

2011

- On 10th January the **Refurbishment of the church Foyer** commenced. The work included new flooring, ceiling and cabinets in the foyer. Also new carpets in the church and sacristy were laid as part of the renovation work.
- On 25th January, **new computer and projector** were installed in the Church.
- **The Annual Fish & and Bingo night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 11th February.
- On 12th February the **PREP classes** began under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.
- On 13th February Parish **farewelled Fr. Shibu Joseph** who has been transferred to Melbourne.
- **The Sacramental Commitment ceremony** was held over three weekends in the Month of February for families with children preparing to receive either the sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.
- **Meeting of all Ushers** in the Parish was held on 19th March.
- Abbott John Herbert OSB from New Norcia preached the **annual retreat** from 21st March to 24th March leading up to the 60th Anniversary of the Parish.
- We celebrated the **Diamond Jubilee of the Parish** on 25th March 2011. Bishop Don Sproxton was the main celebrant of the Eucharist and he also blessed the renovated foyer of the Church. A large number of Parishioners, staff and children from the school took part in the Mass and the fellowship that followed in the Parish hall.
- On 30th **Susan Cassidy-Parker** resigned as parish secretary to take up a full-time job elsewhere. During her five and half years as secretary. Susan has worked tirelessly in the Parish office. The Parish acknowledged Susan's work in the parish office during her time as secretary.
- **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on Friday 6th May. Fr. Eugene San was the main celebrant of the Eucharist. About 150 people gathered to celebrate the Mass followed by supper in the Parish hall.

■ **Mother's Day Family Mass** was celebrated on Saturday at 9.00am on 8th May. Special Mothers Day cards and flowers were distributed to all Mothers and Grandmothers at all Masses.

■ On 15th May, the **Community Fair** was celebrated both by the Parish and school.

■ The Bible study on St. Paul's **First Letter to the Corinthians** presented by Dr. Tim Gray started on 9th June in the Parish house.

■ **The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 10th June 2011. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall.

■ On 11th June 2011 during the Pentecost Vigil Service, five new members **David Yoon, Belinda Dalton, Hang Wah, Ziggy & Rotice Gajda** were initiated into the Church, the culmination of their journey through the RCIA Programme.

■ On 12th & 19th June, at 10.30am Masses, 60 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which was administered by the parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan.

■ On 24th July the Parishioners celebrated **Fr. John Flynn's 80th birthday**.

■ **The Propagation of Faith Appeal** in the parish was made on 30th/31st July by Sr. Shelley Barlow who was guest speaker here at Riverton and Mr. Francis Baptiste who spoke at Rossmoyne, both emphasising the importance of Catholic Mission.

■ **On 7th August** at 10.30am the Parish A.G.M for 2010/2011 was held. Around 50 people were present at the meeting. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Mr. Eric D'Souza, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Bill Spence, the chairperson of the Finance Committee presented their reports.

■ **A SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL** was held on 11th September. The Music ministry had organised the event, co-opting talented people in the Parish and it was a great success and was highly appreciated by all present.

■ On 18th & 25th September, at two special 10.30am Masses, 59 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ New **VoIP Phone system** for the Parish was installed on the 15th October.

- On the First week of November 2011, **the wearing of Sashes by EMHC**, while distributing Holy Communion, was introduced.
- **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering for parish helpers** was held on the 4th November. More than 180 people came to celebrate the occasion and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone involved in the life of the Parish, both at Riverton and Rossmoyne, to meet and socialise together.
- **A One Day Retreat** on “**LOVE AND FORGIVENESS**” by Fr. Prabhu took place on 16th November.
- A workshop on “**St. Vincent Pallotti: Who Was He?**” organised by the UAC team members, was held on 4th December.
- 10th December **Fr. Thaddeus SAC** arrived from Cameroon and was welcomed into the Parish.

2012

- **St. Vincent Pallotti’s Feast** was celebrated by the Parishioners on 21st January.
- On 11th February the **PREP classes** began under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.
- **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 17th February.
- The Bible study session on the Old Testament books entitled “**THE BIBLE TIMELANE**” was launched on Monday 13th February in the Parish house. More than 30 people attended the session. The programme will run for 24 weeks.
- **The Sacramental Commitment Ceremony** was held at each of the weekend Masses in February for families with children preparing to receive either the Sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.
- **Parish Retreat** for 2012 was conducted by Fr. Eugene San SAC, Pallottine Regional Superior, from 26th to 29th March.
- **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 20th April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.

