraged to look beyond themselves and understand the importance of supporting others within our local community and beyond our School gates.

One of the ways this commitment comes to life is through our ongoing service initiatives and charity partnerships. Each term, our House groups lead a Charity Day, where students work together to raise awareness and support for causes chosen by their respective Houses. These opportunities allow students to actively participate in giving back while learning valuable lessons about empathy, gratitude and social responsibility.

A particularly meaningful initiative at St James' is our partnership with Eat Up through the "Cub Sandwiches" program. Coordinated by our Service Team, this service initiative brings together students, families, parishioners and staff to prepare sandwiches for local primary schools supporting children experiencing food insecurity.

Each term, volunteers gather in the School Chapel to make fresh sandwiches, with funds raised supporting Eat Up, a not-for-profit organisation that provides sandwiches, yoghurt and fruit to schools across Australia. Eat Up supplies the ingredients, while St James' provides the facilities, equipment and delivery support to ensure the program can continue safely and effectively.

Currently, six local primary schools benefit from the Cub Sandwiches initiative, helping to ensure students have access to nutritious food throughout the school day. More than simply preparing meals, the initiative creates valuable opportunities for

our students to engage in service learning and understand the importance of caring for others within our wider community.

St James' is also proud to continue its partnership with Food4All, a local not-for-profit organisation supporting families experiencing food and resource insecurity. Through our "Pack the Pantry Campaign", students, families and parishioners are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

This initiative not only provides practical support to local families but also helps educate our students about the challenges many people face within our own community. Through assemblies and service opportunities, students are encouraged to reflect on how they can contribute positively to the lives of others.

An important part of this partnership has been the support of our Student Action Group, who committed to donating an additional \$200 per month to Food4All. This contribution reflects the strong sense of community partnership that exists within St James' and demonstrates how families, staff and students can work together to make a lasting difference.

At St James' Anglican School, our Anglican identity extends far beyond Chapel services and religious education lessons. It is reflected in the everyday actions of our community through service, generosity and compassion. Through initiatives such as Cub Sandwiches, Food4All and our House Charity Days, our students are learning that faith is not only something we speak about, but something we actively live out each day.



New University Preparation Pathway Launches at JWACS

John Wollaston Anglican Community School is pleased to introduce FlexiTrack Uni Prep, a new university preparation initiative launching for the first time at the School in partnership with Murdoch University.

Designed for students seeking an alternative pathway into tertiary study, FlexiTrack Uni Prep provides a clear and supported transition to university while students remain within the familiar environment of the School. The program is aimed particularly at students pursuing a General or VET pathway, or those who may not be on track to meet traditional ATAR entry requirements, yet still demonstrate the capability and motivation for university study.



Delivered through a dedicated FlexiTrack class during Year 12, the program focuses on building the academic skills, independence and confidence required for success in tertiary education. Students complete a structured university preparation course supported by both JWACS teachers and Murdoch University tutors, gaining firsthand experience in university-style learning before graduation.

Successful completion of the program provides students with a guaranteed pathway into Murdoch University, with an ATAR equivalent of 70. At present, Western Australian universities recognise one another's preparation programs, meaning this pathway can also support entry into other tertiary institutions.

John Wollaston's Dean of Teaching and Learning, Mr Scott Robertson, said the introduction of FlexiTrack reflects the School's commitment to providing personalised and future-focused pathways for students.

"Not every student's strengths or aspirations fit neatly within a traditional ATAR pathway,

and FlexiTrack provides another meaningful option for students who are capable of university study," Mr Robertson said.

"This initiative allows students to continue developing strong academic skills while building the confidence and independence needed for success beyond school. Importantly, it gives students access to genuine university preparation within a supportive school environment."

The program contributes towards WACE, as an endorsed program, and includes a combination of core university preparation studies and elective units aligned to students' interests and future career goals. Areas of study include Business, Education, Health and Criminology.

Throughout the course, students strengthen skills in academic writing, critical thinking, research, communication, collaboration and independent learning. The program also emphasises time management and self-regulation, capabilities that are increasingly important for both tertiary study and the modern workplace.

Entry into the program is offered to current Year 11 students each year, with applications and selection typically taking place during Semester 2. The introduction of FlexiTrack Uni Prep forms part of John Wollaston's ongoing commitment to providing diverse, personalised pathways that support every student to pursue success in a way that reflects their individual strengths, goals and future aspirations.

