



Parish Gets Together at 9:30

Sunday the 8th of February, marked the end of the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. They were replaced with the 9:30 am Mass from that day onwards. This trial arrangement was prompted in anticipation of Monsignor John Swann's retirement at the end of this year and came after lengthy consideration by the Parish Pastoral Council. The decision has been commended by the Archbishop.

The Church was nearly full and the atmosphere of being one family and community was brewing.

A morning tea was provided by the Social Com-

mittee to celebrate the event and encourage parishioners from the two different Masses to get to know each other.

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New Pastoral Associate

The Parish welcomes Sue Wakeham as the new Parish Pastoral Associate. Sue is not new to the parish but some of you might not know her very well. She has written a short introduction of herself on page

2. The parish wishes her well in her new role in supporting Monsignor John Swann in administering pastoral care in the parish.



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Special Dates of Interest:

- ⇒ Good Friday - 10 April
- ⇒ Easter Sunday - 12 April

Let Me Introduce Myself ...

In preparing this article, I went to the back copies of the "Tranmere Times", to see what my predecessor had been asked. Only a couple of the questions posed a problem for me, which I will address when I get to them.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Exmouth, Devon in the United Kingdom. It was then a small seaside town, on the south-west coast of England. When I was seven my family moved to Bournemouth in Hampshire, another seaside town but much larger. I was thirteen when my parents; eldest brother and his family and I became migrants. We first lived at Morphett Vale and I completed my education at Christies Beach High School. We have also lived at Tranmere and in 1987 I moved to Payneham South.

What hobbies and pass times do you have?

Thanks to a cousin of mine, I became hooked on Family History several years ago. This has led me to find several new family members, one of whom lives in Victoria. I also like to read, do crosswords, and periodically do Cross Stitch. A couple of years ago I also commenced Belly Dancing. However, following recent surgery on my knee I am going to have to curtail that pass time.

What are your likes and dislikes?

I like: Chick Flick's; Good Books; Most Music; The Goons; English Comedy

I dislike: Cruelty; Intolerance; Rudeness; War Films

Describe a special experience/moment as a young Catholic when you were growing up?

When I was young I wasn't a Catholic. However, my parents sent me to the Convent School in Exmouth. Non-Catholics did not have to go to Mass. One morning for

some reason, I arrived at school very early and the Sisters would not leave me to wait in the playground for them to return. So I experienced my first Catholic Mass. This was pre-Vatican II, so it was conducted in Latin. Even though I did not understand a word, the whole experience made a huge impact on me.

Describe your faith journey.

I would separate my faith journey into two parts. One as a child; I was baptised in a Methodist Church. My childhood faith education continued until my grandmother died. The second started when I joined the R.C.I.A. program in late 2002, and has continued since. It continues with my commencement in the position of Pastoral Associate and with my studies at the Adelaide College of Divinity. I recommenced part-time study in March.

Do you have a spiritual mentor?

Although I would not have recognised it at the time, my grandmother was my first spiritual mentor. Today, I would say that I have had several spiritual mentors. The list would include Monsignor John Swann; the R.C.I.A. group; lecturers at the Adelaide College of Divinity, and most recently Jacinta, who was my prayer companion last November/December.

What motivated you or guided you to take up this job as our Parish Pastoral Associate?

A metaphorical tap on the shoulder by Stephanie Roach (Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council). Obviously I knew the position was vacant, but when Stephanie asked me if I had considered applying, it started me thinking. After some enquiries to various people I made the decision to apply. At the same time I applied to join the Archdiocese Ministry Formation Program, which I will commence in late February.

What were your first impressions of this

parish community?

My first impressions were back in 2002, so are not that fresh in my memory. When I attended the information session for the R.C.I.A., and met Father Swann and Sister Marie Egan I recall feeling right at home and unconditional acceptance. The R.C.I.A. group were very patient with me, and very supportive through the whole process. The Parishioners that I met were very welcoming and friendly.

