

Report from the Parish Priest

The last couple of years had been not easy for most of us but we are grateful to God that we are still here strong and united as a Parish community.

I give the credit where it is due. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgical Committee, the Fundraising/Social Committee, the Missionaries of Charity Sisters and the Santa Clara School Principal and staff, Safeguarding Officers, and all volunteers of our parish for having worked hard with sincere love and cooperation with me through the years since I came here.

I am thankful and proud to say that in the many parishes I have served with, Santa Clara has so far, the best and well-coordinated choir groups and musicians. So thank you very much to the choirs who provide beautiful music every weekend Mass and special Masses.

I also would like to thank our hardworking Sacristans, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, and the decorators who help to set everything ready for each mass. Thanks also in a special way to the vibrant Youth Group of our Parish, the Couples for Christ, Swahili Group, and all devotional groups (Divine Mercy, Legion of Mary, Morning with Mary) for their generous service and contributions to the parish Community at large.

At the same time, I would wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to those priests who have always been ready to help in saying Masses here in our parish especially when I was on holiday or when I was not feeling well.

PASTORAL WORK IN THE PARISH:

- To say mass daily in the parish and administer other Sacraments as required by Canon Law and the Archdiocese of Perth.
- Every 1st Tuesday of the month Mass at Annesley Nursing Home; every 3rd Tuesday of the month Mass at Kingia (Swan Care Nursing Home).

- Anoint sick residents of these homes usually before Easter & around Christmas time and at any other time when it is required.
- I am also the Catholic Chaplain at Curtin University where I go every Wednesday & Fridays for mass at 12.00pm Noon.
- I also do home visitations when required.

THE PARISHIONERS OF SANTA CLARA

In general, the Parishioners of Santa Clara Parish are wonderful and warm people of God. They have made me feel at home since I came here in 2014. Sadly, few parish members have passed away or moved to other places; however, new families also joined our Parish this year.

Our Parish has a committed Parish Council working side by side with me to ensure that Santa Clara Church continues to be a wonderful place of worship. Our Finance Committee is also working hard with the coordination of the Fundraising and Social Committee to raise funds for church projects, liturgical expenses, and presbytery maintenance. As mentioned earlier, we have active groups of Acolytes, Altar Servers, Liturgy Servers, Music Ministry, and Church Decorators who share their time, talent, and treasure to serve in our Church and make my job as Parish Priest much easier.

I also would like to thank the St. Vincent de Paul for their desirable service in our Parish Community and beyond. Even if our previous volunteers have already retired, Bob Fisher from Riverton Conference has continued to coordinate with our parish for the works of St Vincent de Paul. It is hoped that this year, people from our parish take on this role.

RELATIONSHIP WITH SANTA CLARA SCHOOL

I am so happy working hand in hand with Santa Clara School entire staff and the children who show good discipline. The relationship between the school and the parish Community is very good and encouraging. The school masses and liturgies have been well organized in consultation with the Parish Priest. The Sacramental Programme which is done in collaboration with the school has

been successful. Thanks to the Principal Mr. Clinton Payne and Assistant Principal Ms Fiona Messer for working with the Parish in peace and harmony.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

I sincerely wish to say a big thank you to Santa Clara School teachers, catechists, and Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity for the good work they do in preparing the children who do the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation and celebrating them with reverence and love of Christ each year. I also would like to thank Fr Armando Carandang who is always ready to assist me in administering Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This year, we had 12 students who had Sacrament of Reconciliation; 14 for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist; and 12 for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We were blessed to have the Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Faith Formation to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in September 2022.

Again, thanks to all Parishioners for your sincere commitment and cooperation of working with me daily to make this parish a better place of worship. May you continue with more enthusiasm and vibrant spirit always for the common good of our Church.

Once again, thanks to you all and may God bless you.

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