

THE HISTORY OF QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH – RIVERTON 1951 - 2010

The Riverton Parish was officially established on Easter Sunday, 25th March 1951. The event was marked with the first Mass being said in Riverton public hall by Fr. Kupke SAC, then regional of the Pallottine Fathers. In September 1951 Fr. Leo Hornung SAC was appointed as Riverton's first permanent parish priest. There were about 220 Catholics many of whom were migrants and old resident Italians.

In 1952 a block of land was acquired for a parish site at Tribute street at the cost of 320 pounds . Later another block was added for 300 pounds. With sufficient funds accumulating, Fr. Hornung approached the archbishop of Perth Dr. Prendiville for permission to begin the construction of the church and school.

After long deliberations it was decided to make a red brick and tile building, the cost of which was estimated around 5,000 pounds and the archbishop extended an overdraft of 6,000 pounds.

Early in 1953 all was in place for the commencement of building a new Church/School. After consultation with Fr O.Meara, Mr. Stan Costello was chosen as the builder. On the 9th March 1953 the foundations for the church were laid.

There were many hold-ups due to shortage of materials, but with the assistance from parishioners, a number from outside the parish and non-Catholics, the church was officially opened and blessed on the 23rd August by Archbishop Prendiville with the assistance of Rev. Monsignor Rafferty.

On the 1st July 1954 Fr. Hornung SAC was given a warm farewell from parishioners on his leaving the parish to take up a position at Beagle Bay Mission and on the 3rd July 1954 Fr. Antony Omasmeier SAC took over as parish priest.

The parish school opened with thirty four students on the 13th February 1956.

On 19th February a new convent on the corner of Tribute Street and Tudor Avenue was blessed and opened by Archbishop Prendiville. Four Schoenstatt sisters took up residence to work, in particular, in the school.

In July 1956 Fr. Omasmeier SAC was transferred to NSW to the parish of Silverwater and Fr. John Luemmen SAC took charge. In November a new chapel was built at Castledare and people from across the river were transferred to that church.

In 1960 the parish boundary was changed again, Canning Vale was given to the new parish Kenwick.

In November 1963 Fr. Paul Wagenknecht SAC was appointed as parish priest. Under the leadership of Fr Paul and the co-operation of parishioners a new kindergarten was planned in mid June 1963 and in December 1963 land clearing operations began in preparation for the erection of the kindergarten. With the voluntary labour of some seventy men from the parish the kindergarten was completed in February 1964 and the kindergarten opened with seventy children enrolled divided into two sessions with Sister Louisa in charge.

In September 1966 Fr. Paul SAC left the parish to return to Germany and Fr. Henry Rohr SAC took over as an interim parish priest Fr. Rohr. At this time the construction of two new classrooms began. In October the blessing and opening of House Schoenstatt took place. The new convent was built on land that was subdivided from the main parish block and given to the Schoenstatt Sisters as gift.

In February 1967 Fr. John Flynn SAC, ordained in July the previous year, arrived as the newly appointed parish priest. He had to oversee the completion of the new classrooms which were officially opened on March 5th 1967.

In 1968 Lynwood was separated from Riverton and was joined to Maddington.

In 1968 the first parish council was set up in Riverton, one of the first parishes in the archdiocese of Perth to have such a council.

In August 1969, having been chosen to design the new parish church, the architect, Mr Frank Bradley presented his plan for a new church building. The building of the new church began with the pouring of the foundations on June 19th 1970 with Mr. Les Serfozo as the builder. The blessing and opening of the church together with the consecration of the altar took place on 19th December 1970 with Archbishop Goody as the main celebrant. The celebration of Christmas a week later in the new church was a wonderful experience for all.

Only a week after the blessing and opening of the church, work got underway for the provision of two new classrooms, a hall, a canteen

and lunch shelter. These buildings were blessed and opened in April 1971.

The building of the new church pipe organ by John Lerner began on the 1st June 1971 and the completed instrument was blessed at the 9.00am Mass on 11th July 1971

On 31st December 1971 the new parish reticulation system came into operation after about eight weeks work during which seven holes were bored and eventually three spears linked to produce 3500 gallons per hour.

The mosaic floor of the baptismal area was commenced by Mrs. Titelius on 20th January 1973, the different coloured, swirling mosaic tiles symbolising the seven sacraments and the new life of baptism.

In January 1974 the building of a new school library, staff room and office commenced and in June 1974 it was blessed.

On 16 December 1975 four men from the parish, Mr. Bill Smith, Mr. Lou Raven, Mr. John Cartwright and Mr. Steven McMahon, were inducted into the acolytate which had been established in the archdiocese for the first time.

In March 1976 Fr. John Flynn SAC was transferred to Syndal, Melbourne and Fr. Roger McGinley SAC took up appointment as new parish priest.

A year later a new presbytery was built a cost of \$ 60,000

March 25th, 1976 marked the 25th anniversary of the parish being established. There was a canonical visitation in June by archbishop Goody who administered the sacrament of confirmation to 87 children on June 13th. In October an International Mass, organised by Fr Jean Marc Lenoir, parish assistant priest, was televised by ABC TV. The motivation behind the event was to express the universal brotherhood of humankind and the yearning in the hearts of all for universal peace.

In November the new wood-carving of the risen Christ arrived. It had come from the Philippines having been crafted from Ipil wood by Filipino woodcarvers. Fr Brian Gore, a Columban priest working in the Philippines, acted as mediator on behalf of the parish. A small photograph of the figure the parish had chosen was sent through Fr. Gore to the woodcarvers together with details of the size the figure was to be. It was an occasion of great joy in the parish when the

figure arrived and was fixed to the already existing cross on the back wall of the sanctuary.

On 23rd January, 1977 Sr. Magdalene, a former principal of Queen of Apostles School died in Sydney and a Requiem Mass for her was celebrated in the parish. In her honour and memory the Csaba family announced the establishment of an annual prize to be given to one of the primary school students who came closest to the ideal that Sr. Magdalene looked for in a student.

In August the new presbytery was completed and with the old presbytery now vacant the question arose as to its future use. Out of the discussion came *Communicare*, an idea mainly of Bernadette Lyon and Esme Manthorpe, that became an ecumenical effort involving the Catholic, Uniting, Anglican, Church of Christ and Baptist churches. A Board was formed and a constitution drawn up. Its task would be to reach out and help those with social, economic, employment problems. The inaugural meeting took place on 12th September 1977.

