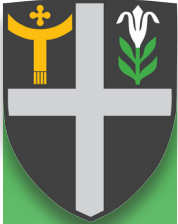


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## Christmas service times

### CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8.30am • **Combined Service**
- 6.00pm • **Children's Service**  
*(Children welcome to dress as characters in Christmas story)*
- 11.00pm • **Midnight Mass Carols**  
*Service starts at 11:30pm*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am • **Preacher and Celebrant**  
*Bishop Alison Taylor*





# THE COLUMBARIUM — a safe port in the storm:

## BREAST CANCER HIGH TEA

Due to the continual rain we were blessed to be able to step back in time, to sip on a glass of champagne before a decadent High Tea experience in the beautiful space in the All Saints Columbarium Chapel at St Augustine's.

Featuring beautiful antique Tea Sets, Mariage Marco Polo or Stockholm blend tea served from antique silver pots, with decadent sweet and savoury items served on an elegant gold three-tiered cake stand, while enjoying the awesome sounds of Mr Julian Jones, acoustic jazz vocalist/guitarist, knowing that we were supporting a great cause.

This quintessential experience celebrated 10 years of supporting Breast Cancer Awareness and Fundraising: \$10pp was donated to Mater Chicks in Pink.



## WHO'S FOR MAHJONG?

**The concentration is fierce, the requests for help always answered, the enjoyment is palpable, the laughter free.**



It all began when Lyn commented to Louise that she would like to learn to play Mahjong. "I can teach you," says Louise and so the Mahjong group was born as we found others who would also like to learn and others who already play and were happy to help.

**There can be anywhere between four and twelve people arrive at 3pm for two hours of playing Mahjong in the outer office in the Parish Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month.**

The skill levels range from very low to very high, but by mixing the tables of skilled and not so skilled, we are learning the intricacies of play.

Evidently there are two methods, the Eastern and the Western, and you would have to ask Louise Aubrey or Jan Miles which we play, but Lalla has adapted and says that it is easy to do so.

We've only had one man join us and are sure that there are others who play and we'd love to see them. Come on, men!

We are looking for the day that we have so many playing we have to move out into the hall to accommodate us all.

*As 2017 closes, we reiterate our thanks to our friends at Masthead Design & Creative and Print Works for helping us continue to produce the PP for our Parish readers. MD&C has been a specialist supporter of nonprofit organisations for more than a decade. We are especially grateful for the support of Rick Coyne from Print Works and wish him well in his new life in the USA with his family from Christmas.*



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# Greetings from Marian



Dear Friends,

It is difficult to believe that 2017 is coming to an end. In some ways it has been a quiet year with few new initiatives. That has allowed us to do some consolidation, especially with regard to Kid's Church and the Conversation classes.

Kid's Church is growing slowly and the congregation at 9:30 enjoy the participation of the children. The Conversation Class, which was intended as a gift to the community has proven to be a gift to the Parish.

Some of its members now worship with us and our calendar has been enriched by the addition of a multi-cultural dinner.

We have sorely missed having Rodney about but are delighted that he has found a position that suits his talents.

I have tried to pick up some of the things where he left off, but time constraints have made this difficult. I am delighted to announce that the Bishop has asked us to have a Curate in 2018 (part-time).

While this is primarily a training position, our experience with Rodney demonstrates that the benefits of having such a position often work both ways. Rosemary will be ordained Deacon on December 2 and will commence work with us on Sunday December 3.

As Christmas approaches, we all begin to think about venues, catering and presents.

In the midst of the busyness, I hope and pray that we can find time to reflect on the presence of the Christ-child among us, and to recover a sense of wonder and awe that God should chose to enter the world in such an amazing way.

Hopefully we will catch up at one of the Christmas services.

On the subject of people no longer in our postcode, and with whom we will be unable to catch up at Christmas, I want to thank Rick Coyne, formerly of Fergies and more recently of Print Works, for his kind assistance with the printing of our intermittent *Parish Pulse* since the first edition in August 2014.