What are you asked to focus on as part of your job description?

Like my predecessor my main focus will be the Pastoral Care Team. My duty statement also includes the baptism team; bereavement team and liturgy committee. I hope over the coming months to attend the meetings of some of the other Parish Groups to get a better understanding of how they contribute to Parish life, and to meet as many of you as I can.

Until I start studying this year I will usually be available at the Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. From the beginning of March it will mainly be Tuesday and part of Wednesday.

Finally I thank Monsignor Swann and the Parish Pastoral Council for giving me the opportunity to take a change of direction in my life, and a different path on my faith journey.

May the blessings of the Lord be with us always,

with Christ.

Sue Wakeham

Pastoral Associate



Pastoral Care Team

We're still here! Our team of dedicated volunteers have been continuing to keep the team running in the absence of a Pastoral Associate for several months. In an average week, approximately eight parishioners are visited on a regular basis that I am aware of.

To remind you what we do: Home Visits; Hospital/Nursing Home Visits; take Holy Communion to the housebound; Palliative Care Visits; Bereavement Visits; Social Visits (either a phone call

or personal visit); and we have a couple of volunteers who in an emergency will help with errands.

On Tuesday, 10th February we had our first meeting for the year; and our first since last October. During the recent heatwave, our volunteers checked on the parishioners that they visit. One parishioner visited on a weekly basis had gone away and we heard of the efforts made by their Pastoral Care Team member to track that person down to ensure that all was well with

them.

If you are aware of any parishioners who may need a visit, please contact me (Sue); Mgr. John; Carol or Caroline at the Parish Office on 84316932.

Or if you would like to join our team (contacts as above) or just come along to our next meeting on 21st April at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Sue Wakeham, Pastoral Associate

What Does Lent Mean to You and Your Family?

We are soon to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent on 25th February. The celebration of Lent goes back to the very early days of the Church; in fact St Leo the Great in 5th Century maintained it was instituted by the Apostles. It has always been linked with giving greater attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It seems that in the first 3 centuries fasting was on one or two days, or a week at the most. It wasn't till the Council of Nicea (325) that the 40 days were mentioned – obviously taken from the 40 days Christ fasted at the beginning of his public life.

The name LENT comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word 'Lenctern' meaning springtime – as it is at this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and of course it is linked with the concept of new life or new growth in the spiritual life.

In the Eastern Church fasting was spread over seven weeks and included both Saturday and Sunday, in the West it was only six weeks with

Sundays exempt, (36 days) and in 7th Century four more days were added to make the 40, commencing on Ash Wednesday. From 5th Century the fasting was pretty strict – only one meal a day, in the evening, meat was not allowed, and in most places flesh meat, fish, eggs and dairy products were forbidden. Over the years the rules have changed and relaxed, esp. following the Second Vatican Council.

At present (in Australia) the required penance has been reduced to fasting and abstinence from meat only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Meat can be eaten on all other days of Lent, including Fridays.

Having said that, the Church still insists that this is a time of prayer and penance, and we are encouraged to choose our own ways of increasing our efforts at prayer, fasting and almsgiving; i.e. charity to the poor and under-privileged. And of course Project Compassion has become a very important part of our family Lenten observance.

The underlying reason why Lent is a time of penance is because we want to accompany Jesus in his suffering leading to the road to Calvary and his death on the Cross, so that we can rise with him to new life in the Resurrection. We should remember those words of Jesus: "If you want to be my disciples, then take up your cross daily and follow me." And in the Gospel read on Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6,16-18) we hear Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount telling us of the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

If we live Lent well, we'll find that when Easter comes we should have grown in our love for the Lord, in other words we grow in holiness and experience a resurrection, a re-awakening of our spiritual life.

Mgr John Swann

Parish Pastoral Council Report

The visit by Monsignor David Cappel last August has provided the focus for much of the work of the Council in recent months.