In December 1977, the parish farewelled Sr. Martrudis, who had served the parish so well over many years in many ways, especially education, liturgy, music and choir.

1978: In the course of the year a contract between the parish and the Schoenstatt Sisters was signed in regard to the employment of a Religious Coordinator.

Fr. John Winson SAC arrived, replacing Fr Lenoir SAC.

A Lending Library was established 1979. The parish youth apostolate received a boost in January through the visit of Pallottine Deacon Mulvale and two youth leaders from Melbourne.

The church pipe organ underwent extensive maintenance and repair work an important part of which was to provide for easier access to the organ itself so that repair and maintenance work can be carried out with greater facility.

In February the parish area was reduced in size with the handing over of Bullcreek to the Brentwood parish. Boundaries were further discussed during the year pointing to the future establishment of the Willetton parish.

A successful mission was conducted during the year and the new school in Willetton, Orana, the building of which had begun during the year, neared completion.

On November 30th 1980 Orana Primary School was officially blessed and opened by Archbishop L J Goody. Among the distinguished guests were Mr. Peter Shack MP, first principal Sr. Myrene and parish priest Fr Roger McGinley SAC. About 200 people were in attendance for the opening.

In March 1981 Fr Roger McGinley SAC was transferred in May 1981 to Millgrove, Victoria to be in charge of students and Fr. John Luemmen SAC arrived to take up his second appointment as parish priest. The first six months of his term as parish priest saw a change in the daily Mass times, Wednesday night devotions introduced in lieu of evening Mass and carpet laid in the aisles of the church to prevent slipping and reduce noise levels.

In November assistant priest in the parish, Fr John Winson SAC was farewelled and Fr Pat Jackson SAC arrived to take his appointment as assistant priest in the parish.

The steady growth of the parish is evident in the need to introduce a second stream of students at Orana because of the number of enrolments.

On December 26th the archbishop confirmed an alteration to the parish boundaries between Riverton and Willetton-Brentwood resulting in Orana school being within the boundaries of Willetton-Brentwood. Apart from a continuing financial obligation towards Orana on the part of Riverton parish, all future responsibilities for its expansion and further costs would be the responsibility of the Willetton-Brentwood parish.

An Advent Marian devotion, .Shelter Seeking, in which statues of the Madonna are taken into homes for family prayer and reflection was inaugurated in the parish.

1982 In January because the Feast of St Vincent Pallotti was on the 22nd January and within the school holidays it was decided to celebrate his feast on the Sunday nearest to the 22nd February, in other words a month later. During the course of the year a parish census was conducted.

The building that was the first house in the parish for the Schoenstatt Sisters,

that served as a presbytery for ten years and was the original centre of operations for Communicare, was demolished to provide playground space for the parish primary school students;

The first Mass on each Sunday, 7.30am became a low Mass without any singing to keep and to attract back parishioners who prefer Masses without music and song .

The new school library was completed in May and blessed and opened by Mgr. J. Nestor on 13th June.

A Stewardship Programme was launched with a view to increase parish finances;

A votive candle stand was acquired for the church and placed near the Marian mosaic.

On the resignation of the incumbent principal a new principal was chosen, another Smith, Mr. Michael Smith who would take up his appointment at the beginning of the new school year.

1983 Mrs. Betty Bouwman took up the position of Parish Pastoral Assistant.

A preached Mission was conducted successfully with good attendances from April 26th to May 6th.

A Needy Family Fund was set up to assist families undergoing temporary financial difficulties.

1984 A Youth Mission was conducted by Redemptorist Fr John Hill and a team of 13 lay ministers. A four week course on the Catholic Faith was held.

The school lunch shelter was refurbished to extend the size of the hall.

An extra 2 acre block of land was acquired fronting Tribute Street and adjoining the school. Planning got underway for the establishment of a parish library.

The new school administration block blessed and opened on 28th November.

1985 Neighbourhood Scripture Groups established.

Mass for the 150th Anniversary of foundation of UAC celebrated in parish on May 5th, Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles with Archbishop Foley, Bishop Hickey, Fr Martin Juritsch SAC and Fr. Seamus Freeman SAC con-celebrating.

New sculpture of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles sculpture and stained glass window of Holy Spirit installed in wall above replacing original Marian mosaic .

New parish library opened on June 9th.

October 2nd saw the original Mosaic of the Holy Spirit and Mary Queen of Apostles, received a protective coating, and fixed to the exterior wall of the school.

1986 On May 25th Fr. Pat Jackson SAC was farewelled from the parish. Church suffered vandalism over the year with the St Vincent De Paul box, Record money box and candle boxes broken into and the tabernacle itself.

The year of the visit of Pope John Paul II on the First Sunday of Advent with a flourish of various activities in the parish including fund raising and sale of Order of Service.

1987 Fr John McCullagh directed a Novena, addressing various subjects. Fr Kelvin Kenney SAC arrived in August to be assistant priest. Parish care group formed to serve the sick, the lonely, expectant mothers, hospitalized, bereaved. Consultation with parishioners regarding the Queen of Apostles becoming a two stream school and therefore providing additional classroom facilities;

In 1989 the large block of land with a few old shops fronting Barbican Street was acquired by the parish.

In February 1990 the shops were demolished.

April 1990 first monthly issue of parish publication Credo, which aims to inform and to confirm the faith of parishioners.

In May 1990 a Novena leading up to the Feast of Queen of Apostles and led by Fr James Valladares was held in the parish church.

Fr John Luemmen SAC celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination on Sunday July 8th. The actual anniversary was on 9th July.

Later in July Fr John Luemmen left for Germany to celebrate his 40th with class mates.

Fr Andrew Kosminski SAC, a Polish Pallottine en route to New Guinea, arrived in the parish to assist over the period of Fr John's absence. Fr Kelvin Kenny SAC was acting parish priest. Fr Andrew worked in the parish until November.

Ecumenical Carols was inaugurated with the first Carols night at Queen of Apostles on 14th December 1990.

At the Easter Vigil, 31st March 1991, five adults and four children received the sacraments of initiation, being born into the family of God and becoming members of Queen of Apostles parish.

From 5th May 1991 to 12th May 1991 Fr Pat Cunningham preached a Novena leading up to the parish patronal Feast day, Mary Queen of Apostles.

July 1991 House at 51A Tudor Avenue, intended as a residence of future caretaker, was purchased.

Fr Seamus Freeman SAC, Pallottine Vicar General, visited parish in April 1991.