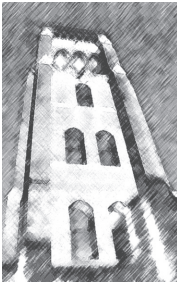
Having secured his 'Green Card' he will be joining his American wife and little daughter in their new lives in the USA: Rick's Christmas will be a snowy one in Portland, OR, and he leaves his old life in Brisbane with our thanks and blessings for the future.

To our parishioners and readers: best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas and a fulfilling and safe New Year.

Yours in Christ,

**Marian**

PS. As we approach the Centenary of St Augustine's, we are considering updating/rewriting *The Jewel Box*. We are interested in hearing from anyone who might like to share photos of events in the church and grounds, interesting stories or histories of colourful and not so colourful characters.



# POTTED PARISH HISTORY

- Mid-1892 • The Misses Philpott began Sunday School classes in their home in Kent Street with about 80 students
- Late 1892 • Church services began in the home as part of the Lutwyche Parish
- 1895 • Land purchased in Racecourse Rd and wooden church built
- 1896 • Church dedicated
- 1910 • More land bought
- 1911 • Church building moved to south east corner of site
- 1912 • Hamilton raised to status of Parochial District
- 1918 • Rectory completed
- October 1919 • Building of new red brick church commenced
- 17 October 1920 • First service held in new church
- April 1922 • Church dedicated by Archbishop Donaldson
- 11 May 1941 • Parish Hall opened by the Governor
- Circa 1950 • Chapel of All Souls (Columbarium) opened (previously used as church hall)
- 1959 • New organ installed and space previously occupied by old organ converted into the Chapel of Our Lady
- 1961 • Bell Tower completed and dedicated to all who served as members of the Royal Australian Air Force in all wars
- 1964 • Columbarium extended

## ROGUES' GALLERY

Recognise anyone?

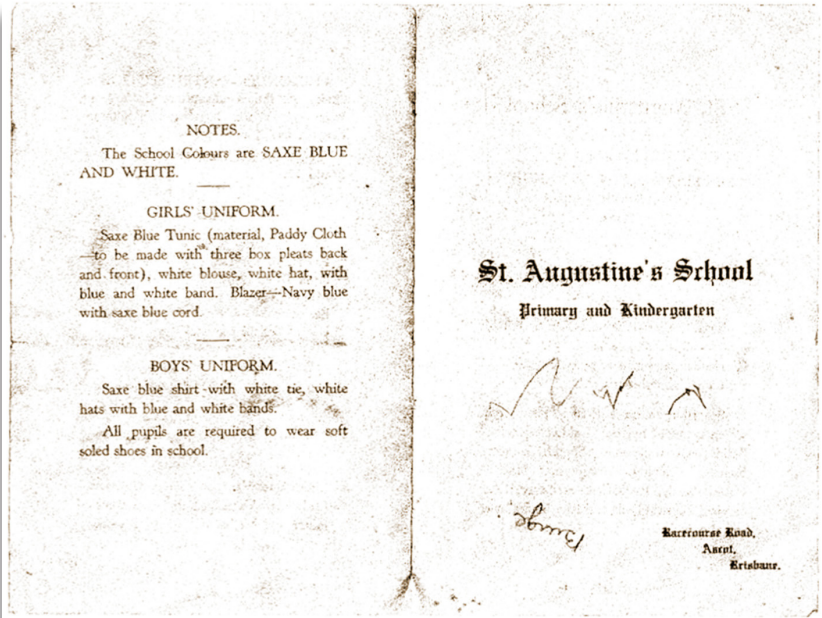


St Augustine's School C 1930



# Down Memory Lane ...

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## St. Augustine's School

PRINCIPAL:

Miss MARGARET J. McNAUGHT,  
Windermere Road,  
Ascot.

Phone, M 4440.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COURSE includes all the subjects of the State School's Curriculum, and aims at preparing the pupil for high school work.

Special attention is given to Arithmetic, which is taught by the "Caldwell System." Besides all the usual English subjects, French, Drawing, Geography, History, Nature Study, Recitation, Scripture, Class Singing, Physical Drill, and Rhythmic Games are also included.

THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION includes all the Kindergarten Occupations, Expression Work, Handwork, Recitation, Singing, Drills, and Games.