Mgr Cappel told us that when Mgr Swann retires at the end of 2009, a priest would be appointed to this Parish. He added that the priest would need the support of well organized parish structures and suggested we use the intervening time to ensure that we had covered all areas.

The PPC has a well defined and organized set of Parish Aims and Activities, so a first task was to review these, checking that both the personnel and the operations of the groups were current.

Having done this, each group has been invited to report, in turn, to the council in a two way exchange, with the council hearing of current activities, and the group having the opportunity of asking the council for any support it may need.

The appointment of Sue Wakeham as

our new Pastoral Associate was another step in ensuring the Parish will be functioning well to welcome a new Parish Priest.

Similarly, Mgr Cappel was approached to see whether the incoming priest would require one of the new units, but apparently not, so they will all be let on a normal commercial basis, providing useful income for the Parish.

Consolidating the times of the Sunday Masses was yet another preparation, given that the incoming priest may have duties elsewhere on some Sunday mornings. This was not an easy decision, but made in the knowledge that the parishioners of Tranmere would understand and appreciate the necessity of the move and, in time, see it as an opportunity to build new community links.

Our other major focus has been to investigate ways in which we can as a Parish, become more aware of, and more involved in encouraging vocations, especially to the Priesthood.

Mike Mulvihill, the PPC Vice Chairperson is our representative on the Diocesan Vocations Movement Committee, and with his input and that from the Vocations Centre, we hope to find ways to make this a significant feature of our Parish life.

Each month we hear reports from the Parish School, the School Board, Police checks progress, the Finance Council, Occupational Health and Safety, all of which help us to keep up with what is happening in our parish, so that we can best serve all those we represent. We are all available should we be able to assist in any way... please just ask!

Stephanie Roach (Chairperson)

Paul Barrett, Steven Beltrame, Diana Clark, Anne Dudzinski, Elvira Fantasia, Carol Galbraith, Sandy Mazzarolo, Michael Mulvihill, Paul Murphy, Mgr John Swann, Sue Wakeham, Terence Yeow.

From East To West A Perfect Offering

You can learn a lot about a parish just from the way they worship. Over the past half a century I have had the opportunity to attend Mass in a number of countries and thought that I might share some rambling observations with you.

As a young man, I worked in Malvern, a small English country town, and joined the local church choir. Malvern is where the famous Catholic music composer, Sir Edward Elgar, was born and grew up, and quite likely this was the very church which he attended. Yet the singing there left much to be desired: I don't remember ever going to a choir practice. (I used to say, jokingly, that we practised regularly every Sunday, *during* Mass.)

It was different in the churches in the big cities – for example, the choir in Brompton Oratory in London was heavenly. How music can lift the spirit.

Some years ago, my wife Colleen and I spent some time in Ireland. At all the Masses in the different towns the choirs sang beautifully, but strangely hardly anyone in the congregation joined in. I wonder if it was something cultural in Ireland.

It was very different at a church in Auckland, New Zealand, which had a good percentage of Maori parishioners. There were three priests, two of them youngish. The large church was always so crowded that ushers had to pack people into the pews to make room. And there were different ethnic choirs each week: Maori, Anglo-Saxon, Philippine and Asian, all of excellent quality, leading the people in lively singing.

The churches in Europe, USA and Canada do not seem that dissimilar from those here in Australia: priests and parishioners are often old and the faith seems tired, but occasionally there are encouraging signs. Wasn't it great to see the enthusiasm of the young people at the World Youth Days in Sydney and in previous years in other cities?

As one might expect, there is much fervour at pilgrimage shrines – Lourdes in France, Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Fatima in Portugal, Knock in Ireland and Medjugorje in the former Yugoslavia.