Fr John Flynn SAC returns to the parish for a 25th Anniversary of Ordination celebration

A toy appeal initiated for children at the mission in Cebu, Philippines, run by the Schoenstatt sisters of Mary.

2/3/4th August 1991, first parish Antioch weekend with twenty seven young participants.

The parish Antioch group continued to meet on Sundays 5.00pm - 7.00pm weekly.

Towards the end of August 1991 Ernest John was selected as parish caretaker. He and wife Deanne and daughter Natasha took up residence in newly acquired property at 51A Tudor Avenue.

Sr. Renee, Schoenstatt Sister of Mary farewelled from the parish to take up a new appointment in Toowoomba, Queensland.

On 26th January 1992 Fr Eugene San SAC, recently ordained Pallottine, arrived as assistant priest in lieu of Fr Kelvin who had been appointed House Director of the Pallottine Community at Rossmoyne.

St Vincent Pallotti Retreat & conference Centre, Epiphany, opened at Rossmoyne on 1st March 1992.

31st May 1992 parish care groups to work under the umbrella title Apostlecare.

7th June 1992, first Apostlecare collection in parish of groceries and cash.

Distribution and use will be carried out decided by St Vincent De Paul and Parish Care Groups.

Fr John Luemmen hospitalized because of sudden illness.

12th July 1992 with building license received, extension of church foyer commenced with Mr. Robert Woods volunteering as honorary builder and local tradesmen being requested to offer their services.

26th July Parish Mission Statement accepted by AGM of parish. .Our mission as Queen of Apostles Parish, Riverton, is to further the fundamental values of Christianity, faith, hope and love by developing a Catholic community centred on Christ in the Eucharist, which strives to encourage all in our community to actively live the apostolic way of life, spread the gospel message and give loving service, according to the example of Mary, Queen of Apostles..

August 1992 Egbert Guichard, parish organist and conductor, having been awarded a Kodaly Scholarship by the Institute of Music in Hungary, left for Budapest to further his studies in music.

18th October 1992 Frs. Pat Kearney and Des Fitzgerald, Redemptorists, arrive to conduct a parish mission which began on 25th October with home gatherings during the first week, taking place in homes of parishioners located in the 25 zones into which the parish was divided for the mission. During the second week Mission Masses were celebrated at 6.30am and 9.00am and in the evening at 7.30pm the Preached Mission consisting of Prayer Time, Sermon, and Benediction.

1st November 1992 Children's Mass introduced and to be celebrated thereafter on the first Sunday of each month with children's choir leading singing.

8th December 1992 Sr. Anne retires as RE Coordinator with expression of gratitude and appreciation from both school and parish communities.

13th December 1992, after five months of instruction ten people were received into the Catholic Church at 9.am Mass

14th March 1993 Mission Statement earlier approved at 1992 AGM introduced into parish.

14th March a Ministries Workshop, facilitated by Sister Kerry Willison, held in the hall, was attended by 80 parishioners and proved to be a constructive and encouraging event.

21st March those involved in liturgical ministries in the parish made a commitment to their ministry during a Sunday Mass.

16th April 1993, first Luke 18 weekend commencing 7.00pm. 26 youth including leaders took part. Weekend concluded with Mass for participants and their families at 4.45pm Sunday 18th April.

26th May 1993 Norah Fitzgerald engaged to prepare midday meals and evening snack 3 days per week.

25th June Archbishop Hickey welcomed to parish to carry out canonical visitation which lasted until 27th June. The archbishop's report on his visitation was very positive.

12th January 1994 Fr Eugene San SAC departed from parish.

3rd March 1994 Fr Dean Bradbury SAC arrived to take up role as assistant priest in parish.

August 6 - 13th Fr Frank Valladares conducted Family Week in parish.

13th November Sr. Maree Riddler, Brown Josephite, addresses parishioners at all Masses on Mother Mary MacKillop as preparation for forthcoming beatification on 19th January 1995.

On 12th February 1995, Fr John Luemmen SAC retired as parish priest after 14 years at the helm and Fr Dean Bradbury, SAC took up his appointment as the new parish priest.

21st May 1995 Fr Dean announced that, after consultation with the parish and the overwhelming number of responses in support, girl altar servers will be introduced into this parish ministry at the next intake for training.

2nd July 1995 change in format of weekly bulletin.

23rd July further change in bulletin format with page format going from Portrait. to Landscape and clipart being introduced.

20th August 1995 19 altar servers commissioned at Sunday Masses including girl servers for the first time.

8th October 1995 14th October parish church closed for maintenance and repairs in preparation for the 25th anniversary of its opening 19th December 1970.

17th December, celebration of 25th anniversary of parish church. The main celebrant was Bishop Robert Healy and addition to parish clergy other Pallottine priests were present including Fr John Flynn, SAC who was parish priest at the time the church was built and opened. During the anniversary Mass the church was solemnly dedicated. Other celebrations of a more social nature continued on into the day.

19th July 1998: Plans for the proposed new hall was made available for viewing in the Church Foyer after Mass. Parishners were encouraged to give their comments concerning the configuration of the Hall so that the optimum benefits can be gained..

26th July 1998: Canonical Visitation: Today we welcome Bishop Healy to our parish for the three-yearly canonical visitation and Confirmation. There will be opportunities to meet him over a cuppa in the Hall after the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass and the 7pm Sunday evening Mass.

2nd August 1998: Welcome back to Fr. John Luemmen who has been on holidays in Germany for the past two months. Parish home discussion groups for the Year of the Holy Spirit begin in the last week of August. 15 different venues, with hosts and groups leaders used for group discussions for four consecutive weeks.

30th August 1998: Parish Home Discussion Groups for the Year of the Holy Spirit began Tues 1st Sept.

18th October 1998: We welcome Fr Tiziano Bogoni, one of the newly ordained priests in our Archdiocese, who concelebrated 7pm Mass with Fr. John Luemmen.

15th November 1998: Fr. Paul Baczyinski, recently ordained, was welcomed and celebrated the 9am Mass. Christmas Eve 1998, additional Mass at 9.00pm introduced for Youth of Parish. Loan received from Archdiocesan Development Fund for refurbishment of Pipe Organ.

1999:

Friday 19th March Dramatised Stations of the Cross led by the Terry Catholic Drama Society.

May .Church Organ: Major overhaul and refurbishment completed.