Stand with Shona – and with the children, young people and families we support every day

Every day at Parkerville Children and Youth Care, we have the privilege of meeting children and young people who show extraordinary courage. Not always in big, visible ways. Often, it's quiet courage, the kind it takes to walk through a door, to sit with someone new, or to find the words to share something that has been held inside for a long time.

Shona is one of those young people.

When her mum brought her to The Kids Hub, a walk-in service for children up to 12 years old, with no referrals required, she didn't arrive with a clear explanation of what was wrong. What she brought was something we see often – a sense that something had changed, and a young person who needed support. At Parkerville, that's enough.

Because we know when a child feels safe, and when they are met with patience, care and respect, they will begin to share what they need to, in their own time, and in their own way. For Shona, that moment came after trust had been carefully built.

What followed was not just a conversation, but the beginning of a coordinated response that focused on Shona's safety, supported her parents, and ensured she was not left to navigate any part of this alone. This is what your support makes possible every day at Parkerville.

It allows us to provide a place where children and families can walk in without barriers. It ensures there is a skilled, compassionate team ready to respond when a young person finds the courage to speak. And it means we can continue to walk alongside the whole family, through the long and often complex journey of healing.

Because when a child speaks up, it affects everyone around them. Parents need guidance, reassurance, and practical support. Families need help to stay connected, to understand what comes next, and to keep moving forward together.

We call this wraparound care. It means children and families don't have to start again

somewhere new when things become complex. They are supported by one organisation, in one place, for as long as it takes.

Shona's story

Shona was nine when her family moved from country WA to Perth for her dad's new job. Like many families making that move, it wasn't simple. Rental inspections were crowded, options were limited, and finding something that suited their needs and their budget proved difficult.

They felt relieved when a family friend offered them a solution. A newly built two-bedroom unit on their property. It meant stability. A place to settle. A place to call home.

At first, things seemed to fall into place. Shona settled into her new school, made friends, and began to find her rhythm in a new city. But then, something shifted.

It wasn't all at once. It was gradual. A bit of anxiety. Trouble sleeping. Spending more and more time alone in her bedroom. The kind of things many families might put down to a big move or the ups and downs of growing up.

But it didn't pass. By the time Shona's 11th birthday came around, her mum knew there was more going on than just settling into a new place. And when you have that feeling as a parent, you trust it, so she brought Shona to The Kids Hub at Parkerville.

There was no appointment needed. No complicated process. Just a safe, welcoming place where young people and families can walk in and begin wherever they are.

At first, Shona said very little. The Parkerville team didn't rush her. They spent time building

trust, allowing her to move at her own pace, noticing when she needed space and when she was ready to engage.

Then one day, Shona found the courage to speak about what she had been carrying on her own for nearly two years. She shared that she had been harmed by the very person who had offered Shona and her family a place to live.

Shona had stayed silent because she was afraid she would not be believed. But more than that, she was worried about what speaking up might mean for her family, that they might lose their home. It was at Parkerville that she finally felt safe enough to speak.

The Parkerville worker stayed calm, keeping her focus on Shona and making sure she felt supported as she shared something so difficult. Then, when Shona was comfortable, the worker stepped out to speak with Shona's mum, who was in the waiting room, and brought her into a private space to gently share what her daughter had said.

Shona's dad arrived shortly after. Together, they sat with Shona, holding her and reassuring her they believed her. From that moment, Shona wasn't the only one being supported. Her parents were guided through what came next, helping them understand what had happened, what needed to happen, and how to keep showing up for their daughter. A team worked alongside them, making sure Shona was safe and that her family had the support they needed at every step.

From there, Shona and her family were connected into Parkerville's specialist child sexual abuse support and counselling service, while continuing to receive support through The Kids Hub. This wraparound approach ensured a seamless experience, without the need to repeat their story.



Shona continued counselling with a Parkerville therapist through our specialist child sexual abuse counselling service, while remaining connected to the broader supports available across Parkerville. That support continues. Because healing doesn't happen all at once. It happens over time, when a young person feels safe, supported, and able to rebuild trust in themselves and the world around them.

Your donation helps children like Shona feel safe, supported and strong

We cannot do this without you. Please make your tax-deductible donation today and help ensure this care is there the moment it's needed. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you for standing with us, and with the children, young people and families we support every day.

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Parkerville Children and Youth Care's Commitment to Healing and Growth

Every year, Parkerville Children and Youth Care makes a profound difference in the lives of children, young people, and their families across Western Australia.

