



Catholic Outreach

Autumn Newsletter

May 2014



... from the Director's Desk

With our Autumn newsletter we welcome a return to milder weather and some much needed rain. A warm welcome also to Donna Moxey, Bob Williams and Shelia Hii who have joined our Committee of Management.

In this edition we bring you highlights of the Co-Ordinators Lenten Retreat, facilitated by Sr Margaret Scharf and the Regional Co-Ordinators Morning Tea hosted by Xavier Care in the Armadale Parish.

So far this year we have focused our energies on meeting with several Care Programs. In particular we were delighted to attend Holy Family Care Volunteers' inaugural Thanksgiving Mass in the Kalamunda Parish and the launch of Notre Dame Care in the Cloverdale Parish.

On 28 February Fr Greg Donovan celebrated an inaugural Thanksgiving Mass for Holy Family Care which involved Co-Ordinators, Volunteers and parishioners. Fr Greg's homily reflected on the generous work undertaken by Holy Family Care volunteers as well as volunteers in all Care Programs who, by answering the needs of the community, live out their Christian vocation. At the social function following the Mass guests were welcomed by Co-Ordinators Jo Doyle, Maureen Humphreys, Antonietta Christie and Helen Kozma and invited to share a very appetizing supper.

The launch of Notre Dame Care Cloverdale Parish took place on 15 - 16 March when more than 80 parishioners volunteered their time and talent at the Commitment weekend. Enthusiastic volunteers then attended Orientation meetings on 11 April. Congratulations to Fr Nelson Po and Co-Ordinators Doreen Buckley, Frances Zuijdgeest-Ots, Sandra Robinson, Beatrice Goh, Theresa Ng, Katie Bennett, Joan Boyce and John Harbinson who worked very conscientiously and cheerfully to bring this labour of love to fruition.

During Lent I was delighted to co-facilitate with Francis Leong, Director Catholic Mission, a four series Lenten Reflection at the Catholic Pastoral Centre on 'The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel' a book sponsored by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation ***Evangelii Gaudium*** given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 24 November 2013, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the conclusion of the Year of Faith.

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."

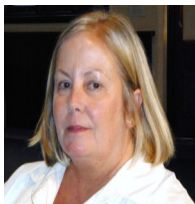
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Committee of Management

We are delighted to welcome Donna, Bob and Shelia who joined the Catholic Outreach Committee of Management in December 2013. They are both eager and enthusiastic and are already making a great contribution and we are looking forward to a happy and productive association.



Donna Moxey

Donna has worked as a Pastoral Worker and Sacramental Coordinator for the Whitford Parish for many years and is a Co-Ordinator of Missioncare.

Dr Robert Williams

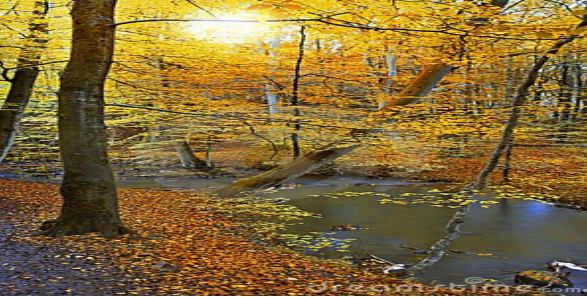
Bob a retired IT professional and university lecturer has been an active Co-Ordinator of John Paul Care Willetton Parish for over 20 years.



Shelia Hii

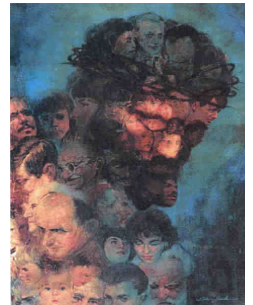
Shelia, a Client Services Officer with the Catholic Development Fund, was appointed as the Archbishop's nominee in December 2013.





To be the Face of Christ to all we meet in the world

On Friday 4 April Sr Margaret Scharf OP facilitated a Lenten Retreat for Co-Ordinators. After more than sixteen years in ministry at the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange, California, Sister Margaret returned to Perth in 2012 to begin a similar ministry to the WA Church, the Dominican Institute for Spirituality. Margaret is a composer/songwriter with works published in WA and USA and is also on the Leadership Team for the Dominican Sisters of WA.



The Retreat commenced with Mass celebrated by Fr Karol Kulczycki SDS and included a delicious morning tea and lunch. This enriching day of prayer and reflection comprised a presentation on various aspects of the theme including Session 1, *Facing the Global Family: Coming Face to Face with Christ in the World*, Session 2 *"About Face:" Facing the Truth About Myself* and Session 3 *The Look of Love: Called to be the Face of Christ in the World* and finally reflecting on *Evangeli Gaudium*. We also participated in personal reflection time, group sharing and prayer/ritual together. The rendition of songs led by Sr Margaret's guitar playing was indeed a lively enhancement to the day.





Co-Ordinators Regional Morning Tea

Xavier Care in the Armadale Parish hosted a Co-Ordinators Regional Morning Tea on Wednesday 14 May for 50 Co-Ordinators and parishioners. Community Education Officer, Dianne Marks from the Seniors Housing Centre delivered a very enlightening and entertaining seminar entitled “Downsizing - A Field Guide” which provided information and resources to help make realistic choices about future housing needs such as downsizing for people who may not be sure of all the options available, some of the pitfalls they may encounter, knowing the difference and what to expect from these communities and learning about your rights, obligations and what to expect.

The Seniors Housing Centre is a collaboration between the Department of Commerce (Consumer Protection) and the Council On The Ageing (COTA) WA. The presentation included

- Why downsize?
- The process of selling and moving
- Things to consider
- Moving - a chance to simplify
- Downsizing options for Seniors - Buying a private residence, Building a private residence, Retirement Villages, Residential Parks, Strata Title, Subdivision, Granny Flats, Family Agreements
- Where to get help

Many thanks to Fr Kazimierz Stuglik, Helen Lesniak and all the Xavier Care Co-Ordinators for kindly hosting this very informative event and providing an opportunity for people to mingle over morning tea.





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Care Concern Service

... helping you help others

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
That is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination
will affect everything.

It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings,
what you will do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends, what you read,
who you know, what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in love, stay in love
And it will decide everything.

Attributed to Pedro Arrupe



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