White Crosses for Life Week erected on the lawn area outside Church, remained from Sunday evening 23rd May to Saturday 29th May as a call to prayer for all affected by abortion in WA.

Fr Leo Hornung S.A.C. first Parish Priest of Queen of Apostles Parish, died on 26th July in Germany.

Church, new speakers, mixer and amplifier installed.

Official Opening and Blessing of the Father John Luemmen Hall by Bishop Robert Healy Sunday 28th November

9th July Fr. John celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood.

A competition to create a new Queen of Apostles hymn for Parish's 50th Jubilee, 2001 and the Feast of Queen of Apostles was launched on Sunday the 11th June, 2000.

25th March 2001: Parish Golden Jubilee celebrated

Sunday 22nd April The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary celebrated 50 years in Australia.

Parish History launched on Monday May 7th at 7.30 pm in the Fr. John Luemmen Hall by Fr. Seamus Freeman SAC, Rector General of the Pallottines.

22nd July 2001: Fr Dean Bradbury SAC, recently appointed to Pallotti College, Millgrove, Victoria farewelled and Fr John Flynn welcomed as parish priest.

16th September 2001: Fr Poulouse Manickathan S.A.C. arrives from India to be assistant priest.

Book of Gospels obtained from US.

New ambry to accommodate Holy Oils installed.

8th December 2002: Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary farewelled.

2nd March 2003: Sr. Carmelin and Sr. Selvi, (Servite Sisters) welcomed into the parish as pastoral workers.

13th August a team is set up to get the evangelisation programme CaFE organised in the parish.

12th/14th September Canonical Visitation by Archbishop Hickey. The Archbishop met the Parish Pastoral Council, visited homebound parishioners, Thomas Cook Hostel, Margaret Hubery Nursing Home and Seventh Day Adventist Nursing Home. Archbishop Hickey also confirmed sixty children in two Masses, Friday evening 12th September and Sunday morning 14th September.

5th October the parish farewelled Fr Paul Manickathan transferred to Melbourne to take up an appointment as parish priest at Warburton and welcomed Fr Jude D'Rozario from India

8th October 2003 a meeting of parishioners took place in the Cenacle to consider the purchasing of House Schoenstatt by the parish.

4th December 2003 Meeting with the Archbishop regarding the future of Schoenstatt House.

21st December Mrs Sue Fox was announced as the new principal of Queen of Apostles School and to take up her appointment in term 2 of 2004.

February 2004, Yvonne Urquhart took up position as parish representative on the local Schools Commission on Education and coordinator of Catholic SRE teachers in local government primary schools.

Sunday 26th February 2004 a parish meeting was held to discuss the purchase of Schoenstatt House. Although questions remained to be answered solid support was given. Subdivision of portion of parish land fronting Barbican Street gets underway.

Mid September, after twenty four years since its foundation in October 1980, Communicare Trust Fund closed with remaining funds being disbursed.

29th March 2005: Tenders received for Schoenstatt House Alterations & Additions and job awarded to lowest tender, WJM Builders (John Martell) for a contract price of \$452,100.00.

April 2nd 2005 Pope John Paul dies in Rome. Book of Condolences signed by parishioners and forwarded to Rome.

26th April Building Contract signed for renovation of Schoenstatt House.

30th April/1st May: Parishioners demolish sanctuary structure of Schoenstatt House chapel in preparation of renovation work and chapel being converted into parish administration centre.

With the building contract signed. Internal demolition work on the future parish centre began on Monday, 2nd May. The building Programme expected to take 20 weeks.

8th May 2005 new Multi Media Projector donated by Fr. John Flynn, installed in the church.

24th May 2005 advice was received from the Tax Office that our School Building Fund has been granted Deductible Gift Recipient status.

15th July phone call from Theresa Carroll at the Diocesan Finance confirmed that settlement for the sold Barbican Street block of land came through.

14th September the new CaFE programme, Knowing God Even Better with the input given by David Payne, began in the Hall.

October 31st, with the renovations to the former Schoenstatt House completed.

November 2nd. Renovated building handed over to the parish and taken possession of by parish. The building renamed 'Queen of Apostles Parish House'.

14th November Finance Committee and Pastoral council met for the first time in the newly renovated meeting room of Queen of Apostles House.

15th November former presbytery at 53 Tudor Avenue vacated and newly renovated, Queen of Apostles Parish House, became clergy residence.

21st December Settlement for the sale of the former presbytery

4th February 2006, Three Servite Sisters, Sister Charla, Sister Anula and Sister Chitra take up residence at 53 Tudor Avenue.

August 5th: Parish website established with the help of Mr. Niko Malkiewicz, from Ursula Frayne college, and in co-operation with Fr Jude. The new website address
<http://www.queenofapostleschurch.org.au>

3rd September, George Collopy, for many years an active and generous member of the St Vincent De Paul and parishioner, died.

November 3rd Thanksgiving Mass for parish helpers at 7.00pm followed by supper in the John Luemmen Hall was well attended and greatly appreciated.

18th November, celebrated the 50th anniversary of Queen of Apostles Parish School, Mass was celebrated at 6.30pm followed by Mucky Duck Bush Dance held on school oval. Also, as part of the anniversary, Commemorative Bottles of red and white wine were sold.

Sr. Anula left for India on 5th November 2007

12th November 2006 Sr Carmelin died in India. 22nd November 2006, Memorial Mass for Sr Carmelin celebrated in parish.

26th November 2006 at 9.00am Mass Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC was installed as new Parish Priest by Fr. Ray Hevern SAC, Australian Pallottines Regional Superior. Fr. John Flynn SAC farewelled.

4th Feb.2007 Sr. Candida was welcomed to our parish community.

19th Feb.2007 four new Gas Heating units with electric ignition were installed.

26th Feb. to 2nd March 2007 Parish Lenten Mission organized by Adult Faith Education Committee led by Fr. Greg Donovan.

Sr.Chitra took the charge as co-ordinator of CLOW after Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkinson left the parish in March 2007.

Mrs.Bee Foo volunteered to look after the parish library as from 18th March 2007.

Fr. John Luemmen underwent a hip operation on 19th March 2007

With the previous Contract between the Riverton and the Servite Sisters expiring on 25th February 2007, after discussion with the Sisters, the parish entered into a new contract with the Sisters on 1st April 2007. The new contract fixed revised hours of work, specific areas of work and length of time of the contract.

The installation of the new Evaporative Cooling system was carried out from Monday 2nd April to Thursday 5th April. The installation work was carried out by Project Air-conditioning. Due to this work the daily weekend Eucharist was celebrated in the parish house.

