

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.



**John Paul Care Christmas Lunch 2022**

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, it was a pleasure to celebrate a Christmas lunch with many parishioners who are in their golden years. It was a joyful occasion bringing smiles to all who attended, especially those whom we have not seen for a long time. A big thank you to all who helped, for without them, it would not have been possible. May God bless them all and bring the holiness and peace of Christmas to each and everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. God bless. Fr Thai



**BETTY THOMPSON!**

On behalf of the whole parish, I wish to thank Betty Thompson for the many years of loving and humble service to those in need. Betty was coordinator of the John Paul Care program for 14 years and volunteered in other parish groups for many more years. Through her contribution and kindness, she has extended the compassion of Christ to our fellow parishioners in their time of need. We are truly thankful and grateful to have had such a caring and loving person in our midst. We wish Betty all



the best in the future and may her time with her family bring many blessings and joy.  
Fr Thai



*The gift of love.  
The gift of peace.  
The gift of happiness.  
May all these be yours at Christmas.  
Best wishes for the Holidays, and for health and happiness throughout the coming year.*

**Fr Thai & Fr CJ**

### MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Thai Vu ([pp@willettoncatholicparish.org.au](mailto:pp@willettoncatholicparish.org.au))

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**Baptisms:** Mary de Wever (9310 2426)

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**Secretary:** Lyna Chan (9332 5992)

**John Paul Care:** Rosa Pasquale (0417 994 676)



**Baptism - We welcome into God's family at Sts John & Paul**

Frankie Philomena Kelly

Bonnie Susan Tilyard

### Parish Office closure

The parish office will **reopen Monday 30 Jan 2023.**

**Weekday Mass times : 9am**

**Weekend Mass times : Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**

**Sunday Mass 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.30am**

### SVDP Willetton

On behalf of the members of Willetton's St Vincent de Paul Conference, I would like to say thank you to our parish priests and parishioners, for their generous support towards our branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Over the past year, we have visited 93 families, and have assisted 8-9 families per week. Together with parishioner assistance, funding from our Head Office, and regular Woolworth's grocery donations, we have been able to provide families with much needed Emergency Relief in the way of food parcels, as well as supermarket, petrol, and clothing vouchers. We have also assisted some of these families with pressing household expenses such as rent and energy bills. In addition, I would also like to include the staff and students from Orana Primary School in our thanks. Together with Sts John and Paul parishioners, they too, yet again, have given so generously towards our appeal for Christmas hamper items. This year, we handed out 42 hampers to the families we serve. And so, from the team members and myself, we say a BIG, heartfelt thank-you, and we wish you all the Love, Joy, and Peace this season brings.

Ann Fernandez, President, SvdP Willetton Conference.



**Rosary in the garden will resume Friday 13 January 2023 at 6pm.**

MARY MACKILLOP  
*today*



### Breakfast in the Garden

**Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones ...**

**When: 8am, Saturday, 11 March 2023**

**Where: GARDEN VENUE - at the Mary MacKillop Centre**

16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

**Bring:** \$20 for brekkie, byo chairs, blankets, umbrellas, sunscreen, smiles

**RSVP: For catering purposes etc, before 7 March to: Roberta Scanlan: [robscan52@icloud.com](mailto:robscan52@icloud.com) or 0459 364 872**

### Pope Francis: Be More Humble This Christmas

**"Let's have a more humble Christmas, with more humble gifts," Pope Francis said at the end of his general audience on Wednesday, December 14.**

Pope Francis asked people to consider spending less on gifts and gatherings this Christmas, and to use it to help the people in Ukraine instead. "It is good to celebrate Christmas, to have parties -- but let's lower the level of Christmas spending," he encouraged. "Let's send what we save to the Ukrainian people, who are in need, suffering so much; they go hungry, they feel the cold, and so many die because there are no doctors, nurses at hand." The pope went on to discuss the suffering of the Ukrainian people, saying that although this does not mean we shouldn't celebrate Christmas at all, rather we should do so "with Ukrainians in our hearts." Be at peace with the Lord, he said, and "let us make that concrete gesture" for the people of Ukraine.

