



OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH, RIVERTON

PARISH INFORMATION BOOKLET

Dear Parishioners,

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” *(Peter 4:10)*
In this Parish Information Booklet you will find many opportunities to share your Time, Talents and Treasure with your parish.

Please respond generously to this opportunity to use your gifts to further enhance the ministries of the parish. More important, it is the way of growth in faith.

Thank you for what you contribute to the life of this community of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish. God Bless you all.

Fr. Paul Manickathan S.A.C.
Parish Priest.

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

OUR PASTORS:

Our Parish has been under the care of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Fathers & Brothers) since its beginning in 1951. The Pallottines were founded in Rome in 1835 by St Vincent Pallotti who was a pious and saintly priest with a prophetic vision for the Church. He had a knack for getting lay volunteers to be involved in his many projects and saw a place for both religious and laity to be involved with the mission of the Church. This expanded beyond his concern for youth and began his broad vision of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC). St. Vincent Pallotti was canonised in 1963. His vision was finally recognised and brought into practice with Vatican II. Since its beginning The Society grew quickly and spread to every continent. The Pallottines came to Australia in 1901 to take responsibility for the Mission at Beagle Bay in the Kimberley Region of WA. This began a long association between the Pallottines and the Aboriginal Peoples of Western Australia, one which endures to the present day.

Further in formation and Parish History on Parish Website www.queenofapostleschurch.org.au

PALLOTTINE FATHERS

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THE SERVITE SISTERS: The order of the Servants of Mary (OSM) more commonly known as the Servite Sisters, was founded in India in 1854. They endeavour to model themselves on Mary, the most perfect disciple of Christ. Their main apostolate is Education. The Servite Order began its Australian branch in 1970. With “Compassion” as their charism they are involved in Aboriginal ministry, caring for children from disadvantaged families, aged care, pastoral work and education. The Servite Sisters started their pastoral ministry at Queen of Apostles Parish in 2004. *Contact Sr Charla on 9354 5083.*

MASS TIMES:

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH, RIVERTON.

Saturday: 6.00 pm(Vigil)
Sunday: 7.30 am, 9.00 am, 7.00pm
Weekdays: Monday—Saturday 7.30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday 4.00pm - 5.00 pm
or by appointment.
Prior to Christmas and Easter the Second Rite of Reconciliation is offered with several Priests available for Confessions.

HOLY HOUR

every Saturday 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

by appointment with the Parish Priests.

ROSARY NOVENA & BENEDICTION held every Wednesday 7.00 pm - 7.30 pm.

HOME COMMUNION for the Sick and Elderly every Sunday morning from 9.00am - 11.00 am. Requests to Parish Priest by Saturday Midday - Phone 6188 6877.

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI CHAPEL, ROSSMOYNE.

Saturday (Vigil) 7.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
Monday No Mass
Tuesday to Friday 9-00 am

RECONCILIATION:

By appointment with the Priest

HOLY HOUR

Tuesday 9.30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

by appointment with the Priest.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Preparation) CLASSES:

Saturday Morning 9.30—10.30am during term time.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Society – meets every Tuesday 7.15 pm. in the Cenacle

Other Services are available.

Please ring the Parish or see the Parish Notice Board.

EPIPHANY Retreat Centre—is situated at 50 Fifth Avenue, Rossmoyne.

This site was originally built by the Pallottines in the 1960's as an accommodation facility for aboriginal students. In more recent times that need has been fulfilled by the wider community. Subsequently the place was transformed and has been offered to the wider community as a secluded and quiet Conference and Retreat Centre, set in peaceful parklands. It is hired out to any group, who wish to run days of reflection or live-in retreats. The Epiphany Centre is run by a Board of Management, Friends of Epiphany, the UAC and with a resident caretaker on site. *Enquiries and bookings 9457 2645.*

I THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish is made up of about 1400 families and supported by a vigorous and active Parish Council. It is administrated by the Pallottine Fathers & Brothers who are named after their Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Vincent Pallotti had as his vision,

'Every person a Christian, every Christian an Apostle'.

It is this ideal that is the vision of the Parish today.

The Parish Council is representative of the whole Parish, seeking and responding to the needs of the Parish; priests, religious and laity working together to form a Christian Community under the guidance and direction of the Parish Priest. It is advisory in character and it's aims are to:

- * DISCERN the spiritual and personal needs of the people in the Parish and establish goals and priorities to respond to these needs.
- * CO-ORDINATE the various activities and foster the development of real community within the Parish.
- * LIAISE with the whole of the Parish.