Pupils are received between the ages of 3 and 12.

### FEES.

	per term
Under 7 years	2 guineas
From 7 to 10 years	3 guineas
From 10 to 12 years	4 guineas
MUSIC	2 guineas
Elocution	1 guinea
Use of School Material	per term 2s. 6d.

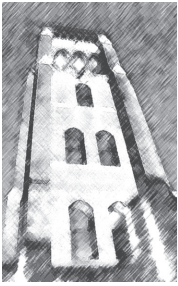
School Hours—9.30-12.30

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### HOLIDAYS.

Midsummer Vacation	7 weeks
Midwinter Vacation	3 weeks
Easter and Michaelmas	1 week



**Ranald found some interesting research  
– do we identify ...?**

## **FREQUENT RELIGIOUS SERVICE ATTENDANCE LINKED WITH DECREASED MORTALITY RISK AMONG WOMEN**

Boston, MA – Women who attended religious services more than once per week were more than 30% less likely to die during a 16-year-follow-up than women who never attended, according to a study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Frequent attendees also had significantly lower risk both from cardiovascular- and cancer-related mortality.

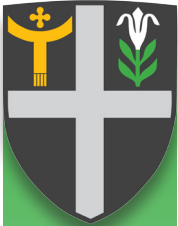
The study was published online May 16, 2016 in *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

“Our results suggest that there may be something important about religious service attendance beyond solitary spirituality,” said Tyler VanderWeele, professor of epidemiology at Harvard Chan School and senior author of the study. “Part of the benefit seems to be that attending religious services increases social support, discourages smoking, decreases depression, and helps people develop a more optimistic or hopeful outlook on life.”

Nearly 40% of Americans report attending religious services once per week or more. Previous studies have suggested a link between attendance and reduced mortality risk, but many were criticized for major limitations, including the possibility of “reverse causation”—that only those who are healthy can attend services, so that attendance isn’t necessarily influencing health. The new study addressed these criticisms by using rigorous methodology that controlled for common causes of attendance and mortality, used a larger sample size, and had repeated measurements over time of both attendance and health.

The researchers looked at data from 1992-2012 from 74,534 women who participated in the Nurses’ Health Study. The women answered questionnaires about their diet, lifestyle, and health every two years, and about their religious service attendance every four years. The researchers adjusted for a variety of factors, including diet, physical activity, alcohol consumption, smoking status, body mass index, social integration, depression, race and ethnicity.

Compared with women who never attended religious services, women who attended more than once per week had 33% lower mortality risk during the study period and lived an average of five months longer, the study found.





Those who attended weekly had 26% lower risk and those who attended less than once a week had 13% lower risk.

The study also found that women who attended religious services once per week or more had a decreased risk of both cardiovascular mortality (27%) and cancer mortality (21%).

One limitation of the study is that it consisted mainly of white Christians and therefore might not be generalizable to the general population, other countries, or areas with limited religious freedom. In addition, the study population included only U.S. nurses of a similar socioeconomic status, who tend to be fairly health conscious.

Other Harvard Chan School authors involved in the study included lead author Shanshan Li, postdoctoral researcher in epidemiology; Meir Stampfer, professor of epidemiology and nutrition; and David R. Williams, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health.

The Nurses' Health Study was funded by grant UM1 CA186107 from the National Institutes of Health. The analysis and article was supported by a research grant from the Templeton Foundation.

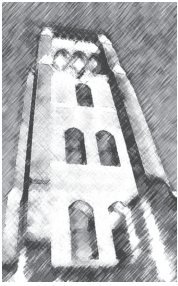
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### **READ MORE ONLINE:**

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# www.elcome

## ST AUGUSTINE'S NEW WEBSITE :

### <http://staugseq.com.au>

Our new website began as an idea in April 2017, writes its creator, Laurie Shaw: *I hesitantly said to Marian, "Do you want a new website?"*

**YES!**

Well, something like that. I wasn't going to say it was that obvious, but I came to realise the old site had been a gifted piece of work and helped many.

The issues with today's web technology is that it is difficult. It is not like the TV commercials that say anyone can build a site, for free. We consider security, search engines, performance and more. For your interest, we are hosted on an Amazon service in Sydney.