I was very moved in Medjugorje. That small town has been visited by millions

of pilgrims who believe that for the past 28 years Our Lady has been appearing regularly to visionaries, with one consistent message: prayer, fasting, scripture, confession and Eucharist. The Vatican has made no official statement about Medjugorje but there you see people praying fervently and openly everywhere; there are many stations for confession, overflowing to park benches in the open air; Masses are celebrated daily in several different languages; the townsfolk are very devout and I doubt if many would miss daily Mass; there have been numerous repentances and conversions; there is a successful rehabilitation house for drug addicts run by reformed addicts. If all this is not the working of the Holy Spirit, I don't know what is. I myself had a good spiritual experience and reconciliation there.

The faith in Asia, where Christians are in a minority, seems quite different from that in the West. Someone told me about the Novena Church in Singapore where there are 10 half-hour novena services in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Saturday, attended by 25,000 people – about half of them not Catholic.

I once arrived in Seoul in South Korea at night and saw illuminated crosses above every Christian church in that city, glorying in Christ crucified. On Sunday a young priest celebrated Mass that was attended by a group of schoolgirls. I understood not a word of his homily but he was obviously dynamic, charismatic and inspirational, and the congregation responded accordingly.

On a recent holiday to China and Thailand the faith was similarly evident. In a small chapel in Kowloon, Hong Kong, we arrived about 10 minutes before Mass (very unusual for us!) to find that all seats were already taken up, but some kind soul produced two folding chairs for us oldsters. By the time Mass started the aisles were full and people were standing shoulder to shoulder all the way out the front door. The priest was Indian and the congregation and choir consisted mainly of Philippine women working in Hong Kong. Everyone sang spiritedly.

We managed to catch an English Mass at the cathedral in nearby Macau. Again, it was well attended and the choir was competent and enthusiastic. The priest – an Australian

– gave a powerful homily. He was worried about the tens of thousands of itinerant workers in Macau who were losing their jobs because of the economic downturn and who would have to return to their home countries to suffer hardship. It was the feast of Christ the King, and the gospel quoted Jesus talking about the Day of Judgement. The priest reminded us about how we will be judged: the criterion Jesus chose was not how devoutly we prayed but whether we helped others ("I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink ..."). It made me think.

In Bangkok we again found a church where there was an English Mass; surprisingly, in this country with such a small percentage of Christians, that church has seven priests, almost all from other countries. The parish there seemed to be thriving. But it was sad to see more suffering in Thailand. Even before the global financial crash, there was already so much poverty and corruption in this country with no social security and pathetic beggars in the streets. As if things were not bad enough, minutes after we arrived, political protesters occupied and closed the airports, stranding hundreds of thousands of travellers (including us), destroying the tourist industry, seriously damaging exports and putting millions more out of work.

So there appears to be this difference. In Australia, as in most Western countries, we enjoy a high standard of living; while the majority of people say they are Christian, there is a shortage of priests, church attendance is in decline and moral standards are constantly being eroded by materialism and secularism; we even seem to be ashamed of our religion. In contrast, in the developing countries where there is much poverty, hardship and insecurity, the small minority of Christians are proclaiming their beliefs proudly and the faith is spreading.

The more comfortable and secure we are, the less we seem to care about God. Perhaps we need to look to the developing countries to reinvigorate the Church.

Henry d'Assumpcao

Equestrian Order of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend the Consulta of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as its Lieutenant for South Australia in Rome from 1st to 6th December 2008 at Villa Aurellia in Rome.

The most exciting event was the audience by His Holiness, the Pope on Friday morning. The Holy Father gave his cordial welcome to the Knights, Dames and Ecclesiastics who represent the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem led by the Grand Master His Eminence Cardinal John Foley.

He expressed his esteem and recognition of the lieutenancies of our meritorious Order world-wide for the fraternal solidarity which the Order for many years continues to promote in the Holy Places.

He touched on an ancient and glorious bond that binds our knightly sodality to the Holy Sepulchre of Christ where the glory of His death and resurrection is celebrated in an altogether particular way.