Membership is for a term of two years with a maximum of three terms. Elections are held every year at the Parish Annual General Meeting for positions on the Parish Pastoral Council. These positions are open to any Parishioner. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council meet monthly and also serve on one of the Council's sub-committees. Sub-committees are made up of PPC Members and interested Parishioners and meet monthly. There is no time limitation on the membership of a Sub-committee.

Parish Pastoral Council Chair Person: Chris Leon 0428956339

A brief description of each of the Sub-Committees follows.

LITURGY COMMITTEE Chairperson: Elizabeth Fisher 9354 2539

This Committee is responsible for the Liturgical life of the Parish and is a representative group within the Parish Council which under the guidance of the Parish Priest, fosters holiness and grace in the people by preserving the integrity of the Liturgy. Its areas of responsibility are the various ministries in the Parish (Acolytes, Altar Servers, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist, Ushers, Lectors (Readers), Multi-Media, Music Ministry, as well as Children's Liturgy of the Word.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson: **Clara Kirika** 0429 088 584

This committee's primary aim is to ensure Parish finances are maintained in a sound state. This involves conducting the Stewardship Program, and ensuring the collecting, counting, recording and banking of weekly collections. The committee prepares the Parish budget, annual financial statements, and maintains journals of monthly income and expenditure.

FAITH EDUCATION COMMITTEE Chairperson: **Bob Fisher** 9354 2539

The aim of this committee is the promotion of Christian faith formation and ideas encouraging strong Parish commitment of all parishioners in church work. The work of this committee includes maintaining an active liaison with existing pastoral organisations and supporting their activities. Activities include the conduct of faith formation / renewal courses, Baptism Preparation and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

PROJECTS COMMITTEE Chairperson: **Vince Ialeggio** 0409544522

This group is responsible to the Parish Council on matters regarding the maintenance of buildings, equipment and grounds associated with the church, presbytery and Parish hall. The committee provides help at special Parish functions and attends to the many minor maintenance works by organising "busy bees".

SOCIAL COMMITTEE Chairperson: **Ray U'Chong** 0424446994

is the central organization for the social activities in the Parish. It aims at building and maintaining a happy and friendly Parish community through social functions and activities. Members of the Committee also support other Parish and School Functions e.g. Cabaret. They are always open to suggestions on how to make parishioners feel at home in the Parish.

YOUTH AFFAIRS: Chairperson: **David Tham** 0432448463

This committee is a group of parishioners interested in all aspects of youth affairs maintaining a strong link between the youth and older generations in the Parish. They are available to support and promote youth functions and help the young to take their place in the Parish community.

Membership to all of these committees is open to any Parishioner of Queen of Apostles Parish.

II FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

CATECHISTS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS (CRE)

The work of the Catechists includes witnessing to, and sharing in the Mystery which they themselves live and lovingly communicate to others. They help children to integrate their faith into everyday life and lead them to a personal love of God, so they gradually grow into the person God has destined for them. For anyone seeking qualification in this important apostolate, training programs for Catechists are offered each year by the Archdiocesan Catechist Service and by the Churches Commission on Education. Anyone interested in joining our Catechist Team please contact one of the Religious Education coordinators below.

Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP) aims to provide religious education and preparation for all primary age students (Yrs 1– 6) not attending Catholic schools, and in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes are held from 9.30am to 10.30am on Saturday mornings during school term at Queen of Apostles Parish House. *Enquiries to Ashley Almeida* 0403317731

Christian Religious Education (CRE) formerly SRE Catechists teach interdenominational classes in four local Government Primary schools: Riverton Rostrata, Shelley and Willetton. *Coordinator: Fr. Paul Manickathan 6188 6877*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) is a process whereby adults seeking to become Catholics are prepared over a period of 20 weeks of discussion in small groups with an individual sponsor and a catechist. The R.C.I.A. program begins around July and parishioners are needed to act as sponsors who are an integral part of the process. *Enquiries please contact Fr. Paul Manickathan 6188 6877*

CONNECTIONS. Since 1985 various Neighborhood Scripture Groups have been functioning in our Parish. Their main objective is to increase our understanding and appreciation of the Word of God as it is found in the New and Old Testament of the Bible; to prepare us for the Sunday Mass Liturgy and to share reflection and spontaneous prayers with one another. Connections has been meeting weekly for one hour in the Cenacle on Thursdays at 9.15am. All welcome. *Ph Sr Charla on 9354 5083.*

Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) The UNION encompasses the Pallottine Family—priests, religious and laity who aspire to live and promote the spirituality of St Vincent Pallotti—after whom the family gains its name.

“The Catholic Apostolate, that is, the universal apostolate, which is common to all classes of people, consists in doing all that one must and can do for the greater glory of God and for one’s own salvation and that of one’s neighbour.”