I returned to Brisbane from Sydney, my church there being St Andrew's Cathedral, and the Healing Ministry. *(I am from Brisbane but went to Sydney about 20 years ago in search of computer work.)* I had helped people with website photography, and even built a site with an evangelist friend.

I said to him, "Well, it may not be the best site, but we've built a car and put it on the road!"



My Christian photography was also supported by people around me during a time of great illness; it helped me enormously. I began to see the world and work differently to the way corporations had trained me to think. I would go to Church and let go of preconceptions and see perhaps what God wanted, rather than what I wanted.

I kept developing the web skills, and with the prospect of a Church website I was really excited. This was to be my largest piece of work to date, so I decided up front to stay calm, patient and take time for the pieces to come together, and that is what happened.

Even so, every step was with prayer, not wanting to be my own work in a sense, but what could be for others and for help in the Lord's work here if it may.





I mean – after great illness we tend to realise some of the ways we used to think and behave just evaporate and we take on new perspectives. We are not aiming to be noticed – but it certainly was nice for Jo’s graphic designer friend to give us encouragement.

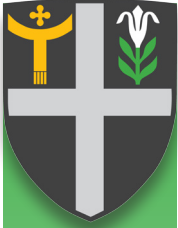
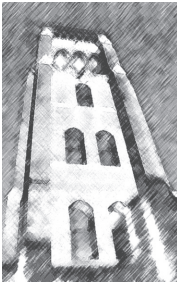
My first meeting with Jo (Jocelyn Mould) was about the history of the church and the people. We talked for some time over coffee, and the inter-connections between people, especially in an earlier time in Brisbane. We also wanted to get away from the brown colours on the old website, and Jo liked the idea of blue – so blue it was.

With my photography, and the style of bricks the church was built with, the stained glass windows, and the beautiful green lawns, the initial visual elements of the site were quite intuitive, in sympathy with those images. Everywhere you look on the site there are pictures of windows. This was not going to be a church site with grand images of marble and columns as St Pauls London! I think we have captured who we are, which counts.

But I discovered something unexpected that only St Augustine’s has. I wondered about the meaning of all the windows – it seemed there was a story, but I did not know what it was. I learnt there was a line of windows with the disciples of Jesus, another line with bible stories, a series dedicated to both men and women in the armed services, and some very, very touching scenes.

I learnt that the church was a memorial church, that so many lives had been lost in wars. The church was bedecked with stained-glass windows in every facet of the structure, a result of in-depth stories and the involvement from people in the past (including a rector’s resignation!).

As I was taking photographs of the Columbarium, Sally came in to remember her parents, and we spoke. Sally said for her it had been, since she was a girl, “A church of discovery”. We used this as the first piece of text on the website. I talked to people, and visiting priests about other experiences so the various aspects of the church had more meaning to me.



From there I could design the technical elements, the necessary information for service times and where we are, then add deeper content relating to the people, its history, and, hopefully its future. Our aim then was to present a sense of the church congregation, to be welcoming, and therefore not to present an informal site that just showed data. As an example, we called one of our pages “Our Life” rather than ‘events’ or ‘activities’.

We discussed the future of the church. The whole of Hamilton was growing with new developments. Where will people go shopping? Where will they park? Will they see a good website that meets current day expectations? And so we included photography and welcome messages for the Hamilton Harbour, Portside, and Northshore, (Hamilton Reach) residents.

You will see that the website is made of categories. The home page is actually quite large, but it covers off everything you need to know, letting people branch off to other pages from there. At the top we have Marian’s welcome message, followed by service times and location. We include prayers, content about the church history, notices from the weekly bulletin, and Marian’s sermons.

The Ministry page is about pastoral ministry, such as weddings and baptisms. The photo of Marian with the choir was an amazing shot, completely unexpected. So too were photos of the church. A bank of streaked white clouds came over the church, and I remember praying and thanking the Lord for that gift – a bit like the aircraft that must have flown over the belltower in 1964.