With the amalgamation of various parish lots a single source power supply was required to service school, church, hall, presbytery and kindergartens. The new heavy duty, three phase cabling, was laid on the 14th April 2007 with the help of around twelve hard working

male parishioners. The cabling was buried in a trench running from the front of the school to the John Luemmen Hall, a distance of some two hundred metres.

New switch board was installed on Saturday 19th May 2007. The single source power supply was then, not without a few hiccups, connected to and switched on for the school, church, parish hall, kindergarten and the presbytery.

Parish celebration of the Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti was celebrated at

Riverton on 29th April 2007. The celebration was enhanced and given greater significance by the presence of Fr. Fritz Kretz SAC, the Pallottine Rector General and his Consulter Fr. Jacob Numbudakam SAC, who were in Australia on General visitation. Priests from both Riverton and Rossmoyne communities concelebrated. The Mass was followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

On 19th & 20th May 2007, the St Mary's Cathedral Conservation and Completion Appeal was launched in our Parish.

25th May Friday, we celebrated the parish feast day Mass at 7.30 PM. More than 90 people came for the celebration, and after the Mass the social committee organised a supper for all in the parish hall.

23rd June, the CLOW and PREP teachers came together for a workshop conducted by Brenda Aurret.

4th July, Fr. Gaetan Pereira preached a retreat on DISCIPLESHIP TODAY.

The Church roof gutters in the Priests scarcity and the main foyer gave way to the heavy downfall on the 1st June 2007 which made us to inspect our church roof. Mr. Ken Witt the roof plumber replaced the gutters on 11th August 2007.

On the 5th August at 10.30am the Parish A.G.M for 2006/2007 was held. Around 40 people took part in the meeting.

The statue of Mary in the grotto was found missing on the 22nd July. A new statue donated by Katherine Brady was blessed on 15th August on the feast of the Assumption of Mary with the whole school community.

On 25th August at 6.30pm Mass we had the official opening of World Youth Day in our Parish. It was tremendously a moving celebration; highlights included the blessing and carrying of the

Parish World Youth Day Cross which was made by Mr. Kelvin O'Conner, each of the 17 participants signing their names on the Cross, making their Commitment Prayer and the Parishioners special blessing to these young adults. All the participants and their families attended the first formation session organised by the Youth Impact Team.

The idea of having a Mass at Sherwin Lodge, at Rossmoyne came from Chaplain Phil Rhodes. After having discussed the matter between the Catholic residents and with Mr. Eric D'Souza who takes Holy Communion on Sundays, it was decided to have a Mass on first Friday of every month. The first Mass was celebrated on 7th August at 10.30am by Fr. Paul Manickathan.

On Friday 14th September, the New Parishioners Social gathering was held in the Parish Hall. Around 80 people came for the function which was organised by the Social Committee.

Fr. Jude went to India for his Annual Holidays on 22nd September 2007.

Fr. Joe Parkinson presented a workshop entitled Catholics and their Future Health Care on Monday 17th September 2007 at 7.30 pm in the parish house.

On 18th September 2007 Mrs. Cynthia Reilly received the Papal Blessing for her service as catechist for 15 years and Catherine Giannini and Marlene O'Connor received Archbishop's awards for 10years service as catechists.

Mothers Prayer Group celebrated the Annual Mass and Social on Tuesday 2nd October at 10.00am which was well attended by their friends from other groups and parishes.

The Family weekend was celebrated here at Queen of Apostles from Friday 5th October to Sunday 7th October 2007. It was organised by the Perth Archdiocesan Committee for Family and For Life. Bishop Sproxton was present at the opening and closing ceremony.

The Canning Zone meeting of the Priests was held here on Thursday 18th October.

On 21st October a special gathering of all the members of various Music groups were called together to thank them for their contribution to the Liturgy. A barbeque was organised to host the occasion.

Lector's special gathering was held on 27th October. We discussed matters pertaining to this ministry and decided to roster a third reader to read the Prayers of the Faithful from 1st March 2008.

The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering was held on the 2nd November. More than 200 people came to celebrate the day and it was a real opportunity to meet everyone involved in the life of the Parish both at Riverton and Rossmoyne.

On 18th November 2007 was the Combined Parish/School Community Fair. It was organised by the Parents & Friends from the School and the Parish Social Committee. The day began with Family Mass at 9.00am and year 6 students gave a beautiful Liturgical Movement during the Mass. Every class proudly displayed their magnificent Art work in the Parish Hall. Everyone enjoyed being part of this event which was a huge success. What a wonderful way to celebrate our year as a faith Community.

On Sunday 25th November at 2.30pm A musical Celebration of Christ the King was Presented by the Julian Singers and Supporting Artists as part of the Fund raising for the renovation of St. Mary's Cathedral.

A Day with Mary sponsored by the Franciscans of the Immaculate and the Mission of the Immaculate Mediatrix was held on Saturday 1st December 2007 from 9.00am to 5.00pm. More than 200 people came to participate in this Marian devotion.

On Monday December 3rd a special "Thank You dinner" was organised by the Parish Council members to thank our Social Committee members for the wonderful work they do for the Parish all through the year.

The Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service was held at the Uniting Church, Willetton on 6th December 2007. Our Parish Choir and many Parishioners participated in the celebration.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated on 13th December 2007 in preparation for Christmas.

Parish website was updated by Fr. Jude D'Rozario with more photos and linking to the Archdiocesan website.

The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated on 18th December 2007.

Fr. Paul Manickathan went to India on 25th December 2007 for his annual holidays and was back on 25th January 2008.

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A good number of people came to participate in the Lenten Discussion group on every Wednesdays in Lent under the leadership of Sr. Chitra.

The PREP classes began on 16th February under the leadership of Mrs. Janet Wallace. 34 children attend this years PREP in four different classes on every Saturday 9.30 to 10.30am.

The Annual Fish& Fish and Bingo night was organised by the Social Committee on 22nd February 2008 after the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

This year the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during lent was organised by many groups in the parish and school. The involvement of both PREP and school children was much appreciated by all those who came to attend.

Mr. Gary Edmond organised a number of C.D's & DVD's on various Lenten & Easter themes for parishioners as a help for their Lenten journey.

