

Waterloo Bay Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

This is your Snippets and extras in long form. Pam usually produces a much classier version but the important thing is to update you on the happenings in the parish.

Well, here we are at the other side of another Old English Fair. I don't think any of us anticipated the numbers who came along to enjoy the day. A big thank you must go to Ian, Aline and our incredible teams of volunteers. There were people who had been preparing for months, those who were at St George's all week setting up, those who helped on the day, others who donated items for stalls to sell, and others who couldn't help in a practical way but we know were praying for a successful day - your prayers worked!

The entertainers were wonderful. Second Hand Rose volunteers and patrons were blessed to be serenaded by Fr Michael as he tickled the ivories (he finds it a good way to open conversation). The Fair certainly is a great outreach to the community, albeit an exhausting one! Keep an ear out for a debrief meeting to be held soon.

It has been a blessing to welcome Fr Michael to the parish. He landed in the middle of all our busyness and we're grateful that he is here to hold the reins while Fr Scott continues to convalesce. Whilst we would like Fr Michael to join in every aspect of our parish life, he is only here for a short time, and there are limits to what he is able to do. As he let us know when he first came to us, Fr Michael will be at the St Lucia parish he's retiring from next Sunday. Fr Andrew Osborne has kindly volunteered to take the two services at St George's on that day which is also our Mission to Seafarer's Sunday. Being the 5th Sunday in a month, it is also Cursillo 'Show Your Colours Day'.

Fr Jim continues to support our parishioners. We would have been lost without him over the months Fr Scott has been unwell. Between his taking services and his pastoral care, I'm sure he and Jeanette will be glad to hit the road when they get to go. It's been a big thank you to Jeanette too for dealing with Jim being away from home so much in the lead up to their big 7-month trip.

A concern for a lot of parishioners at the moment is our pastoral care. Because Fr Scott has been immobile, he hasn't been able to visit parishioners however our pastoral care team continues to care for and attend to our parishioners who are in need. Fr Michael and Lyn will be visiting some of our more critically unwell parish family members on Monday and the team will then look further at prioritising care.

Fr Michael will be taking a service at Sylvan Woods Aged Care on the 1st of June and they have responded with thanks. When Fr Scott returns we will be reassessing the services at the Aged Care facilities in our area. We'll soon be asking who would like to continue or start volunteering at the homes so we know how many services we can offer.

A spinoff from preparing for the Fair was that the grounds look great and the underneath of the accessible toilet has finally been closed in. Thanks to Rob Haskins and his merry band of helpers for completing that major job, it is a vast improvement to the aesthetic look of St George's!

A Stewardship Program is planned for August. More information to come on this in the coming months. The Outreach Committee has lined-up some guest speakers for our services throughout 2021.

Just a reminder that Sarah Evans is taking over the task of preparing the worship rosters for the St George's services. Please either note any unavailability in Elvanto or let Glenda know. This applies to changes as well. To avoid confusion, it's important that the Elvanto roster is the only one used for worship jobs.

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