The Our Life pages categorise activities into church, social and community events. As there are many things going on in the church, I always found it hard to understand what was what and when. I made it my mission to photograph most of the events so people could see up front what was going on and be encouraged to participate.

I must confess some anxiety wondering how I would go at some events, but each was delightful. In terms of photography, I remind people that, yes, we are self-conscious, but photos can look beautiful to people who have not seen them before, and people don’t take notice of those little things that we are shy about. It is all good.

I realised there is a lot of scope for people in the church. For the web, all this content was structured into what we call web “posts”. We had our main website pages, and heaps of posts. That is how we handled it.

These are structured too. We are aware that a number of churches provide Christian content, so we included materials on topics like “Investigating Christianity”. I hope you enjoy the content available on the website. Of particular enjoyment are the galleries of images. If you want some inspiration there are lists of classic Christian books, testimonials, and ministries.

Another aspect of the website is the formal governance of the church. We wanted to present ourselves in the context of the diocese of South East Queensland. I spoke to the diocesan head office, and received a map of the parishes. We eventually found some boundary lines from earlier years.

When I work a website, I always want people to have something of themselves that they would otherwise be unsure of. One example is the lovely mention of the gardens and lawns, how many trees and shrubs we have, and the ongoing work of the parish pantry. These are in a way personal, and we cater for them. I need to do that rather than gloss over such things. How often we are aware of the enormous work people do behind the scenes to keep the property beautiful for the congregation and public?

I think, regardless of all the content, it is just plain good to have a website sitting up there that may help someone, and in terms of how good your new site is, you can be proud of it.



We have obtained comments from interstate, and we can humbly but assuredly let you know it is up there with the highest standards for a church website. Our site is unique. While it is modern, it is also classical. We love some of the little bits, like the blue or red buttons with a band of gold and the coat of arms. These touches took a lot of time to develop the code behind the scenes.

The overall effect is one of composition and thought. As I said to Betty, the two of us with joy, it is not like a cold piece of laminex.

From Canon Christopher Allan at St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney: *"Outstanding! It looks marvelous. One of the very best I've ever seen."*

The website of course had key assistance from Marian, Jo, and Maria in the office. For example, Maria helped to clarify a problem I was trying to wrap my head around! She worked it out. Every word on the site was captured and put up for reviews. We could not work out what to call the new site. It needed to be a short name. The Wardens came up with the perfect name. Thank you to everyone who helped us.

And yes, there were some laughable mistakes along the way. I thought the big ben bell was the historic bell rescued from the beach overseas after the First World War. I was quite disappointed.

When I went to photograph the main bell, I got too dizzy climbing the ladder steps and realised I had aged a bit and could not manage such feats of prowess anymore. Hence no photo of the bell. Oh well. Last, there was my initial mistake thinking we were talking about *St Augustine of Hippo* – ha, ha. We were talking about Canterbury. I'm always having to be careful about getting something wrong on a website. It keeps me in check.

Finally, my message would be twofold – this is **our** church, and the website has the ability to include **your** involvement however that turns out, even selections from your smartphone at an event (such as Dawn gave to us recently) and, most importantly, this is a church of deep and heartfelt history which we respect and honour not only as ours, but in thanks to and with God's blessings for us and his work in the wider community.

I personally thank everyone who has been loving and kind in helping me in the web build and particularly in meeting folks during the photography sessions. Even though it was a larger project, the freedom and support to move forward at each step of the way was truly worthy of note. I think we have been very gifted with that ability and the trust people have for each other.

Yours in Christ,  
Laurie Shaw





## **MEET**

### **CONNOR**

### **MENEREY**

Although I thought nothing much of this at the time, I realised that God had used Ben to plant the seed to bring me to the kingdom.

I was no longer able to deny the existence of God after witnessing the birth of my daughter and all the great works and blessings God had gifted me. I began to read the Bible and this had changed me, making me forever more grateful for the life I have. I am blessed with a happy marriage and two healthy children and continue to thank the Lord for the mercy he has upon me and my family.

I first worshipped at a Baptist Church in Albion. I enjoyed the music and worship, however when I moved to Ascot, I found it difficult to continue to attend.

Unfortunately I fell away from the Church, but fortunately maintained a personal relationship with God.