It is his hope that Jesus Christ crucified and risen will be the centre of the Order's existence and of all the Order's projects and programmes personal and shared, and that we may offer an eloquent witness to the Gospel, as a builder in our time of a real hope founded on the risen Lord which with the share of the Holy Spirit guides and sustains the labour of however much dedicate ourselves to the building of a new humanity inspired by the

gospel value of justice, love and peace.

He asked us to continue working tirelessly for justice and peace in the Land of Jesus so that all our aspirations may very soon reach full measure.

The origins of the Order

The Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, whose foundation tradition attributes to Godfrey de Bouillon, probably had its origin in the investiture of Knights who travelled to the Holy Land in the XII Century to defend the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. In 1847, the re-establishment of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem by Pope Pius IX whereby the new Patriarch became the Grand Master provided for the possibility of new members being invested outside of Jerusalem by those acting in the Patriarch's name.

In 1888 Pope Leo XIII approved the practice, initiated by the Patriarch, of investing ladies among the Knights of the Order.

In 1977 the Order was given a newly revised constitution by Pope Paul VI, which with some few later modifications, is its governing constitution today. The current Grand Master is H.E. Cardinal John Foley and the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy for South Australia is His Excellency Archbishop Philip Wilson.

Juridical description of the Order

The Order is an association of the Christian faithful, established accord-

ing to ecclesiastical law and entrusted with a special mission from the Holy Father with the notable difference that its resources are no longer weapons, but brotherly support for the Christians in the Holy Land and to strengthen among its members the practice of Christian life. It is governed by the ordinary regulations of Canon Law, the dispositions of the Church, and the rules of its own Constitution.

The role of the Order

The charity of the Order extends to all those in need, regardless of their beliefs, religious creeds and is exercised following guidance approved by the Grand Magisterium.

The material aid of the Order in the Holy Land is particularly directed toward the financial support of the institutional activities of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem including pastoral care, maintenance of clergy, support of the seminary, construction and maintenance of parish churches and school buildings (the Order helps build and maintain 42 schools), and subsidy of school operations.

The assistance of the Order also includes financial support for the construction, rehabilitation, advancement, and the operating expenses of other shrines and sanctuaries, educational institutions such as Bethlehem University, houses of formation, residences for priests and religious, childcare institutions, homes for the aged and the handicapped, and the health-care and

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Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

For thousand of years, plagues and pestilence have afflicted mankind. Some people assumed that these were a sign of the wrath of God and were sent to punish wrongdoers.

Painstaking research over many centuries have revealed that the culprits were often small creatures that live alongside us.

Medical researchers discovered rats, mice, cockroaches, flies and mosquitoes can all serve as hosts for transmitting disease. They also found that people often invite infectious diseases simply by a lack of hygiene. Cleanli-

ness, it seems can make the difference between life and death. Hygiene can be a real challenge. Nevertheless God gave the ancient Israelites instructions on cleanliness while they were travelling through the wilderness - some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable for practicing good hygiene. It must have been a tiresome job in view of the huge number of people involved, but it doubtless helped prevent such diseases as typhoid fever and cholera.

People were commanded to wash and destroy any items that came in contact with any possible disease carrying ob-

ject. Though they might not have understood the reason for this, the Israelites were thus helped to avoid infection and disease - Leviticus 11:32-38.

Now I know when I was a child, and told to wash my hands before meals, my parents followed the instructions with "Remember Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

God requires that all his servants be holy and clean (1 Peter 1:16)

Brian Carter

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Equestrian Order of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

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social service institutions. The Order also supports projects and programmes of human development such as housing, scholarships, small start-up loans for businesses, and other types of social works.

The Order has in the fiscal year of 2007 donated 8,938,350 euro toward material aids and 2,730,449 euro toward humanitarian aids in the Holy Land, and we will see escalating donations to the Holy Land by the Order in the fiscal year of 2008. The Order also helps raise fund for the Latin Patriarchate to purchase a block of land in Jerusalem, the deal of which may be completed at the beginning of 2009.