UAC members endeavour to work to promote God’s kingdom of justice, love and peace, whatever their state in life may be. The UAC meet monthly for Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at the Pallottine Community House in Rossmoyne. All welcome. *Secretary: Tricia 0431017484*

FRIENDS OF EPIPHANY— a group of volunteers who appreciate the Pallottine ideal and support, share and help out (as the needs arise) at the Epiphany Conference and Retreat Centre. *For enquiries or to become involved please contact Bill Spence 0488001551*

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS GROUP meets every Monday at 9.00am to pray for the many needs of their children and their families. All welcome.
Coordinator: Adele Masten 9457 1620

YOUTH PROGRAM: The goal of Queen of Apostles Parish Youth Group is to build up, confirm and bring to maturity the life of faith, hope and love in the young so that, in the future, as adult Catholics truly committed to their Church, they will willingly, actively and fruitfully offer themselves and their gifts to the service of the liturgical (Liturgia) pastoral (Diakonia) apostolic (Kerygma) and community (kiononia) life and mission of the Church.

We have **“Parish Youth For Post Confirmation Candidates”** & **“Youth Council”** in the Parish directed at high school & university students and **“Queenies Art Club”** directed at primary & secondary students. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact *David Tham (0432448463)* for Parish Youth ministry and *Sue Regnard (93541360)* for Queenies Art Club.

BAND OF BROTHERS: The focus of this group is being a forum for men in the parish to share their triumphs and trials in a confidential and non-judgmental environment. We gather on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact *Gary Edmonds on 0417 910 901.*

III LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ACOLYTES are a specially selected group of men who have been instituted primarily for the service of the altar and the distribution of Holy Communion. Acolytes are instituted for life with five yearly re-commissioning for active service in the Parish. Acolytes, in the absence of a Priest may lead Communion Services when required. Both Acolytes and EMHCs may take the Eucharist to the sick who are confined to their home, when required. *The coordinator of our Parish Chapter of Acolytes is Mr. Ray U'Chong 0424446994*

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST are a group of selected and trained parishioners who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass when required and may also assist in home communion as required. Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMHC) are commissioned for two years and may be re-commissioned. *Coordinator is Mary McLean 94553140.*

ALTAR SERVERS. This important ministry is open to all members of the Parish who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There are Servers rostered for each of the Weekend Masses and they assist the Priest and Acolyte in the service of the community in the celebration of the Liturgy. A Training Course is held once a year in the third school term, and Servers are commissioned after successful completion of this course. *For further enquiries contact Fr. Paul 6188 6877*

LECTORS are given the responsibility of proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures at the Eucharist and other Liturgical functions. A large number of parishioners are involved in the Ministry of Lectors at Queen of Apostles Parish. *Coordinator: Mary McLean 94553140.*

USHERS make a tremendous contribution to the worship of the faithful. They could be called “The Hospitality or Welcoming Team”. They are to introduce newcomers, offer information, supply programs etc., and lead people to vacant seats. In short, they try to make people feel at home. The Ushers also arrange for the taking up of the church collections, the offertory procession and someone to inform the CLOW leader that the homily is ended (so the children may return to the church). They may also need to call appropriate help if there is emergency in the congregation. *Coordinator Sylvia Lobo 9457 4420*

MULTIMEDIA PROJECTIONISTS facilitate in the smooth running of the congregational participation in the Liturgy, by working the Computer and Projector at Mass or other liturgical celebrations. Where there is music they collaborate with the music group leaders on roster. *Coordinator Tricia 6188 6877*

MUSIC MINISTRY in our Parish is made up of singers and instrumentalists wishing to use their talents to be of service to the Parish. The Roman Missal says that singing should be widely used in the Church. It quotes “Those who sing pray twice over”. Because “music is an integral part of the Liturgy” (Vatican II Documents) their main role is to inspire and engage the Parish community in all forms of prayerful Liturgy, in particular the Sunday Eucharist. This requires spiritual and practical formation, careful preparation and teamwork with all involved in the Liturgy—in particular the priest. This ministry is made up of various groups, many of which meet each term holidays to plan and select the music and hymns for the coming months. New members (singers and instrumentalists) are always welcome in every group. *Enquiries to Tricia Wisolith (Music coordinator) on 61886877 or email goariverton@ozemail.com.au*

Organists and Pianists are particularly needed to help support the different groups and cantors/ psalmists and lead the congregation in singing the Liturgy.

Psalmists lead the singing of the Responsorial Psalm of the day at Mass. Singers who feel called to serve in this role are required to undertake a short course led by the Archdiocese beforehand. Psalmists currently lead the singing of the Psalm at 6pm Sat & 9am Sun Masses.