I would walk past St Augustine's on a regular basis but would rarely have the opportunity to visit a service due to work commitments.

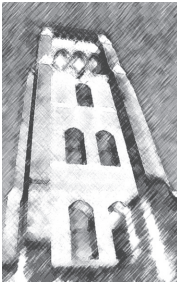
Last Good Friday I was not working and took this opportunity to attend the service at St Augustine's. I felt such a connection to the service and was delighted to hear the sermons of Marian. I felt a connection and that I was on the right track again.

I was born here in Brisbane, was educated in Woolloowin for my Primary education and in Hendra for my Secondary. Whilst completing high school I commenced my school-based apprenticeship as a chef.

Shortly after completing high school, I met my would-be wife, Mikayla, and we have been inseparable ever since. Soon after, Mikayla was pregnant with our first child and I didn't hesitate to propose marriage. This, however, was the very beginning of my journey of experience the miracles of the life we have and encountering God's word.

I had recently qualified as a chef and it so happened that Ben, my employer, was a born-again Christian belonging to a Baptist congregation. As it was coming close for me to take my parental leave, Ben took me aside and asked if he could pray for me and the safe delivery of my expected child.

Although I had in the past pondered life's great mysteries, I simply considered this an expression of gratitude, so I had happily accepted this sentiment.



Since then I have made my best effort to attend services at St Augustine's when home and work responsibilities permitted and have since been baptised and confirmed into the Anglican faith with open arms from the Church and its congregation.

My daughter, Winter, often attends with me as she also has a burning desire to know God and learn of the teachings of Jesus.

Please come and say hello and introduce yourself to me when I do get a break from the world and come to St Augustine's to celebrate and worship God; it would be an absolute pleasure of mine.

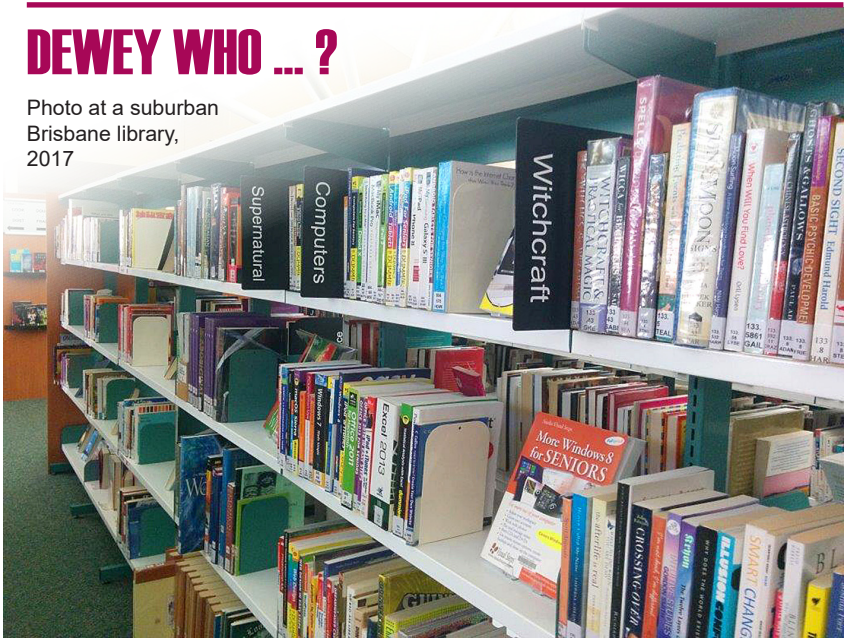
I look forward to meeting you all over the next few months.

**Connor**



## DEWEY WHO ... ?

Photo at a suburban Brisbane library, 2017



### The Best Way to Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby

“Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray,” the priest said.

“No,” said the minister. “I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.”

“You’re both wrong,” the guru said. “The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor.”

The repairman could contain himself no longer. “Hey, fellas,” he interrupted.

“The best praying I ever did was when I was hanging upside down from a telephone pole.”



## *This Strange English Language*

We'll begin with a box,  
and the plural is boxes;  
but the plural of ox  
became oxen not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose,  
but two are called geese,  
yet the plural of moose  
should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse  
or a nest full of mice;  
yet the plural of house is houses,  
not hice.