Through dedicated programs and wraparound support, we help them navigate complex challenges and provide the care, tools, and guidance they need to thrive.

In the past year alone, we supported 12,715 children and young people, creating opportunities for healing, growth, and brighter futures.

We've been doing this since 1903, and we won't stop until every child in WA grows up safe, heard, and free from harm.





SAMANTHA DRURY *Chief Executive Officer*

A Call for Hope and Compassion: St Bart's Launches Winter Appeal

As winter settles in, the simple comforts that we often take for granted such as a warm bed, a hot meal, and a safe place to rest become even more vital. For people experiencing homelessness, winter is not just uncomfortable, it can be dangerous.

Every day, more people are turning to services like St Bart's for help, seeking warmth, safety, and support. We help individuals retain accommodation and support them to begin rebuilding their lives with hope and stability.

With cost-of-living and rental affordability pressures impacting a rising number of households, the risk of homelessness is at an all-time high. Often a single event outside a person's control is the tipping point, events such as job loss, illness, or a relationship breakdown.

At St Bart's, we provide more than a roof, we provide safety, connection, and a way forward, but we cannot do it alone. There is an important opportunity for us to come together in the spirit of care, compassion, and hope.

Providing a warm bed on a cold night, sharing a meal, and offering a listening ear. These all matter. These acts are all expressions of hope

made real through our community. In this, our work is deeply aligned with Anglican values: we recognise the inherent dignity of every person and walk alongside them with compassion and respect.

The 2026 St Bart's Winter Appeal aims to raise vital funds to directly support vulnerable people who are doing it tough, with donations helping to provide essentials such as warm beds and access to care and support services.

This Winter Appeal we invite everyone to recognise that homelessness is a shared community challenge, and that together, we can be part of the solution. By taking part, whether it is through a donation, volunteering time, or raising awareness, each contribution helps ensure someone has a place of safety and warmth this winter.

Visit stbarts.org.au to learn more.



THE REVD DR SUE BOORER

‘Out of the Whirlwind’

The problem of innocent suffering is often the most significant sticking point in the life of faith and the reason for many not to believe in God.

Famously, Stephen Fry, a declared atheist, when asked in 2015 what he would say to God if he happened to get to the pearly gates, said “I’ll say...How dare you create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault’...Why should I respect a...God who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?”

It is this very issue of innocent suffering that the book of Job seeks to address. In particular, it struggles with how to speak about, and to, God in the face of innocent suffering. It constantly asks the question, who might God be in the face of innocent suffering and how might we address this God in prayer.

Job is set up from the beginning as totally righteous and innocent and yet he loses everything - his possessions, children and health. He sits on his ash heap trying to make sense of this in relation to God and is ‘counselled’ by his so-called friends.

During the course of this long and complex book, whose poetry reaches great heights, various perspectives are given - by Job, Job’s friends, and God. Moreover, the poetry is ambiguous and often open to multiple interpretations. Thereby this text asks the reader to struggle for themselves with these perspectives and interpretations in an attempt to come to their own conclusions. That is, as wisdom literature it reads the reader. In gravitating to particular perspectives or interpretations the text reflects back to the reader how they are perceiving life at present whilst at the same time offering other interpretations and perspectives for the reader to think about. In this way it seeks to perhaps broaden the horizons of the reader, and ultimately leads them into mystery.



At Wollaston, on 18 June, there will be an “exploring theology day” where you will be invited to explore the various perspectives on God and the problem of innocent suffering


as contained in the book of Job. These will be teased out, as we listen to excerpts from the characters’ poetic speeches.

Along the way other issues will arise. These include:

- how to pastorally care for innocent sufferers or not - what traps might we fall into in seeking to care for one who is suffering?
- What might prayer look like from the depths of suffering and how truly honest do we dare to be with God?

The day runs from 10.00am - 3.30pm with lunch provided from 12.30pm - 1.30pm. Register on the Wollaston Theological College website, or email info@wollaston.edu.au.



**Doing Theology Together:
Out of the Whirlwind**

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Presented by The Revd Dr Sue Boorer and Dr Meg Warner

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JOCELYN ROSS OAM

Nor'West Postcard

The parish of St James in Kununurra has recently amalgamated with the parish of Wyndham to form a new parish of the East Kimberley. Wyndham hasn't had a rector nor a congregation for many years so some St James Kununurra members maintained the building there. When the idea of amalgamation was brought to the St James Parish Council and congregation, they voted unanimously to join the two parishes. The church building, and other structures on site in Wyndham are now being leased by the Wyndham Youth Aboriginal Corporation, and they have renovated it and are using it as a night time drop-in centre. WYAC staff man the facility from 10.00 at night until daybreak, and youth will find there a safe place to come, rest, eat, play games, etc.



