

played soothing music through our new sound system, as well as assist with heavy lifting, and to those who took away items, no longer required at the Church.

Lastly, to Anna Bawden, who cooked lunch for the Volunteers who were able to stay to the very end, and listen to some reminiscing stories, - my heartfelt thanks to you All, you know who you are!

(Ugo Landro - Coordinator)

A PEEP INTO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome to our first meeting for the year:

If you have not heard yet, the pastoral Council has nominated me, following the recommendation of Tania and Francis, to assume the chair this year.

I was humbled to be asked and after some deep thought and prayers agreed to take on the role.

Today, we start a New Year in basically a new Church, but I am sure we will face many different challenges, to keep our life interesting.

I want to use the following words to encapsulate our purpose and role as parish councillors in our OLF community: **Faith, Charity, and Humble Service to others** especially those in most need I have repeatedly heard these terms used by Francis in his homilies over the past weeks during Christmas and into the New Year, and I know they are very important.

An important part of our role as Parish Councillors is to be of service to the Parish

Community, and we can do this by being more visible, and more approachable to the community at Masses and any other events related to the Parish.

This will lead to improved communication with the community and avoid any small issues, becoming major unmanageable experiences.

There is a poster I noticed at the back of the Church with a picture of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, with the words: "Tell me your views, I want to listen." This is very powerful, and epitomises our role as Parish Councillors in our Community, regarding communication. We need to always be listening to what the community needs. Communication is the key here and we should put our focus on improvements in this area.

Basically, as a community, we can achieve great things, and we showed this last year when so many people contributed in various ways to enable Francis temporary reprieve in his retirement. Also, the magnificent Church renovations, have again been achieved, with great community involvement and action.

kindest Regards and Blessings
(Bernard Landro)

USEFUL TRIFLES

You have Power over your mind not outside events. (MARCUS AURELIUS)

You are hurt the moment you believe you are. (EPICTETUS)

Everything has been said before, but since no one is listening, we have to keep going back and beginning all over again.

(Andre Gide, Le traite du Narcisse, 1891)

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VISION STATEMENT

Christ's Love in Action

MISSION STATEMENT

Meeting Christ as All in all through: Our relationship with others in creation,
Seeking God in the stillness, Embracing the Good News of the Gospel,
Accepting the challenges of the Cross, The power of the Holy Spirit
and intercession of Our Lady of Fatima

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THE LENTEN SEASON

PERMANENT FEATURE OF LENT:

Lent is the season set aside by the Church for the faithful to prepare for the passion of Jesus Christ and for his subsequent Resurrection.

His passion is not simply a reference to his suffering and death on Good Friday, but to all his experiences, which involved the joys and the pains of his daily life, his tears and his earnest prayers, in his training to become like his Abba, Father. The **Transfiguration**, in its own way, points to this feature.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Biblical scholars understand the transfiguration of Jesus as the continuous change and growth in the life of Jesus, which was caught, in one dramatic moment, on Mount Tabor.

Transfiguration, itself, means transformation. The mountain, in the Jewish religious sense, is the point where we human beings meet with our God for him to change us to become a people of transformation, a people of continuous change and growth.

Change refers to a turn of 360 degrees from godlessness to godliness.

Growth refers to the consequence of that change, which amounts to a spiritual turn-around. A spiritual turn-around refers to our training in the ability to swap those things, which hurt our relationships for those things, which instil joy in our relationships, in order to strengthen those relationships.

When someone we know shows signs of (PTO)_____

MASS TIMES

Saturday: @ 9.00am & 6.30pm (Vigil).

Sunday: @ 7.30am, 9.45am & 6.30pm.

Monday & Thursday: @ 9.00am

Reconciliation: Available on request

Baptisms: SUNDAYS ONLY @ 11.00am & 11.30am

THE TRANSFIGURATION (from p.1)

change and of growth, we are full of admiration for such a person to the point of being taken captive by him/her, even for a split moment. As we often say: "we waw at such change and growth." We are thrilled by that experience, and the person, in whom this change and growth are manifest, becomes a subject worthy of attention, a subject to be imitated.

With respect to Jesus, the carpenter, and the son of a carpenter, held to be a zealot, a knlfe wielder, a rebel against the Romans and against the Jewish law of purification, and against the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders - he had another side to himself: he was a man obedient to his earthly Father and his heavenly Father, a man open to the depths of transformation, that is, a man open to change and growth, whatever it took. Obedience to his Father means that in every relationship, particular attention was paid to whatever brought out the best in his personal side of human relationship. Peter, James, and John, his closest mates, were the first ones priviledged to recognise this change and growth in Jesus, and they marvelled at the transformation they saw in him. It had been a slow but continuous change and growth into the person after his Father's mind and heart.

