

Message #2 from Jennifer Dass - Chairperson

Hello Dear Parishioners, since I first messaged in March, I said it's time to connect again! And I think I will make it a quarterly affair :) to stay in touch.

Firstly, thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my new role as PPC Chair, for your kind words of encouragement and appreciation, and most importantly for keeping me in your prayers.

Secondly, last weekend (15th & 16th June) we had some big events! Thank you to all who attended the farewell mass for Mrs. Therese Hussey offered by our Parishioners. We will miss Mrs Hussey and wish her an amazing retirement and an exciting next chapter in her life. Also, a BIG effort by and congratulations to Deidre Lyra, the Fundraising Committee, our wonderful Master Chefs, Dedicated Volunteers and Generous ❤️ Parishioners for their love and support leading to a **Mega Mind-blowing result of \$7,258.55** raised from our *International Food Sales Festival* which will go towards our new Parish Centre. A truly successful fundraising effort by all!

Thirdly, our new PPC has met twice since March busy planning key activities and addressing pastoral requirements and goals; and at its third meeting on 9th July, we will be welcoming the new Matthew Gibney Principal Mr. Clinton Payne to meet with Councillors and soon with all of you, once Mr. Payne settles into his new role.

Lastly, when I joined the PPC I made it a priority to ensure all our Parishioners had a line of sight on the composition of our PPC, key Committees and Volunteer groups, and therefore I compiled this information and have presented it in our Church Foyer bulletin board. Also, please do check out updates made on our SFoA webpage <https://www.stfrancisofassisi.org.au/> with new information added including a group picture of our new PPC (Photo credit: Cynthia Tjandra) and member bios; our key Committees and its members, and a list of all our volunteers. BIG thank you to Carolyn Ambrose for making these updates on our SFoA webpage, with more updates to come! So stay tuned :)

Before I sign-off (from this message), I want to reiterate that I truly value and respect the diversity in our Parish and every Parishioners' contributions. The tireless efforts of our Planning and Development Committee, our Proclaimers, Acolytes and all our Faith and Volunteer Groups. Everyone dazzles me with their enthusiasm and energy to support our Parish goals and activities. You all rock! Keep up the amazing work for our Parish.

Don't forget to enjoy a cuppa with the Vicar General, Fr Vincent Glynn, visiting our Parish this Sunday 23 June. Stay warm, and in the spirit of Mother Teresa and through our living and praying together, let's continue to grow strong in faith, hope and our love for God and one another. Until next time, take care and best regards always,

Jennifer



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