Josiah Simmons from the **Port Hedland Parish** went as a student ambassador on the Premier's Anzac Student Tour to Darwin and Singapore, with nine other students from Western Australia, a wonderful opportunity for him to grow in thankfulness to our great God for the privilege we have living in Australia, which came at significant cost to older generations of Australians.

The new Port Hedland Seafarers' Centre building has finally begun construction this year. This building has been more than 10 years in the making. This Centre will serve the 100,000+ seafarers passing through Port Hedland each year. The Diocese recruits and appoints chaplains to minister to these seafarers.



Seen in the photo, Bishop Darrell Parker (our Diocesan Bishop, 4th from left) with PHMtSC CEO, Mines manager and chaplains, local and State dignitaries at the 'turning of the sod'.

The Revd Frank Nichol of **Karratha Parish** writes "The parish asks for prayers for long-time resident Danny Blanket. Danny is back in town, in good spirits, enjoying his family, but ultimately he is being cared for by the palliative care team. Pray that God would keep holding onto Danny and that Danny would keep holding onto Jesus. Pray that in His wisdom God would use this time to draw Danny's family to himself".

Please keep praying for **Exmouth Parish**. The town was hit hard by cyclone Narelle and it will be a year before things are completely back to normal. The Christians of the town are meeting as a unified group on Sunday for the next few months. Pray that they might enjoy the time of unity and that it would be good for the cause of the Gospel in Exmouth. The Rectory is being used to accommodate families in the town who need somewhere to live whilst their properties are being repaired after the cyclone's damage.

Our former registrar, Khim Harris with Eugenie, stayed recently with Philip and Elke Knight, long term minister of Port Hedland, but now in a Melbourne parish, as Khim and Eugenie shared with that congregation their new work, CMJ Israel in Christ Church Jerusalem. (CMJ – Church's Ministry among Jewish people.)



St George's, Bluff Point parishioner Denis Blackwell turned 100 on 12 May. Festivities included afternoon teas, a family lunch; picture below. Then two celebrations with birthday cakes on consecutive days at the Seniors Centre when the City Mayor visited, also the local newspaper and the ABC reporter. Pictured: Denis, grandsons Nathan, Sam and Matthew with sister-in-law (93)



Prayer never tire of prayer. When one day we see how wondrously our prayer has been answered we will deeply regret that we prayed so little.

THE VEN GEOFF CHADWICK *Archdeacon*

Bunbury Bulletin

Clergy Retreat

May is Retreat time for the clergy of the Bunbury Diocese. Every year we head off to the St John of God Retreat House in Shoalwater (just over the boundary into Perth Diocese), for four days of quiet.

This year our retreat Director was Bishop Matt Brain of Bendigo. Matt led us through comprehensive reflections on 2 Corinthians 4. He invited us to consider what it was like to be "Treasurers in Jars of Clay". He reminded us that Paul wrote this letter after a 20-year association with the Corinthian Church, which in many ways, had driven him to frustration. Paul wanted to emphasise, that unlike the culture of Corinth, his unimpressive appearance meant that he himself was not being proclaimed but Jesus Christ. We were also reminded that the cracks in our own natures were gaps that allow our inward treasure out.

Paul talks about being "down but not out". This is a reminder that, amid ministry difficulties we must learn self-care. We must avoid the traps of burnout, disillusionment and isolation. Matt challenged us to care for our bodies, find a wise confidant, recognize the limitations of our responsibilities, and remember the Joy of the resurrection.

As usual, St John's were marvellous hosts. The meals, accommodation gardens and ambiance are to be experienced!

We look forward to our return later in the year for our Clergy Conference!

Blessings from Bunbury
Archdeacon Geoff



The Bunbury Diocese is Searching for a New Bishop

Bishop Ian will be retiring and "Laying up his staff" on 29 August this year. Consequently, the Bunbury Bishopric Nomination Committee has begun its work searching for a new Bishop.