If the plural of man  
is always called men,  
why shouldn't the plural of pan  
be called pen?

If I spoke of my foot  
and show you my feet,  
and I give you a boot,  
would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth  
and a whole set are teeth,  
why shouldn't the plural of booth  
be called beeth?

Then one may be that,  
and three would be those,  
yet hat in the plural  
would never be hose,  
and the plural of cat is cats,  
not cose.

We speak of a brother  
and also of brethren,  
but though we say mother,  
we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns  
are he, his and him,  
but imagine the feminine:  
she, shis and shim.

## *Communications of the future ... soon*

### **Hello! Gordon's Pizza?**

*No sir, it is Google Pizza.*

### **So, I have the wrong number?**

*No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza.*

### **Okay. Take my order please.**

*Well, sir, you want the usual?*

### **The 'usual'...? How do you know me?**

*According to your caller ID, the last 12 times you ordered pepperoni, extra olives, thick crust ...*

### **OK! OK! That's it.**

*Sir, may I suggest this time: ricotta cheese and arugula with sun-dried tomatoes?*

### **No, I hate vegetables.**

*But your cholesterol is high!*

### **How do you know?**

*Through the Lab subscriber's guide. We have the results of your last seven years' blood tests.*

### **Okay, but I want my regular pizza, I already take medicine.**

*But, sir, you have not taken your medicine regularly. Four months ago, you purchased a box with only 30 tablets at Chem-wholesalers.*

### **I bought more from another chemist.**

*It is not showing on your credit card.*

### **I paid in cash.**

*But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your bank statement.*

### **I have other sources of cash.**

*This is not showing on your last income tax return, unless you got it from an undeclared source.*

### **What the heck? ENOUGH! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and Hangouts! I'm going to an island without wi-fi or internet – where there are no mobile phones, tablets, computers or satellites to spy on me.**

*I understand sir, but you will need to renew your passport, as it expired five weeks ago.*

A man on his Harley was riding along a Victorian beach road when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, God said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

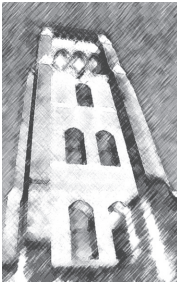
The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Tasmania so I can ride over anytime I want."

God replied, "Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking: the supports required reaching the bottom of Bass Strait and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a lengthy pause, God replied: "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

# ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH RETREAT 2017



A small number of us arrived early Friday evening in time to have nibbles and a wine (or two) before dinner. The Bay was looking very beautiful as we sat and chatted. One of the great things about Santa Teresa as a retreat centre is the quality of the food provided – always excellent.



Having enjoyed dinner we met in the Bathersby Room for Compline (*Hail Gladdening Light* is now better known than before although its doubtful the composer would have recognised our singing of it) before making our way to our rooms.

It is so pleasant to have your own ensuite in your room so no having to struggle out to shared facilities – who cares what you wear to bed!

One of our number made the rest of us feel very guilty as she came in from her early morning walk before breakfast – and we had just turned over and slept on until breakfast. We were joined by a day visitor which was appreciated by us all. After breakfast we got down to the reason we were there.

Marian led us in considering the Trinity and challenged our perceptions. Celebrating the Eucharist after such a session gave a heightened awareness of what we say in the rite.

We had more discussion later in the day after a period of personal relaxation. Some rested, some walked the labyrinth ... one can go walking around the grounds, up to the Carmelite monastery, around Ormiston House next door, or outside the grounds. It was tempting to simply sit there and watch the boats sailing across the bay. After afternoon tea, we had another session before dinner which was once again followed by Compline (we sang much better this time!).

On Sunday morning Marian had to return to Hamilton and the rest of us went to visit the parishioners at Wellington Point who were most welcoming. It is always interesting to worship in another community. On our way back to Santa Teresa we found a popular fruit and veg stall with great local produce. We also spent some time in the chapel of the Carmelite monastery. Lunch was our last shared time before reluctantly packing up and heading home.