SATURDAY EVENING GROUP sings at 6pm Saturdays *Contact Tricia 6188 6877*

The **CHOIR** sings at 9am Mass on Sundays (usually fortnightly, alternating with the Family Group Choir—see below). *Contact David Templeman 9457 4096*

FAMILY GROUP sings at 9am Mass on alternate Sundays. *Contact Clare 9458 2609*

SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP sings at 7pm Youth Mass on Sundays. *Contact Ashley Almeida 0403317731 email ashleyalmeida1@gmail.com or David Tham 0432 448 463*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) Allows children of primary school age to hear the Word of God at their own level of understanding and to see it related to their own lives. Currently it is available at the 6.00pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses. The children are taken by a leader and assistant to the Cenacle. They leave the church after the entrance hymn and return to church after the Prayers of Intercession. The format used is much the same as the adult liturgy, with the reading being in a simplified form. *Coordinator Sr Chitra 0406549338*

FAMILY MASS LEADERS prepare the children to lead at Family Masses (held usually once a month) where the Mass is geared at Families with children in Primary School. Children lead the Penitential Rite, the Liturgy of the Word and Prayers of Intercession. Children also usually lead the singing of the Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation at this Mass. Preparation for singing is done by the Family Group Choir leader. *If you're willing to help or wish to know more about this important role, please phone Mellissa Edmonds 0421195140*

IV CARE AND SOCIAL GROUPS

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is named after St Vincent de Paul whose life was devoted to helping the underprivileged. The conference in our Parish is a long established group. The aim of the society is to provide a means whereby members can practice Christianity by loving their neighbour in the persons of the needy. Vincentians show this love, compassion and understanding by giving themselves—their concern, their friendship, their time and talents—to help people regardless of creed, colour or political belief. Member supply food, parcels, furniture, clothing and blankets etc. They visit the sick and the lonely in their homes and hospitals. This group meets every Tuesday night for one hour in the Cenacle at 7.15pm. *Enquiries contact Penny D'Souza 0421215620*

APOSTLE CARE aims to provide material help and services to members of our parish community who, for reasons beyond their own control, find themselves in need of assistance and who cannot provide for themselves because of illness or age. For enquiries contact *Sr Charla on 9354 5083*.

COLLECTION COUNTERS count the weekly collections and planned giving envelope offerings and prepares the banking. *Contact Parish Office 6188 6877*

CHURCH FLOWERS those involved prepare the church each week by arranging the flowers. *Coordinator is Yvonne Nazareth 9354 2887.*

CHURCH CLEANERS those involved clean the church and surroundings either on Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning. *Contact Parish Office 6188 6877*

CHURCH LINEN Laundering of Queen of Apostles Church linen. If you wish to place your name on this roster please contact *Myrna Da Silva 9354 1336*

CRAFT GROUP gets together on Monday mornings in the Parish House for a friendly and social gathering completing whatever personal craft each members wishes to make. Members also knit or crochet blankets and toys for Brother Ollie's project for disabled children affected by landmines who are now in wheelchairs and baby clothing for Pregnancy Assistance. Everyone welcome—come and learn—assistance readily available. *Coordinator: Rhorie White 9457 5964*

EVERGREEN SENIORS (developed from the Over 55's Group, originally the Cenacle Group of the Parish) meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Parish House, and go on monthly outing on the 4th Wednesday of the month (transport provided). *Enquiries: Sylvia Lobo 9457 4420*

V QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Queen of Apostles Catholic Primary School first staffed by the Schoenstatt Sisters when it opened in 1956, has been developed to a very large extent by Parental and Parish involvement to cater for the needs of the Catholic Community of the Riverton and surrounding areas. The area from which the school draws its pupils comprises the residential suburbs of Riverton, Rossmoyne and Shelley. The school is staffed by a lay Principal and lay teachers.

In 1989 the school began to develop as a two stream Primary School, catering for classes from Pre-Primary to Year Six. 1995 saw the completion of this process. Queen of Apostles School has a policy of parental involvement. Not only does this forge closer links between teachers and parents, it is seen as vital to the aim of providing an atmosphere to promote the faith formation of children who attend the school.

The school tries to live out its motto of "Love, Unity and Peace". "Mary as the Queen of the Apostles was the centre of the early church. She taught the Apostles to love Jesus, and this love gave them the strength to love one another, so that the non Christians would say, "See how they love one another!" The understanding, helping and serving LOVE creates UNITY and PEACE. The three words Love, Unity and Peace remind us of our Christian vocation. Only when we are in loving unity with God can we radiate the peace that is so much lacking in our modern world."

The school is supported by a very active School Board and a strong Parents and Friends Association. *Early enrolment is advised with the school office. Phone 94574913.*

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