Parishes and Individuals are encouraged to submit the name of possible candidates in writing or by email to the Diocesan Secretary, Jenny Duncan, at secretary@bunbury.org.au. The person's name, their contact details, and a brief comment on why this person should be considered as Bishop should be included.

Any Anglican Priest or Bishop (women and men) in good standing in the Anglican Communion are eligible for consideration. The deadline for submissions is 14 June 2026.

During this time, you may care to use the following prayer:

*Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your church in this Diocese a
shepherd after your own heart who will walk in
your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your
truth.
So may your Church be built up and your name
glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(APBA 1995, p211, #35)



THE REVD JUDY VAN ROSSUM Programme Director, Tree of Life

The Revd Judy Van Rossum, presenter on 'Discovering our Creative Spirit' at the August Weekend of the Tree of Life Program

Discovering our Creative Spirit

Creative Spirit and *The Big Orange Splot*

What does it mean to live from the deepest truth of who I am in God?

Daniel Pinkwater's beloved children's book, *The Big Orange Splot*, offers an unexpectedly profound doorway into this question. Its playful narrative reveals something essential about the creative spirit and the sacred work of becoming.



Mr Plumbean begins as a man who lives in conformity—his house indistinguishable from every other house on the block. There is safety and belonging in sameness, but also a subtle loss of soul. When the great orange splot appears across his roof, uninvited and irreparable, it becomes the catalyst for transformation. What initially appears as disruption reveals itself as vocation.

For me, this moment resonates deeply with the spiritual journey. The "orange splot" often arrives in the form of life's disruptions: grief, longing, desire, loss, awakening. These experiences interrupt carefully arranged lives, calling into question identities shaped more by expectation than by authenticity. Rather than rushing to restore order, the spiritual journey invites us to listen - to ask, as Mr Plumbean does, what this unexpected mark might be asking of us.

Mr Plumbean does not repair his house to its former condition. Instead, he begins to dream. His home becomes a reflection of his inner world—bright, unconventional, alive. When questioned, he quietly responds that his house looks like "all of my dreams". This simple declaration reveals a theological truth: we are created not only to conform, but to co-create

- to give expression to the Spirit's movement uniquely alive within each of us.

This story can become a mirror, a place of reflection, that causes us to notice the invitation of the big orange splot. Where have I accepted sameness as safety? What "orange splot" has disrupted my patterns? And perhaps most importantly, what dreams - holy, hidden, and often neglected - are asking to be given form in my life?

The transformation in the story does not remain individual. One by one, the neighbours begin to change their houses as well, each in their own distinct way. Mr Plumbean's quiet listening and creativity proves contagious. Our Creator God has lavished us with many gifts: in nature, in our own talents, in the people around us, in the gifts of the earth. Our response is to embrace those gifts and return them to God as an offering for the world. Our call, vocation, is simply this: to be-come the person God has created us to be. As we realise this journey in our lives, we live that truth back into the world. We 'be' then we 'do' that which is authentically us.

This story is a gentle yet powerful affirmation of the sacredness of the creative spirit. Discovering this part of ourselves, so often hidden beneath layers of 'fitting in', we stop letting the world tell us how to be, and we own our identity in Christ.

The Big Orange Splot invites us to reframe disruption as invitation, difference as gift, and creativity as a form of prayer. The spiritual journey is not about being identical houses in tidy rows. It is about daring to inhabit our own God-given dreams - each one radiant, each one necessary, each one a dwelling place for love.

For further information on the Tree of Life programme, please contact the Programme Director The Revd Judy Van Rossum T 0409 116 622 - E judithaclay1@bigpond.com

A long life of service

Services on a recent 'ordinary' Sunday in the Church of St Basil of Caesarea in Murdoch had one most unusual feature - the celebrant was marking 65 years since his ordination.