The question then: How does the Evangelist , the story teller, reproduce this change and growth? The evangelist must be a person of fertile and graphic imagination capable of mustering the appropriate tools in his repertory in order to describe this change and growth, in a dramatic way.

The story teller, therefore, could not complete his story without putting a heavenly gloss to his account. It is this: it is that the heavenly Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in turn, is so thrilled by this transformation, which his son has achieved, that he recommends him to us for imitation: "Here is my son, your brother, whom I love to bits; I recommend him to you. You couldn't go wrong." Let us, therefore, simply work to be like Jesus.



Project Compassion - 2nd Sunday of Lent – 12th/13th March 2022:

As a person with disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training, and gained the skills to become financially independent. **Please** donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education, clean water and empower them with skills build a better future.

Keep the Parish Office Posted, Please: Should you, at any time, be in the process of moving home, or moving to another suburb, city, state or country, it would be appreciated if you could inform Fr Francis or the parish secretary, in order to enable us update our database. Thank you. Email: emyfrank@iinet.net.au

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

They help us to pay our bills, our Insurance, meet our Archdiocesan financial levy for seminaries, and they also go towards the maintenance of our Parish Buildings.

PARISH FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTION-RIES:

- FEEM** - Portia de Guzman/Ugo Landro
- Choir** - Ormond Waters
- Church Cleaning** - Andrena Inopulos
- Fatima Care** - Mary-Kate Muir
- Finance Committee** - Joe Terribile
- Flowers** - Kath Neesham/Peg Clunies Ross
- Media/Online Parish Events Calendar/Rep School Advisory Council** - Carl Carcione
- OLOF PARISH SCHOOL** - Jacinta Petersen
- Parish Bulletin** - Andrena Inopulos
- Parish Hall Use** - Volunteer required
- Readers/Commentators** - Volunteer required
- Rosary Devotion** - (Wednesday Evening) - Tania Herbert
- Sacramental Program** - Lorraine Szeferczyk
- SVDP** - Ben Ziegler
- 100 Year Celebration** - Stefano Zagami

THE FEEM - AHOY

Fr Francis launched our Parish Faith Enrichment and Evangelisation Ministry (FEEM) last weekend, at all Masses except for the Sunday 6.30pm Mass, which is normally a non-homily Mass.

The primary purpose of this Ministry is to facilitate a 'spiritual rebuild' or a spiritual renewal of our parish community to follow on from the almost completed 'physical rebuild' of our church, associated systems, and the presbytery, as Francis announced back in August, 2021.

What does this 'spiritual rebuild' mean, and how will it be achieved, I hear you thinking and asking?

The starting point and our guide will be our **Parish Vision Statement**, and **Parish Mission Statement**, which are printed boldly on the front cover of **THE FEEM**.

These statements have been prepared from numerous meetings, discussions and prayers, led by Francis, and the Spiritual Director Mr John Auer, coordinated by Mr Philip Boon, and with the involvement of a small working group of Parishioners. These statements, on completion, were submitted to the **Archdiocese of Perth Parish Renewal Team**, who gave them a very positive endorsement.

The implementation phase, while guided and assisted by the Archdiocese of Perth Renewal

Programme, will be facilitated by us Parishioners, so that All Parishioners have an opportunity to assist with, feel a part of, own and experience some impact, which will 'better our lives,' in a real and lasting way. For something as important as our FEEM, implementation will require our prayers, time, and patience, to ensure that a meaningful renewal is achieved, for as many Parishioners as possible, across every age group, at every stage of spiritual development, for all racial groups, various family circumstances, the disabled and the needy of love, with the necessary materials and sustenance.

As Fr Francis pointed out in his sermon last weekend, our Loving God does not expect us to do great things, or to be perfect, but to do 'the small things,' which make our , and our neighbours' lives, more pleasant and peaceful and centred, in God's name.

I will endeavour to provide weekly updates, in this space, regarding more specific matters, as they arise, so that we may journey together, into an exciting future, in our Parish.

(Ugo Landro - Your Acting PPC FEEM Representative)

BUSY BEES SUCCESS

Many thanks to the many volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to assist with transforming our Parish Hall from a Store, back to our Hall, and mopped clean the floor! To the ladies who cleaned out and sorted our Flowers Room at the front of the Church, to the men who placed our new Nativity Set back into their boxes for safe keeping, to the ladies who culled the various other storage cupboards in the Hall and Church, to the men who moved our organ back into the Church, the young boys who assisted in placing rubbish into skip bin, to our Seniors, who made the decisions as to 'what to keep and what to throw' and explained the history of various Church objects, to those who assisted carting items from the presbytery, to Mike who mowed some lawns, to Phil Boon who