The Sacramental Commitment ceremony was held at each of the weekend Masses on 23rd & 24th February for families with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

On 1st March 2008, a change has been incorporated in the Lectors roster. Along with the two lectors, a third reader has been rostered to lead the Prayer of Faithful at the weekend Masses instead of the assisting Acolyte which had been a practice in our church.

Parish Renewal Programme for 2008 was conducted by Fr. Eugene San SAC from 8th to 12th March. Series of reflections on the

meaning of discipleship, our journeying with God was presented by Fr. Eugene. The second rite of reconciliation was celebrated on Tuesday 11th March 2008.

The healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated on Friday 14th March 2008 in preparation for Easter.

On Sunday 9th March 2008 Parish Youth members addressed the parishioners asking them to participate and support in the many youth activities of the Parish during the year. They also organised a barbeque and car washing activity to raise fund for the WYD activities.

This year too opportunity was provided to all parishioners to have their homes blessed. Around 80 families responded and Fr. Paul blessed their homes after Easter.

On 22nd March 2008 during the Easter Vigil Service, six new members Marjorie, Zoe, Rikki, Axel & Ashley Bremner and Wade Baggott were received into the Church thorough RCIA Programme. They were prepared by our Parish RCIA team Fr. Paul, Eric & Auriole D'souza.

Fr. John Flynn left for Derby on 8th April 2008 to take up pastoral Ministry at our Lady of the Holy Rosary parish till 20th May 2008.

Parish Care takers house was painted by a band of volunteers from the parish on 19th April 2008 and the new carpet was put on 1st May 2008.

The Birthday of St.Vincent Pallotti was celebrated on 20th April 2008 at Pallotti chapel, Rossmoyne. Fr. Ray Hevern was the principal celebrant.

A working bee was organised on 19th April for the "Three phases wiring" to the Church. The work was completed on 26th April 2008 under the supervision of our electrician Mr. Joe Atherton.

Parish Bible study group hereafter will be known as "CONNECTIONS."

BIZHUB 420 photocopier purchased for the parish office on 21st April 2008 from Konica Minolta.

Mother's day Family Mass was celebrated on Saturday at 6.30pm on 10th May. Special Mothers Day cards were distributed to all Mothers and Grandmothers at all Masses.

The parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles was celebrated on Saturday 10th May. The concelebrated Mass at 7.30am was well attended. More than 150 people came to celebrate the event and a grant breakfast was organised by the Social committee in the parish hall after the Mass.

On 11th & 18th May at two special Masses at 10.30am 57 of our children received the sacrament of confirmation. Fr. Paul Manickathan was the principal celebrant of the sacrament.

On 15th May the internal Painting of the Church began by Mr. George Grainger and was completed on 30th May. The painting was done for the first time since the Church was built.

On 25th May on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, all 57 Special Ministers of the Eucharist serving at different Masses were recommissioned for two years according to the guidelines of the Archdiocese.

A workshop Titled “Teachable moments” by Dr. Carmel Suart was organised by the Faith Enrichment Committee on 26th May.

Fr. John Flynn comes back from Derby on 29th May after spending 6 weeks in the Mission.

On 6th to 8th June Canonical Visitation by the Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton took place. Bishop met the Parish Council and the school Principal. He addressed the School assembly, visited the Thomas Cooke hostel, the canning Lodge nursing home, Epiphany Centre and Pallottine Community at Rossmoyne. He celebrated Mass at Sherwin Lodge retirement Home at Rossmoyne. He was the principal celebrant for the combined wedding Anniversary celebration of 15 couples from the Parish at 6.30pm Mass on 7th June.

A workshop titled “Let’s have a chat” by Dr. Carmel Suart was organised by the Faith Enrichment Committee on 23rd June.

On 2nd July Fr. John Luemmen and Fr. Joe Butscher left for Germany for their annual holidays. The community at Riverton took charge of the Pastoral needs of Rossmoyne chapel and Joseph Cook nursing home in the absence of Fr. Joe Butscher.

On 4th July Mr. Ernest John notified the parish of his decision to resign from his duties as Parish Caretaker on the 31st March 2009 after being in the position for 17 years.

The World Youth Day participants from the Parish were commissioned by Fr. Jude D'Rozario on 6th July.

On 7th July Tom & Nancy Brazier retired from the Social Committee after giving many years of service to the Parish. We acknowledged their service at the meeting of the Social Committee on the same day.

On 15th July Fr. Jude and the participants of the World Youth Day left for Sydney. More than 25 people went from the parish for this unique event in the life of the church in Australia.

Fr. Michael McMahon died on 10th July and his funeral took place from Trinity College.

On 21st July the new Music Copyright Licence for Sunday Night Group started with CCIL.

The propagation of Faith Appeal was done on 26th/27th July. Mr. Terry Quinn was guest speaker here at Riverton and Marlene Bravant from East Cannington Parish Spoke at Rossmoyne about the importance of Catholic Mission.

On 3rd August at 10.30am the Parish A.G.M for 2007/2008 was held. Around 40 people took part in the meeting. Fr. Paul Manickathan, the Parish Priest, Mr. Eric D'Souza, chair person of the Parish Council, and Mr. Bill Spence, the chair person of the Finance Committee presented their reports. We welcomed our three new Parish Pastoral Council members: Liz Higgins, Rhorie White and Mary McLean.

On 5th August Fr. John Luemmen returned from Germany after his holidays.

On 11th August Carmen Suart animated the workshop for the First Reconciliation children and their parents.

On 17th & 14th August at two special Masses at 10.30am 61 of our children received their First Holy Communion.

On 26th August the Organ side of the Church door was replaced by Mr. John Madden.

On 6th & 7th September 19 New Altar servers who have completed their training with Fr. Paul were commissioned.

Father's day Family Mass was celebrated on Sunday at 9.00pm on 7th September. Special Fathers Day cards were distributed to all at all Masses. Five children from our School were also baptized during the Mass.

New Parishioners Social was held on 12th September in our Parish Hall.

On 14th & 20th September the grade three Children from the School and from the PREP classes made their first Reconciliation prior to the 6.30pm Masses and participated in the Eucharist with the parishioners.

On 15th September on Mrs. Patricia Wisolith, the Parish secretary took her Long Service Leave and will be back to work in the second week of December.

Fr. Jude went to India for his annual holidays on 19th September.

Mothers Prayer Group celebrated the Annual Mass and Social on Tuesday 25th September at 10.00am which was well attended by their friends from other groups and parishes.

On 5th October an hour of Prayer and Adoration was organised by the Indian Community members to pray for the People in India at this time of difficulties.