It was so helpful to have the time together where we could have our ideas challenged and understanding enlarged, able to put forward questions in a safe environment where there was no judgement, just discussion.

Roll on Parish Retreat 2018!

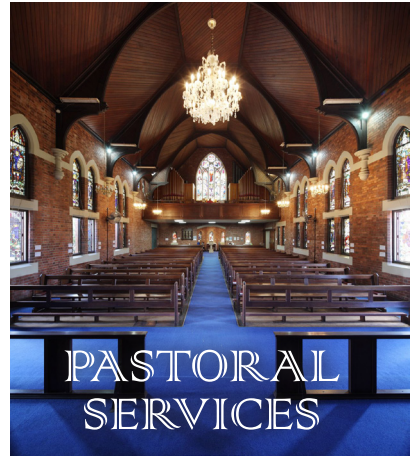




PASTORAL SERVICES  
January 2017 – November 9, 2017

### BAPTISMS

08-Jan-17	Garrard	Maddison
15-Jan-17	Casson	Ekaterina
22-Jan-17	Tooker	Oscar
12-Feb-17	Bawden	Frederick
12-Feb-17	Eastaughffe	Charlotte
19-Feb-17	Grainger	Hudson
19-Feb-17	Kocaj	Oscar
19-Feb-17	Attersall	Liam
05-Mar-17	Dure-Wilcock	Evelyn
19-Mar-17	Parth	Pauline
26-Mar-17	Allan	Lucia
02-Apr-17	Fleetwood	John
02-Apr-17	Spiro	Sydney
16-Apr-17	Dunbar	Isabelle
30-Apr-17	Dissanayake	Mikaela
30-Apr-17	Laycock	Celeste
30-Apr-17	Kleinschafer	Ryan
30-Apr-17	Kleinschafer	John
07-May-17	Rylance	Sienna
14-May-17	Surman	Elizabeth
21-May-17	Swan	Lachlan
21-May-17	Swan	Amelia
28-May-17	Macpherson	Angus
28-May-17	Beechey	Hugo
28-May-17	Lee	Havana
04-Jun-17	Plant	Mollie
04-Jun-17	Illo-Mackay	Szofia
18-Jun-17	Palazzi	Sadie
25-Jun-17	Lee	Kong
25-Jun-17	Woods	Noah
25-Jun-17	Catherall	Cooper
02-Jul-17	Gotting	Vivienne
02-Jul-17	Given	Elanor
16-Jul-17	McClure	Sage
23-Jul-17	Ashdown	Charles
10-Sep-17	McVinish	Lachlan
17-Sep-17	La Frantz	Bridie
08-Oct-17	Alexander	Allegra
15-Oct-17	Naidu	Nixon
22-Oct-17	Brennan	Eilish
29-Oct-17	Pinter	Samantha
29-Oct-17	Pinter	Madeleine
29-Oct-17	Beard	Fred
12-Nov-17	Walsh	Edward



### MARRIAGES

11-Mar-17	Alexander Reichmann	Kate Tomlinson
06-May-17	Jaran Finlayson	Rachael Lewis
10-Jun-17	Steven Kremer	Laura Edwards
17-Jun-17	Gregory Luck	Maria Wood
29-Jul-17	Daniel Alexander	Alyssa Allen
25-Aug-17	Scott Coward	Megan Griffin
02-Sep-17	Anesone Burgess	Alysse Palmer
02-Sep-17	Kenneth McDonald	Jacqueline Cain
16-Sep-17	Kelvin Woodrow	Trudy Peterson

### DEATHS

25-01-17	Heatley, Jean Marion
01-05-17	Kruger, Glenray
04-05-17	Hawken, Diana Blair
18-06-17	Spilsbury, Margaret Elizabeth
13-07-17	Brown, Eleanor Catherine
30-07-17	Fitzgerald, Casie-Lee
05-08-17	Stuart, Barbara Joan
09-08-17	Murphy, Agnes Millicent (Nancy)
09-10-17	Anderssen, Anders Scott (Andy)
11-10-17	Ommensen, Neville Ronald
1-11-17	McLeod, Joan
11-11-17	Pie, Jocelyn Alice