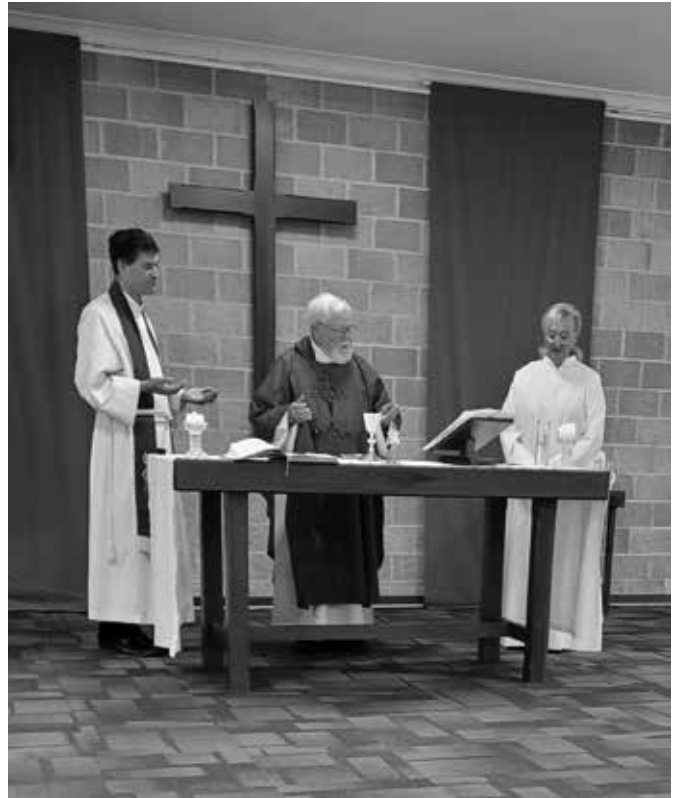
In his retirement Archdeacon Michael Pennington normally worships at St Basil's but on mentioning his upcoming anniversary to the parish priest Fr Barry Moss, it was willingly agreed that Michael should lead the services on such a special occasion.

Michael grew up in Adelaide, attending St Peter's College. He then studied and gained a Licentiate in Theology from St John's College in Morpeth, following which he was ordained a Deacon in South Australia in 1961, and made a priest soon after. But fortunately for the church in Western Australia, he 'saw the light' and moved to the wild west, beginning a long service to the Diocese. He has since performed numerous roles as parish priest or area dean and archdeacon, and in leading various spiritual direction course and retreats. In later years Michael has been invaluable to many parishes as a locum tenens and supply priest.

In recognition of his sustained valuable service, the Archbishop has made Michael Archdeacon Emeritus.

Father Michael and his wife Heather both also marked their 90th birthdays this year, which they and their family celebrated with their parish 'family' and other friends and colleagues, at St Basil's.

The honorific 'Venerable' can seldom have been more appropriate - thank you for your life of service, The Venerable Michael Pennington.



Appointments

The Revd Sylvia Grevel	Assistant Curate, Subiaco (extra days)	01.06.26
The Revd Rhys Roberts-Brown	Chaplain, St George's Anglican Grammar School	20.07.26

Locum Tenens

The Revd Gunnar Rippon	Canning	01.05.26-31.07.26
The Revd Frank Sheehan OAM	Swanbourne-Mt Claremont	08.06.26-28.06.26
The Revd Clive McCallum	Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale	01.07.26-31.07.26

Resignations

The Revd Sylvia Grevel	Chaplain, Amana Living	17.06.26
The Revd Rhys Roberts-Brown	Assistant Curate, St George's Cathedral	19.07.26
The Revd Tony Drayton	Priest-in-Charge, Nedlands	16.09.26



Messenger Quiz - *with thanks to The Revd Frank Sheehan OAM*

1. **Justin Martyr drew many parallels between the thoughts of this philosopher and the teachings of the church**
 - (a) Descartes
 - (b) Wittgenstein
 - (c) Plato
 - (d) Thomas Aquinas
2. **On June 3rd, we remember the martyrs of**
 - (a) Uganda
 - (b) Ethiopia
 - (c) Egypt
 - (d) Nigeria
3. **Archbishop Janani Luwum was murdered after criticising the excesses of this dictator's regime**
 - (a) Hastings Banda
 - (b) Idi Amin
 - (c) Robert Mugabe
 - (d) Samuel Doe
4. **In reply to a journalist's innocent question as to how many people worked at the Vatican, this Pope replied "About half of them"**
 - (a) Pius XII
 - (b) John XXIII
 - (c) Francis
 - (d) John Paul II
5. **St Columba of Iona is one the three patron saints of Ireland, along with St Patrick and**
 - (a) St Íte of Killeedy
 - (b) St Gobnait of Ballyvourney
 - (c) Brigid of Kildare
 - (d) St Muirgen the Mermaid
6. **St Barnabas is mentioned mainly in**
 - (a) John's Gospel
 - (b) 1 Peter
 - (c) The Letter to the Hebrews
 - (d) The Acts of the Apostles
7. **St Anthony of Padua was a Portuguese priest and a member of the Order of Friars**
 - (a) Major
 - (b) Middle
 - (c) Greater
 - (d) Minor
8. **The writer Evelyn Underhill was initially an atheist but eventually became a prominent**
 - (a) evangelical
 - (b) modernist
 - (c) broad church person
 - (d) Anglo-Catholic
9. **This theologian's best known work is Against Heresies**
 - (a) Irenaeus
 - (b) Tertullian
 - (c) Polycarp
 - (d) Clement of Alexandria
10. **In the Russian Orthodox tradition, Macarius of Unzha's Miracle of the Moose took place on their feast day**
 - (a) Saints Basil and Gregory
 - (b) Saints Timothy and Titus
 - (c) Saints Cyril and Methods
 - (d) Saints Peter and Paul