On 11th October a new Votive Candle stand was purchased to keep near the statue of Sacred Heart.

The Project Committee discussed the new proposed toilet Plans near the Church with the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Council on 13th October and was approved by both Committees.

On 26th October the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 32 of our grade six students who will be leaving the school this year.

The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering was held on the 31st October. More than 150 people came to celebrate the day and it was a real opportunity to meet everyone involved in the life of the Parish both at Riverton and Rossmoyne.

Congratulations to Chris Leon and Ser-Lian Mathot, who were commissioned on 31st October as new members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

On 31st October: Welcome back to Fr. Jude who has been on holidays for the last six weeks.

31st October Shaun O'Neill was announced as the new principal of Queen of Apostles School and to take up his appointment in term one of 2009.

Janet Wallace retired as the coordinator of PREP classes on 1st November. A morning Tea was organized by the PREP parents and teachers in honour of her.

Fr. Jude's Silver Jubilee of ordination was celebrated by the parishioners on 2nd November at 9.00am Mass, followed by social gathering in the Parish hall.

12th November laid New Carpet in the Sanctuary of the Church.

A day of reflection and prayer titled "AWAKENINGS" was animated by Fr. Douglas Rowe S.F.P. on 15th November 2008.

20th November six new Acolytes William HILL, Darren QUADROS, Sylvester ERNEST, Christopher DENIS, Peter SACKETT and Matthew BORDAS were commissioned.

On 5th December new air-conditioning units were installed in the Cenacle, Soundproof room and Priest's Sacristy.

On 5th December 2008 Darren Quadros has been appointed as the new caretaker of our Parish stating from 1st April 2009.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated on 12th December 2008 in preparation for Christmas.

Friday 12th December the combined Parish & School community event "CAROLS BY TWILIGHT" was celebrated on the school oval.

The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated on 17th December 2008.

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Fr. Paul Manickathan went to India on 29th December 2008 for his **annual holidays** and was back on 30th January 2009.

The PREP classes began on 14th February under the leadership of Fr. Paul Manickathan. 52 children attend this years PREP in four different classes on every Saturday 9.30 to 10.30am.

The Sacramental Commitment ceremony was held at each of the weekend Masses on 21st& 22nd February for families with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

The Annual Fish& Fish and Bingo night was organised by the Social Committee on 27th February 2009 after the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

On 29th March, Parish farewelled Ernest John the retiring Caretaker and Darren Quadros welcomed as the new caretaker. Darren moved to the Parish house on 2nd April with his family.

Parish Renewal Programme for 2009 was conducted by **Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD** from 28th March to 2nd April. The second rite of reconciliation was celebrated on Tuesday 31st March 2009.

The healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated on Friday 1st April 2009 in preparation for Easter.

On 11th March 2009 during the Easter Vigil Service, seven new members Darren Bozanich, Sean Foy, Rachel Blake-Markham, Shane Markham, Rosanne Robertson, Manoshiya Raj, and Veronica Wilson were received into the Church thorough RCIA Programme. They were prepared by our Parish RCIA team Fr. Paul, & Auriole D'souza.

On 11th April at the Easter Vigil Mass we blessed the new **Book of Gospel** typed by Mrs. Auriole D'Souza for our Parish use.

City Wide Team Riverton was launched on 15th March. They gather every Sunday 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Parish hall prior to 7.00pm Mass on Sundays.

The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti was celebrated on 19th April 2008 at Pallotti chapel, Rossmoyne.

On 19th April the Sunday Sech was held at Riverton. It was organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry and Bishop Don Sproxton was the principal celebrant and guest speaker for the gathering. More than 50 youth from the ages of 15-35 came from various other youth groups south of the river.

The First Bible study session on Mathew's Gospel titled "**The King and his kingdom**" was launched on Monday 27th April in the Parish house. More than 30 people attended the session. The programme will run for 24 weeks.

Mother's day Family Mass was celebrated on Sunday at 9.00pm on 10th May. Special Mothers Day cards were distributed to all Mothers and Grandmothers at all Masses.

The Parish Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles was celebrated on Sunday **31st May 2009**. The concelebrated Mass at 9.00am followed by morning Tea in the parish hall.

On 14th & 21st June at two special Masses at 10.30am 60 of our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. Paul Manickathan was the principal celebrant of the sacrament.

On 27th & 28th June "The Ministry Fair" was organized after all the Masses. It was well attended and people were made aware of the need to get involved in various parish activities. Also the new "Parish Directory" was brought out containing all the information about the Parish.

On 2nd July the building contract signed with JNT homes for additional new toilets near the church.

The Social Committee arranged a "**Lane Dance**" in the parish hall on Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm after the vigil Mass. It was led by Mrs. Catherine Lange and over 140 people participated in the social gathering.

On 13th July the Building of additional toilets commenced. The work expected to take 10 weeks.

The propagation of Faith Appeal was done on 25th/26th July. Mrs. Maree McGuckin was guest speaker here at Riverton and Mr. Terry Quinn Spoke at Rossmoyne about the importance of Catholic Mission.

On 2nd August at 10.30am the Parish A.G.M for 2008/2009 was held. Around 50 people took part in the meeting. Fr. Paul Manickathan, the Parish Priest, Mr. Eric D'Souza, chair person of the Parish Council, Genevieve Yii from the Youth Group and Mr. Bill Spence, the chair person of the Finance Committee presented their reports. We welcomed the new Parish Pastoral Council member: Sylvester Ernest.

11th August Fr. Shibu Joseph arrived from India.

On 15th August Parish farewelled Fr. Jude D'Rozario who is transferred to Melbourne and welcomed Fr. Shibu Joseph to be the new assistant Parish Priest.

On 16th & 23rd August at two special Masses at 10.30am 59 of our children received their First Holy Communion.

Our Church has been chosen by the Archbishop to gain **Plenary Indulgence** for the Queenship of Mary on **Saturday August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd 2009** for the year of the Priest. Church was made available for it.

The Parish Pastoral Council at it's meeting on 25th August decided that the **use of Father John Luemmen Hall** will be exclusively restricted to functions and events promoted and sponsored by the Parish and the School.

Father's day Family Mass was celebrated on Sunday at 9.00pm on 6th September. Special Fathers Day cards were distributed to all at all Masses. 15 New Altar servers who have completed their training with Fr. Paul were commissioned on the day.