The Spirituality of the Order

The very name of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem points to the central focus of its spirituality: the Sepulchre of the Lord, the place where the glory of the resurrection is specially celebrated. "Each indi-

vidual layman must stand before the world a witness to the resurrection and life of Lord Jesus and as a sign that God lives". The Knight and Dame commit themselves to generous fidelity in carrying out their Christian duties and to temporal aid, for love for the Risen Lord, conqueror of sin and death, to those who profess the Christian faith in that war-torn and much wept over Land.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre and the Holy Land is a moral obligation of every Knight and Dame of the Order and should be realised, with the help of God, at least once during each one's lifetime. Pilgrim's deepened faith and new experience of the "Land of the Bible" and its people enable them to give a particular witness to those with whom they live and work.

Selection of candidates for the Order

The selection of candidates who may have the necessary moral, religious, and personal qualities for the Order is

the responsibility of the Lieutenant who must exercise in close cooperation with the Grand Prior, the members of the Lieutenantcy Executive Council and the local dignitaries, both lay and ecclesiastical.

Candidates for admission to the Order must be of age 25 and up. They should be preferably chosen among individuals with a family of their own, a solid social and financial position, willing to commit to charitable works according to the conditions established by the Lieutenantcy, visible demonstration of lay Christian commitment in the activities of the local church at the diocesan or parish level, voluntary and community work. The next investiture for our lieutenantcy will be some time in September 2009 with the possible presence of our H.E. Grand Master Cardinal John Foley.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Order may speak to its Lieutenant for South Australia David Wong on 0412 826 388 or email

Explanatory Notes

With this issue of Tranmere Times we include a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 2008, together with the Budget figure for 2009. It has been a very active year financially with the building project for the Units, which now thankfully are nearing completion and should be a regular source of income for the parish.

It is pleasing to note that our income has maintained a high level despite the decreasing Mass attendance and the financial problems of our times – which are affecting many of our people. With the reduction in Masses from three to two we expect some decline in income this year. Given the fact that we have used much of our cash in reserve the income from interest will of course be much less. However, we have not had to draw on our loan account too much – though approval was given for a max of \$200,000. Likewise our loan repayments will not be as high as expected.

Consideration is now being given to upgrading the facilities in our parish hall and using some of the money we received from the sale of the Convent to our parish school.

Last year the World Youth Day ‘cost’ us \$3194, but this was mostly offset by fundraising.

Our donations last year (item 24) were below par and our Finance Council intends to address this in the coming year. Last year we gave \$1,000 to Hesus Community and \$1,000 to the School as a Scholarship and also \$1400 to Birthline (from our Christmas Collection). We continue to contribute \$2,000 towards the Inter-Church Chaplaincy at Norwood Morialta High School, (Item 19).

This parish is quite remarkable for its generosity and we wish to thank parishioners for their continuous financial support for the parish, as well as the multitude of other special collections which occur on a regular basis.

Account keeping is a complex issue these days, having to comply with Diocesan requirements plus taxation and GST legislation. Our thanks go to Caroline Fisher for her book-keeping and to our Auditor Shane Brady who is a wonderful help to us.