Answers can be found on page 28



ANTHONY HOWES OAM

Anthony presents more news of arts and entertainment every Saturday from 10.00am till 12.00noon on Capital Radio 101.7 FM and Capital Digital

In this month's 'Theatre and other Arts' column, I thought it only right to emphasise the 'other' which my latest research of the arts' scene has revealed. And, believe me, it has not been difficult.

First, I came across some important news from '**CircusWA**'. Their media release featured the bold headline: *CircusWA Farewelling The Big Top*. Imagining disastrous consequences, my fears were cleared when Jo Smith, the director of the Circus revealed that at the end of the last month, yes, the Big Top did come down, but this was not 'goodbye CircusWA', as the Circus has re-opened its doors, at the Circus Substation on Parry Street, Fremantle where, Jo insists, energy, creativity and connection of circus will keep growing. She says: 'New skills will be learned, new friendships formed and more young people empowered to find their voice'.



CircusWA has launched a fund-raising drive to secure the future of the Big Top and see it return for a productive life for years to come. In the meantime, the energetic programme continues. I suggest you might check their website www.circuswas.com If you haven't been to any of their performances, I urge you to do so when the opportunity arises – their skills, and their entertainment value, are of the highest quality.

The music scene provides a large number of orchestras, choirs, jazz groups, and every music style imaginable. I have chosen one, as an example. It is the community orchestra. (And remember this is just one of many orchestras, all of high standards of playing and music selection).

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, or MetSO as it is known, not only plays concerts, but has established itself as a mentor of up and coming young professional standard musicians, providing them with concert opportunities in venues such as the Government House Ballroom and the Karyn Fiebig Auditorium where at their concert on 21 June 21 at 3.00pm, one can hear the outstanding young MetSO Young Artist, pianist Joshua Noronha, who is recognised for his expressive playing, and technical brilliance.



Soloist for MetSO concert,
Joshua Noronha

The program opens with the Australian premiere of Concert Overture No 1, by Florence Price, the first African-American woman to have a symphony performed by a major orchestra. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue follows, with its fusion of jazz and classical styles captured the energy and spirit of this unique musical genre. The concert concludes with Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2, renowned for its sweeping melodies, lush orchestration, dramatic intensity and breathtaking piano writing. MetSO's concert is conducted by Izaak Wesson. Tickets - individual, group and family packages available at www.metsoperth.org/tickets.

The cinema is renowned for providing "Festivals" and one of the most popular is undoubtedly **The Spanish Film Festival** held at Palace Theatres Rayne Square, Luna Cinemas Leederville, and Luna on SX. The Festival is playing 11 June to 1 July. There isn't space to list all the films being played at this festival; however - www.spanishfilmfestival - will reveal all! This, 29th festival edition, includes an award-winning drama, a rom-com starring one of the most well-known Latin American actors, an historical epic, salsa documentary, and others, all reflecting the Spanish ambience.

I suggest a September Albany holiday; perhaps you live there anyway? **Our Place, Rain or Shine** will be playing at the Albany Entertainment Centre 25-26 September. Presented by the chronicler of WA's heritage, Theatre 180, as part of 'Albany 2026', it is the culmination of three years of oral history collection and a series of community programmes. Playwright Jenny Davis OAM, tells me that it is a fun and entertaining play which features music, dance and the evocative landscapes of Albany and surrounds.

WA Arts – something different!

Quiz Answers

1. (c) Plato
2. (a) Uganda
3. (b) Idi Amin
4. (b) John XXII
5. (c) Brigid of Kildare
6. (d) The Acts of the Apostles
7. (d) Minor
8. (d) Anglo-Catholic
9. (a) Irenaeus
10. (d) Saints Peter and Paul



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