- **New Amplifiers and digital Loudspeakers** were installed in the Church on 24th April by 3 Monkeys audiovisual Team.

- On 24th April the **undercover area** near the church was extended to provide more space for the Sunday Cuppa and fellowship. Also, the **footpath**, leading to the Church from the parking area, was widened.

- The Parish **Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on the evening of Friday 25th May. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB was the main celebrant of the Eucharist. More than 270 people came to celebrate the event and after the Mass, the supper organised in the parish hall by the Social committee, was enjoyed by all who came.

- On 20th & 27th May, at 10.30am Mass, 54 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which was administered by the parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan.

- **A Lector's workshop**, organized by the Liturgy committee, was held on 14th July. More than 50 Lectors attended the workshop which was conducted by Mrs. Helen Medina from the Archdiocese.

- **The Propagation of Faith Appeal** was made on 28th/29th July.

- On 5th August at 10.30am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2011/2012 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Mr. Eric D'Souza, retiring chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Bill Spence, the chairperson of the Finance Committee, presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council members Mr. Eric D'Souza, Mr. Bob Fisher and Miss. Genevieve Yii and welcomed the new Parish Pastoral Council members Mr. Luke Bray and Mrs. Jannet Patching.

- A new youth group entitled "**Jesus Youth Teens Ministry**" was formed in the Parish on 20th August. More than 30 teens came for the first meeting and this gathering is scheduled to be organised on a monthly basis.

- On 8th September grade three Children from the School and from the PREP classes made their **first Reconciliation** prior to the 6.30pm Mass and participated with parishioners in the Eucharist that followed.

- The carpet covering on the Church kneelers was replaced by new carpet overlying a strip of foam on the top of the kneeler. The work was organised by the parishioners.

- **An afternoon with Mary**, organised by the Parish Music Ministry Team, took place on 9th September.

- On 16th & 23rd September at two special Masses at 10.30am 56 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.
- Pilgrims from the parish and elsewhere left on the Parish Organised **Two Weeks Pilgrimage to Holy Land** on 1st October and returned on 15th October.
- Building of the **New Marian Grotto** started on 2nd October. The new white marble statue of Mary arrived from Vietnam on 4th October.
- The Bible study on the **Book of Psalms** started on 8th October in the Parish house.
- On 8th October, a ceiling light transformer in the Parish Hall overheated causing a fire in the ceiling. This necessitated an emergency call to which the fire brigade quickly responded.
- **The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** was held on the 2nd November. More than 200 people came to celebrate the occasion and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone involved in the life of the Parish, both at Riverton and Rossmoyne, to meet and socialise with each other.
- **On 22nd November, Fr. Kelvin Kenny SAC**, former Assistant Parish Priest of Riverton from 1987 to 1991 died in Melbourne. A memorial Mass for Fr. Kelvin was celebrated on 29th November at the Rossmoyne chapel.
- On the 18th November forty-seven **Pilgrims**, most from the parish but some from elsewhere, left for New Norcia on a pilgrimage that was organised by the UAC.
- New **Marian Grotto** was blessed on 8th December on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception following the 7.30am Mass.
- **On 13th December**, the Combined Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service was held at Queen of Apostles. It was well attended and the refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards were enjoyed by many.
- **The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 18th December.

2013

- The new **LED Lights** were fitted in the Church on 25th January.

- A movie on the life of Pallotti entitled “The Radical faithful” was shown in the Parish House on 29th January.
- Golden Jubilee of the Canonisation of St. Vincent Pallotti was celebrated on 1st February. His Grace Timothy Costelloe SDB, the Archbishop of Perth presided over the Concelebrated Mass along with Rev. Fr. Eugene San, Regional superior of the Pallottines in Australia and many priests and religious of the Archdiocese. The ceremony was attended by nearly 260 friends and well-wishers of the Pallottines in W.A.
- **The PREP classes** began on 9th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** was organised by Jesus Teens Youth members for three days from 21st Feb. to 23rd Feb. to mark the year of Grace.
- **World day of Prayer** was held on 1st March at Queen of Apostles Church.
- **Parish Renewal Programme** was conducted by **Vincentian Fathers** from 18th March to 21st March.
- On 30th March during the Easter Vigil Service, two new members **Michael Harrison and David Johnston** were received into the Church through RCIA Programme.
- **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 5th April.
- On 21st April the Renovation work in the Cenacle commenced. The work included new floor covering, ceiling and cabinets.
- The Bible study on **Catholicism** presented by Fr. Robert Barrow started on 6th May in the Parish house.
- The Parish **Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Saturday 18th May. The concelebrated Mass at 7.30am was followed by breakfast in the parish house.
- On 24th May at 6.30pm 45 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB who was the principal celebrant.

■ On 26th May Parish Farewelled **Fr. Joe Butscher** who has retired from active Ministry and welcomed Fr. Ray Hevern to be the **new rector** at Rossmoyne.

■ **The healing Mass with Anointing of the sick** was celebrated with Fr. Pat Jackson sac on Monday 18th June.

■ **One day Retreat** on “Spirituality of St. Vincent Pallotti” by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held at Epiphany Retreat Centre at Rossmoyne on 22nd June.

■ A workshop titled “Let’s Have a Chat- Praying Together as a Family” by Dr. Carmel Suart was held on 22nd June. It was aimed at all the parents and children involved with our sacramental program.

■ **The Propagation of Faith Appeal** was made on 27th/28th July.

■ On 4th August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2012/2013 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Mr. Bill Spence, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Ernest Wohlsein, from Finance Committee presented their reports.

■ **Meeting of all Acolytes** in the Parish was held on 10th August.

■ On 15th September, Parish **farewelled Darren Quadros** the retiring Caretaker and **Agnelo Monteiro was welcomed** as the new caretaker. Agnelo moved to the Parish house on the same day with his family.

■ On 7th & 14th September grade three Children from the School and from the PREP classes made their **first Reconciliation** prior to the 6.30pm Mass and participated with parishioners in the Eucharist that followed.

■ On 15th & 22nd September at two special Masses at 10.30am 38 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ The Bible study on the **Book of Galatians** started on 7th October in the Parish house.

■ On 17th November, the **Community Fair** was celebrated both by the Parish and school.

■ On 24th November two new members **Christina Johnston & Peter White** were received into the Church, through the RCIA Programme.

■ Cheryl Sullivan and Mary Whiting from Mariana Community offered first information evening to Riverton Parishioners on Friday 29th November.

■ After due consultation and deliberations with Parishioners Saturday Evening (Vigil) Mass moved from 6.30pm to 6.00pm. Thus, the reconciliation and Holy Hour was brought forward to 4.00pm from 4.30pm. The change took effective from 30th November.

■ On 6th to 8th December **Canonical Visitation** by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB took place. Archbishop met the School Leadership team and addressed the School Assembly, visited the Margaret Hubery nursing Home, Pallottine Community at Rossmoyne. He also met with Parish Pastoral team, Finance committee and Youth Leadership team and officiated all the weekend Masses.

2014

■ Fr. John Luemmen, SAC, resident in the parish since 1956 and parish priest for a total of twenty-one years, died at Margaret Hubery Nursing home in the early hours of Monday, 13th January 2014. A Requiem Mass for Fr. John was celebrated on Friday 17th January with several priest's concelebrating and in the presence of a large congregation of laity and Religious.

■ During the month of January, a new **Photovoltaic Solar System** was installed on the roof of John Luemmen Hall.

■ **The refurbishment and upgrading of the electronic components** of the pipe Organ started on 28th January and was completed on 20th March.

■ **The PREP classes** began on 8th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

■ **The Sacramental Commitment ceremony** was held over three weekends in the Month of February for families with children preparing to receive either the sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

■ During the month of March, a new school machinery/sports equipment shed was built at the western side of the John Luemmen Hall. The new building replaced the 'bus shelter', as it was called, at the north-western exterior of the church and a sports equipment shed, previously demolished, on the same site as the new building.

■ **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 14th March.

■ **Parish Lenten Mission** was conducted by **Lorraine McCarthy**, formation worker for UAC from 31st March to 3rd April.

■ A workshop on “**Called and Gifted**” directed by Lorraine McCarthy was held on 5th April.

■ Demolition of the old ‘bus shelter’ was carried out during Holy Week and the site was cleared and prepared for asphaltting during the Easter Octave. The asphaltting was completed on Monday 29th April and this newly asphalted area will provide four additional car parking bays.

■ **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 26th April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. The concelebrated Mass at 7.30am was followed by breakfast in the parish hall.

■ The Bible study on the Book of **St. James** started on 5th May in the Parish house.

■ **The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 7th June. The concelebrated Mass at 7.30am was followed by breakfast in the parish hall.

■ On 7th June during the Pentecost Vigil Service, two new members **Austin Peramana & Amy Wai Ling** were received into the Church, through the RCIA Programme.

■ On 15th & 22nd June, at two special 10.30am Masses, 65 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by the parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC.

■ **A Memorial Mass in Thanksgiving for Bishop John Jobst** and the many years he spent in dedicated service of the people of the Kimberley was held at 7.00pm on Friday 18th July at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC was the main celebrant and Fr. Ray Hevern SAC preached.

■ A workshop on “**Grief & Bereavement**” presented by Gerry Smith was held on 21st July.

■ **The Propagation of Faith Appeal** was made on 26th/27th July.

■ On 3rd August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2013/2014 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Clara Kirika, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Ernest Wohlsein, from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council members Mr. Luke Bray, Mrs. Annie Ambrose and Mrs. Jannet Patching and welcomed the new Parish Pastoral

Council members Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Rory Hendricks and Mrs. Susan Regnard.

■ **Pipe Organ Concert** was held on 17th August. The Music ministry had organised the event, co-opting talented people in the Parish and it was a great success and was highly appreciated by all present.

■ On 6th & 13th September grade three Children from the School and from the PREP classes made their **first Reconciliation** prior to the 6.00pm Mass and participated with parishioners in the Eucharist that followed.

■ On 14th & 21st September at two special Masses at 10.30am 56 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ A Conference titled “Milites Christi” –Soldiers of Christ was held at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton from 10th to 12th October by Jesus Youth Team. Around 170 youth, teens, kids and youth couples participated in the conference.

■ **During the months of October and November** the Liturgy Committee organised meetings for each of the following Liturgical Ministries: Acolytes, EMHC, Lectors, Ushers and CLOW. This was an opportunity for those involved to meet each other, share problems and concerns, and for them to be thanked, encouraged and informed of their role and responsibilities in accordance with the standards and protocol for those ministries in the Parish and the Archdiocesan guidelines.

■ **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering for parish helpers** was held on the 7th November. More than 150 people came to celebrate the occasion and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone involved in the life of the Parish, both at Riverton and Rossmoyne, to meet and socialise together.

■ **Personal Advocacy and Identity**wa have joined together for a Eucharistic Celebration and Christmas Party on Sunday 14th December at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. His Grace Timothy Costelloe SDB, the Archbishop of Perth presided over the Concelebrated Mass.

2015

■ **The Sacramental Commitment Ceremony** was held at each of the weekend Masses in February for families with children preparing to receive either the Sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

- The Bible study on **Mary-A Biblical walk with Blessed Mother** presented by Edward Sri started on 2nd March in the Parish house.
- **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 13th March.
- **A new youth group** for Post Confirmation children was formed in the Parish on 29th March under the leadership of Mr. David Tham. More than 25 teens came for the first meeting and this gathering is scheduled to be organised on a monthly basis.
- **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 17th April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.
- The **Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 22nd May. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall. On the same day Parish farewelled Fr. John Flynn SAC after 14 years of faithful ministry in the parish and welcomed Fr. Jose Joseph SAC to the Parish.
- On 24th May at 10.30am 43 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Bishop Don Sproxton who was the principal celebrant.
- On 21st June Fr. Jose Joseph left for Sydney to attend the **Orientation Cultural Course** offered for new priests and sisters working in Australia.
- On 2nd August at 10.30am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2014/2015 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Clara Kirika, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Bill Spence, from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council members Mr. Bill Spence, Mr. Deepak Kuriacose, and Mrs. Patricia Wisolith and welcomed the new Parish Pastoral Council members Elizabeth Fisher, Ray U'Chong and Peter White.
- On **Friday 14th August** at the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM, **The Year of Consecrated Life** was celebrated in gratitude to God for all Priests and Religious who have served in our Parish since its foundation.
- **Men's Group, titled "Band of Brothers"** was formed at Queen of Apostles on the 9th September.
- On 8th September 64 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.
- **The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** was held on 11th September. Pallottine Rector General Rev. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam

SAC and General Consultor Rev. Fr. Francois Harelimana SAC were welcomed to the Parish. More than 200 people came to celebrate the occasion and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone involved in the life of the Parish, both at Riverton and Rossmoyne, to meet and socialise with each other.

■ On 14th & 20th September, at 10.30am Mass, 54 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ The Bible Study **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, an 8-part Bible Study DVD Series presented by Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer, started on **12th October** the Parish house.

■ **Wireless connection to the church Pipe Organ** was made on 13th September.

■ On 19th October, the **Refurbishment of the church Sanctuary** commenced. The work included replacing the Sanctuary carpet with Ruby Red Granite tiles, Removal of the current platform at the back of the Altar. Lowering of the tabernacle, relocating the Baptismal font, levelling the Sanctuary area. Display Cabinet for the Sacred Oils and new Sanctuary furniture to match with the current Church pews. The New Additions to Queen of Apostles Church's Sanctuary was blessed by former Parish Priest Fr. John Flynn on 14th November at a concelebrated Mass preside at 7.30am.

■ On 3rd November, 6 new split System **Air-conditioning units** were installed in the Church.

■ On 15th November, the **Community Fair** was celebrated both by the Parish and school.

■ On 22nd November Parish Farewelled **Fr. Jose Joseph** who has been transferred to Melbourne.

■ On 10th December, the Combined **Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service** was held at Queen of Apostles. It was well attended and the refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards were enjoyed by many.

■ The **Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 15th December.

2016.

■ **The PREP classes** began on 6th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

■ On 12th & 13th February, Parish Youth Ministry hosted **FAST24** to reflect on the purpose of Lent and the Year of Mercy. The event gave an opportunity for older parishioners to connect with young people through discussion, workshops and reflection.

■ **The Sacramental Commitment Ceremony** was held at each of the weekend Masses in February for families with children preparing to receive either the Sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

■ **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 11th March.

■ **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 22nd April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.

■ **The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 13th May. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall.

■ On 22nd & 29th May, at 10.30am Masses, 51 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which was administered by the parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan.

■ Parent Workshop on **Child Safety** was organized on 10th June by the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Justine O'Malley from the Protective Behaviours, W.A. was the guest speaker.

■ **Day of Reflection** for all involved in Liturgical Ministries organized by the Liturgy committee, was held on 16th July. More than 50 people attended the workshop which was conducted by Sr. Margaret Scharf.

■ On 22nd July pallottines and parish celebrated Fr. Joe Kearney's 70 years of Ordination and the Golden Jubilee of Frs. Ray Hevern and John Flynn's anniversaries of Ordination.

■ On 7th August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2015/2016 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Mr. Vince Ialeggio, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Mr. Ernest Wohlsein, from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council members John Ball and Mr. Bernard Taylor and welcomed the new Parish Pastoral Council members Carlton Byrne -Quinn and Chris Leon.

- The Bible study on **St. John's Gospel** presented by Edward Sri started on 3rd October in the Parish house.
- On the 9th October, a group of parishioners left for New Norcia on a pilgrimage that was organised by the UAC.
- On 18th October 48 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.
- On 23th & 30th October, at 10.30am Masses, 54 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.
- **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** for parish helpers was held on the 4th November.
- **The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 13th December.

2017.

- **The PREP classes** began on 4th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida and the Sacramental Commitment Ceremony was held at each of the weekend Masses in February for families with children preparing to receive either the Sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year.
- Youth Leaders began the year 2017 with a **Retreat in the month of January**. The retreat was attended by about 20 participants, who included youth leaders as well as a small number of parents of the youth leaders.
- On 17th & 18th March, Parish Youth Ministry hosted the 2nd **FAST24** during Lent. The participants spent 24 hours fasting, praying, learning and growing in faith together with others in the community of faith.
- **The Annual Fish & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 31st March.
- After due consultation and discussions with various parish committees, the permission to **build a Canopy in front of the Church** was submitted to the Archdiocesan Resource Committee on the 1st of April and the approval of the project was granted on 22nd May. The work commenced in the month of October and was completed in January 2018.
- **The Easter Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 4th April.

■ On 15th April during the during the Easter Vigil Service, three new members **Craig Bordas, Terry Dolbey & Jared Ng Yaw** were received into the Church, through the RCIA Programme.

■ **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 21st April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.

■ Pilgrims from the parish led by Frs. Paul and Jude left on the Parish Organised **Pilgrimage to Holy Land** on 5th May and returned on 21st May.

■ The **Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 2nd June. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall.

■ On 4th June at 10.30am 49 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Rev. Peter Whitely VG who was the principal celebrant.

■ Pallottine Spirituality Formation on “**St. Vincent Pallotti and the God we believe in**” directed by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held on 25th June.

■ On 6th August at 10.30am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2016/2017 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Mr. Vince Ialeggio chairperson of the Parish Council, and Clara Kirika from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council member Clara Kirika.

■ Pallottine Spirituality Formation on “**Christ the Apostle of the Father**” directed by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held on 13th August.

■ On 1st September 57 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.

■ On 10th & 17th September, at 10.30am Mass, 51 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ In September, the new youth recruits joined with the Post Confirmation participants to create 250 Fathers’ Day gifts that were given out during the Masses on Fathers’ Day.

■ **Donatella Acerbi**, president of the General Coordinating Council of the UAC from Rome was welcomed to the Parish on 29th October. She gave a talk on the topic of “**Joys & Struggles of lay woman leader in the global Church**”.

■ On 5th November, the **Community Fair** was celebrated both by the Parish and school.

- The Bible Study on “**Who am I to Judge--** Responding to Relativism with Logic & Love” presented by Edward Sri started on 6th November.
- **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** for parish helpers was held on the 10th November.
- Pallottine Spirituality Formation on “**Mary who accompanies us & the Spirit who impels us**” directed by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held on 19th November.
- **The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 12th December.
- On 17th December Parish Farewelled Sr. Charla who has been transferred to Dianella.

2018

- **The PREP classes** began on 3rd February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.
- On January 20th the parish youth began the year with our **Parish Retreat** “Spread the Joy”. The Retreat was attended by about 20 participants, who included both adult and youth leaders.
- On 23rd-24th February parish youth ministry hosted the 3rd **FAST24 Retreat** during Lent which was attended by the parishioners and youth leaders from other parishes in the Archdiocese. Theme for the event was “transfigured & Renewed”. About 40 people attended the event which was spread over 2 days.
- **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 9th March.
- **A Lenten Healing Retreat** was conducted by Bro. Johnson Sequeira on 18th March.
- Parent Workshop on **Child Safety** was organized on 10th April by the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Andrea Musulin the director of Safeguarding Program from Archdiocese was the facilitator.
- **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 20th April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.
- Pallottine Spirituality Formation on “**St. Vincent Pallotti’s image of God**” directed by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held on 29th April.

- Servite sisters returned to live in their convent at Riverton and resumed their duties in the parish as pastoral workers from 1st May 2018.
- The Bible study on uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism, titled “**FULFILLED**” part one, presented by Sonia Corbitt started on **6th May** in the Parish house. Seven weeks study was completed on 18th June.
- **The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 18th May. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall. The school community came together after the 9.00am Mass for the naming and blessing of newly built “Schoenstatt Early Learning Centre”.
- On 19th May 2018 during the Pentecost Vigil Service, **Ei-leen Tan** initiated into the Church, the culmination of her journey through the RCIA Programme.
- **On 20th May at 10.30am** 50 of our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by Fr. Paul Manickathan who was the principal celebrant.
- **The Propagation of Faith Appeal** was made on 28th/29th July.
- On 5th August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2017/2018 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Chris Leon, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Clara Kirika, chairperson from Finance Committee presented their reports. We welcomed Brendan Mulvey to the Pastoral Council.
- Pallottine Spirituality Formation on “The Christ we follow. St Vincent and the UAC directed by Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was held on 12th August.
- Bro. Johnson Sequeira from India preached a week-long **healing retreat** from 13th to 17th August.
- **Parish Dance** organized by the social committee was held on 24th August. The event was enjoyed by 150 participants who attended it.
- A workshop on “**Abortion Trauma**” directed by Julie Cook from abortion grief Australia was held on 25th August.
- On 4th September 53 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.
- On 9th & 16th September, at 10.30am Mass, 45 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ The Bible study on uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism, titled “**FULFILLED**” part two, presented by Sonia Corbitt started **on 8th October** in the Parish house. Seven weeks study was completed on 19th November.

■ In the month of November 2018, after due consultation and discussions with parishioners and various parish committees, Parish Council approved the building of a **Columbarium** within the confines of the old grotto at the rear of the Church. The work commenced in the month of January 2019 and was completed in the month of May 2019.

■ **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** for parish helpers was held on the 9th November.

■ The listening and dialogue sessions on **Plenary Council 2020** were held on 2nd November, 28th November and 1st December 2018. Over 200 people came to these sessions to reflect on the question- What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

■ **The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 11th December.

■ On 13th December, the Combined Ecumenical **Christmas Carol Service** was held at Queen of Apostles.

2019

■ **The PREP classes** began on 2nd February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

■ **The Sacramental Commitment ceremony** was held over three weekends in the Month of February for families with children preparing to receive either the sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

■ On 8th & 9th March parish youth ministry hosted the 4th **FAST24 Retreat** during Lent. Theme for this year was “When God Calls”. Guest speakers Julianne Calzonetti, Bro. Sheldon Burke CRS and Mr. Philip Boon shared their experiences on their calling and Mission of the Church. About 90 people from the Parish and various committees attended the event.

- Statue of **Peita** for our Columbarium arrived from India on 15th March.
- A workshop on “**Surviving & Preventing Sexual Abuse**” directed by Mr. James Parker was held on 25th March.
- **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 5th April.
- **The Easter Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 9th April.
- On 21st April during the during the Easter Sunday, three new members **Lorraine Bone, Jeffrey How & Erin Horne** were received into the Church, through the RCIA Programme.
- **The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti** was celebrated on 27th April at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.
- A workshop on “**Euthanasia**” directed by Mrs. Suzanne Lawrence from Bio Ethic Centre was held on 13th May.
- The Bible study on the “**Book of Wisdom**” God’s vision for life started on 20th May in the Parish house. Seven weeks study was completed on 1st July.

- **The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 7th June. The concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm was followed by supper in the parish hall. On the day, Queen of Apostles Columbarium was blessed by Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC
- On 9th June at 10.30am 52 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Bishop Justin Bianchini who was the principal celebrant.
- On 4th August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2018/2019 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Chris Leon, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Vince Ialeggio, chairperson from Finance Committee presented their reports. We welcomed new Pastoral Council members David Tham & Chris Griffin at the meeting.
- On 10th September 38 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.

■ On 15th & 22nd September, at 10.30am Mass, 41 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ On 20th October, the **Community Fair** was celebrated both by the Parish and school.

■ Faith Enrichment Committee organised a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** over five weeks from October 11th till November 22nd. It was led by Dan Hewitt from the Archdiocesan charismatic renewal centre.

■ **The annual thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering** for parish helpers was held on the 8th November.

■ The second phase of the listening and dialogue sessions on **Plenary Council 2020** were held on November 2nd, November 17th and 6th December 2019. A good number of parishioners gave their input on the various topics given for discernment and deliberation.

■ **The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 17th December.

2020

■ **The PREP classes** began on 1st February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

■ **The Sacramental Commitment ceremony** was held over three weekends in the Month of February for families with children preparing to receive either the sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

■ **Valentine's Day Dance** organized by the social committee was held on 15th February. It was a fundraising event for the Australian Bushfire Relief via St. Vincent de Paul Society. The event was enjoyed by 160 participants who attended it.

■ On 6th & 7th March parish youth ministry hosted the 5th **FAST24 Retreat** during Lent. Theme for this year was "**Christus Vivit**", Christ is alive inspired by Pope Francis' message to the world. Guest speakers Fr. Peter Porteous OSM and Mr. Philip Boon shared their experiences on the theme. About 95 people from the Parish and various committees attended the event.

■ The Masses were suspended from 18th March 2020 for 4 weeks due to Covid-19 pandemic. The parish started the **online Masses** from 29th March 2020 onwards. Despite the many restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we

were still able to conduct our Holy Week and weekend Masses- although in a much-reduced format. The interesting thing is that we engaged with many more people through our broadcast services than we would do normally.

■ On 24th of June, we held a talk organised by the Faith Enrichment Committee titled **“Inquiry into the Children & Community Amendment Bill 2019”** by speakers James Parker and Daryl Blakemore. It comes at a critical time where the Church’s Seal of Confession is being targeted.

■ Renovation work of the **Parish Hall kitchen** was completed on 1st August, adding cabinets and installation of new hot water urn for the cuppa.

■ On 2nd August at 10.15am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2019/2020 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Chris Leon, chairperson of the Parish Council, and Vince Ialeggio, chairperson from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council members Susan Regnard and Elizabeth Fisher and welcomed the new Pastoral Council members Elizabeth Conocono and Tina Ambrose.

■ On 15th September 35 of our Children made their **first Reconciliation**.

■ On 20th September, at 10.30am Mass, 36 of our children received their **First Holy Communion**.

■ On 18th October at 10.30am 35 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Fr. Paul Manickathan who was the principal celebrant.

■ The educational Movie **“unplanned”** was shown on 23rd October by the Faith enrichment committee.

■ On 14th November a day retreat on **“Introduction to the Christian mystical & contemplative tradition”** led by Mr. Phillip Boon was organised. Around 40 people participated in the program.

■ **Christmas Carol Service** led by our combined parish choirs was held in our church on Thursday 10th December.

■ The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated on 15th December.

■ On 31st December, **New Year’s Eve Dance** organised by the social committee was held in the parish hall.

2021

■ **The PREP classes** began on 6th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

■ **The Sacramental Commitment ceremony** was held over three weekends in the Month of February for families with children preparing to receive either the sacrament of reconciliation or the Eucharist or Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

■ Six weeks programme on Christian Mystical & Contemplative Outreach- "**The method of Centering Prayer**" presented by Phillip Boon started on 22nd March in the Parish house.

■ On 5th & 6th March parish youth ministry hosted the 6th **FAST24 Retreat** during Lent. Theme for this year was "No one is saved alone". Fr. Paul Manickathan, David Tham, Dennis & Bee Foo were the speakers. About 70 people from the Parish and various committees attended the event.

■ **The Annual Pizza & Bingo Night**, organised by the Social Committee, took place on 12th March.

■ **The Easter Communal rite of Reconciliation** was celebrated on 23rd March.

■ On 3rd April during the Easter Vigil Service, **Helen Nguyen** initiated into the Church, the culmination of her journey through the RCIA Programme.

■ 23rd April 2021, the celebration of **70th anniversary of Riverton parish Foundation**. The main celebrant was Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. During the anniversary Mass, stained glass feature in the sanctuary wall around the cross was installed. In addition, parishioners celebrated Fr. Paul Manickathan's **silver jubilee of ordination** to the Priesthood. Also on the same day, Parish acknowledged **Trish Wisolith's** work as secretary of our parish for 26 years. She will retire on 5th May. Mrs. **Annie Manickam** welcomed as the new secretary.

■ **Centering prayer** was formed at Queen of Apostles and had its first gathering on the 10th May.

■ On 23rd May at 10.30am 37 of our children received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by Fr. Paul Manickathan who was the principal celebrant.

■ On 1st August at 10.30am the **Parish A.G.M** for 2020/2021 was held. The parish priest, Fr. Paul Manickathan, Peter White Chairperson of the Parish

Council, and Mr. Vince Ialeggio from Finance Committee presented their reports. We farewelled the retiring Council member Elizabeth Conocono and welcomed new Pastoral Council members Vince Ialeggio and Pavel Ojrzanowski.