Fr. John Luemmen has been appointed as the resident Priest in the Pallottine house at Rossmoyne and he moved to Rossmoyne on **8th September**.

On Friday 11th September, the **New Parishioners Social** gathering was held in the Parish Hall. Around 40 people came for the function which was organised by the Social Committee.

On 12th & 19th September the grade three Children from the School and from the PREP classes made their first Reconciliation prior to the 6.30pm Masses and participated in the Eucharist with the parishioners.

Legion Of Mary Group was formed at Queen of Apostles on the 14th September. The presidium was named as Our Lady Queen of Apostles.

Psalmist Training Course was held in our Church on 7, 14, 21,28th September and Sherree Coulson, Pavithra Silva and Amali Silva attended from our parish.

On 5th October an additional Soak well was put near the grotto area to contain the huge overflow of rainy water in recent times.

Mothers Prayer Group celebrated the Annual Mass and Social on Tuesday 15th October at 10.00am which was well attended by their friends from other groups and parishes.

The Catholic Guy Television Experience was held at our Church from 27th to 29th October.

The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering was held on the 6th November. More than 150 people came to celebrate the day and it was a real opportunity to meet everyone involved in the life of the Parish both at Riverton and Rossmoyne.

On 29th November 2009 the Combined Parish/School Community Fair was held.

On 10th December 2009 the Combined Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service was held here at Queen of Apostles.

The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated on 15th December 2009.

On 12th December 2009, Fr. Roger McGinley sac, former Parish Priest of Riverton from 1976 to 1981 died in Melbourne. A memorial Mass for Roger celebrated on 17th December on his burial day.

Fr. Paul Manickathan went to India on 26th December 2009 for his **annual holidays** and was back on 29th January 2010

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On 4th January Fr. Shibu Joseph left for Sydney to attend the **Orientation Cultural Course** offered for new priests working in Australia.

The PREP classes began on 20th February under the leadership of Mr. Ashley Almeida.

The Sacramental Commitment ceremony was held at each of the weekend Masses on 20th & 21st February for families with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation during the year. Both the School and PREP children joined together for the commitment.

The Annual Fish & Fish and Bingo night was organised by the Social Committee on 26th February 2010 after the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

The Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated on 23rd March 2010 in preparation for Easter.

The healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated on Friday 26st April 2010 in preparation for Easter.

The Bible study on the **Book of Revelation, the Kingdom yet to come** presented by Jeff Cavins started on **8th March** in the Parish house.

On 3rd April 2010 during the Easter Vigil Service, four new members Michael Tin, Janelle Eastough, Patricia Morton-smith and Mei Leong were received into the Church through RCIA Programme.

Lector's workshop conducted by Brenda Auret from the Liturgy office was held on **17th April**.

The Birthday of St. Vincent Pallotti was celebrated on **18th April 2010** at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton It was organised by the U A.C. members.

Mother's day Family Mass was celebrated on Saturday at 9.00am on 9th May. Special Mothers Day cards and flowers were distributed to all Mothers and Grandmothers at all Masses.

The Parish **Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles** was celebrated on Friday 21st May. To celebrate the Year of the Priest the Parish acknowledged all the priests who served in the Parish since its foundation. Archbishop Barry James Hickey was the main celebrant of the Eucharist. More than 270 people came to celebrate the event and a grant supper was organised by the Social committee in the parish hall after the Mass.

On 23rd & 30th May at two special Masses at 10.30am 59 of our children received the **sacrament of confirmation**. Fr. Paul Manickathan was the principal celebrant of the sacrament.

On 6th June on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, all 55 Special Ministers of the Eucharist serving at different Masses were recommissioned for two years according to the guidelines of the Archdiocese.

Congratulations to Jacinta Foster and Mary Borgward, who were commissioned on 12th June as new members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The Bible study on the **Acts of the Apostles** presented by Jeff Cavins started on 4th July in the Parish house.

On 9th July Fr. John Luemmen's **60th Anniversary of Ordination** was celebrated by the Pallottines here in the Parish.

On 11th July an hour of Prayer and Adoration was organised by the Fatima Prayer group members.

The propagation of Faith Appeal was done on 24th/25th July. Mr. Francis Leong was guest speaker here at Riverton and Mrs. Maree McGuckin Spoke at Rossmoyne about the importance of Catholic Mission.

On 1st August at 10.30am the Parish A.G.M for 2009/2010 was held. Around 50 people took part in the meeting. Fr. Paul Manickathan, the Parish Priest, Mr. Eric D'Souza, chair person of the Parish Council, and Mr. Bill Spence, the chair person of the Finance Committee presented their reports. We welcomed the new Parish Pastoral Council members: Anne Casey, Simon Drew, Denis Mouttet, Chris Leon and Tania Rodrigues and thanked the outgoing members Peter Farinha, Patricia Martinez and Bill Spence for their service.

Father's day Family Mass was celebrated on Sunday at 9.00pm on 5th September. Special Fathers Day cards were distributed to all at all Masses. 13 New Altar servers who have completed their training with Fr. Shibu were commissioned on the day.

On Friday 10th September, the **New Parishioners Social** gathering was held in the Parish Hall. Around 40 people came for the function which was organised by the Social Committee.

On 12th & 19th September at two special Masses at 10.30am 56 of our children received their First Holy Communion.

On 5th & 6th September 13 New Altar servers were commissioned.

“Seek 2010” a Conference on Scripture and Prayer for everyday Life was celebrated here at Queen of Apostles from Friday **7th to 9th October 2010**. It was organised by the Perth Archdiocesan Committee for Family and For Life

The Parish celebrated the Canonisation of St. Mary of the Cross on **17th October 2010**.

On 20th October 2010, the Parish Council accepted the recommendation from Liturgy Committee to discontinue the Practice of distributing Holy Communion by Intinction. New Chalices and patens were purchased to implement the decision.

The Parish helper's thanksgiving Mass and Social Gathering was held on the **7th November**. More than 180 people came to celebrate the day and it was a real opportunity to meet everyone involved in the life of the Parish both at Riverton and Rossmoyne.

On 3rd December the combined Parish & School community event **“CAROLS BY TWILIGHT”** was celebrated on the school oval.

The Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service was held at the Uniting Church, Willetton on **9th December 2010**. Our Parish Choir and many Parishioners participated in the celebration.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the sick was celebrated **on 16th December 2010** in preparation for Christmas.

The Advent Communal rite of Reconciliation was celebrated **on 21st December 2010**.