Parish Finance Committee

TRANMERE PARISH FINANCES

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008

		Actual	Budget 08	Budget 09	
Receipts					
1	Planned Giving Envelope	160,837.00	155,000.00	150,000.00	
2	Unpledged Collection	18,953.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
3	Donations / Shrines & Candles	7,295.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
4	Interest	15,516.00	7,500.00	7,000.00	
5	Functions & Fundraising	4,155.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	
6	Rent	-	0.00	35,000.00	
7	Other Income	3,590.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	
8	Loans Raised	37,000.00	200,000.00	40,000.00	
9	Dioc. Collection & Contra	16,317.00	18,000.00	16,000.00	
Total Receipts		263,663.00	411,500.00	275,500.00	
Payments					
11	Staff Wages	51,918.00	70,000.00	82,000.00	
12	Property Repairs & Maintenance	14,901.00	25,000.00	16,000.00	
13	Council Rates	3,207.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
14	Renovation & Equipment Purchase	21,960.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
15	Property & Building Purchase	349,733.00	400,000.00	50,000.00	
16	Insurance	13,281.00	16,000.00	14,000.00	
17	Loan Repayments (Prin & Int)	-	15,000.00	10,000.00	
18	Parish Office Expenses	9,454.00	15,000.00	12,000.00	
19	Religious Worship & Parish Education	6,989.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	
20	Co - Responsibility & Car Fund	24,528.00	23,000.00	26,000.00	
21	Plan Giving Expenses	1,582.00	2,000.00	1,700.00	
22	Functions & Fundraising	507.00	3,000.00	0.00	
23	World Youth Day	3,194.00	0.00	0.00	
24	Donations	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
25	Dioc. Collection & Contra	16,356.00	18,000.00	16,000.00	
Total Payments		519,610.00	619,000.00	257,200.00	
Increase/(Decrease)		- 255,947.00			18,300.00



TRANMERE TIMES

Tranmere Times is the bi-monthly parish newsletter of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Tranmere. This church serves the people living but not entirely in the Adelaide suburbs of Kensington, Magill, Newton, Norton Summit and Hills, Rostrevor, Rosslyn Park, St. Morris, Tranmere and Woodforde.

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How smart is Your Right Foot?

This will boggle your mind. You will keep trying over and over again to see if you can out smart your foot, but you won't. It's pre programmed in your brain. Please follow these simple steps...

1. While sitting down and reading this article in front of you, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will change direction!!!

There is nothing you can do about it. You and I know how silly it is, but before the day is done, you are going to try it again, if you have not already done so. Good luck.

Personal Notices

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish faith community the recently baptised:

- ◆ Brando **Fassina**, son of Alan and Emily on 14 Dec 08
- ◆ Isabella **Fassina**, daughter of Alan and Emily on 14 Dec 08
- ◆ Danny **Pretlove**, son of Wayne and Brenda on 21 Dec 08
- ◆ Cody **Bird**, son of Wesley and Emily on 27 Dec 08
- ◆ Samuel **Williams**, son of Neil and Sarah on 27 Dec 08
- ◆ Oscar **Stefani**, son of Loris and Jennifer on 11 Jan 09

- ◆ Alana **Chua**, daughter of Alvin and Anna on 11 Jan 09
- ◆ Aaliyah **De Cesare**, daughter of Laurie and Marisa on 8 Feb 09
- ◆ Jack Austin **Pazlos**, son of Jason and Alison on 8 Feb 09

May They Rest in Peace

Our sympathy goes to families & friends of recently deceased parishioners:

- ◆ Dio **Schoenmaker**, ex Tranmere on 14 Jan 09
- ◆ Angela **Crosara**, ex Kensington Park on 26 Jan 09
- ◆ Josie **Nolan**, ex Kensington Gardens, on 31 Jan 09

Easter Mass Times

ST. JOSEPH'S TRANMERE

Friday 3 April Penitential Service at 7.00pm

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK 2009

Mon 6 April

Chrism Mass. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 6pm

Tues 7 April Mass at 9.15am

Wed 8 April Private Confessions 5pm ~ 6pm.

HOLY THURSDAY 9 April No morning Mass

Private Confessions 11am - 12 noon

Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 10 April No morning Mass

Stations of the Cross 11am

followed by private Confessions

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm.

HOLY SATURDAY 11 April No morning Mass.

Private Confessions 11am - 12 noon

Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 7.30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 12 April

Mass of the Resurrection 8.30am, 10.30am.

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY