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Unwrapping the **GIFTS**
of Volunteering

When Hands Speak
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Christmas Blessings

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Father Noy



My Christmas Message for Our Beloved Parish Family

Christmas is the most celebrated feast in the world, and with good reason. It is the tender, astonishing moment when God becomes human — when the Eternal Word takes flesh and dwells among us. No human reasoning can fully grasp this mystery of the Incarnation. Christmas begins not on earth, but in the very heart of God, who fulfils the ancient promises made to our ancestors. Hope, humility, and divine love enter the world in the most unexpected way: through a Child born in poverty.

“Today in the city of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11) ...so, “Gloria” becomes the refrain of heaven and earth. How could God come down and become one of us? Only through a divine self-emptying (Philippians 2:7). Mary’s humble yes becomes the doorway through which the Divine steps into our human story. This is the mystery we embrace and celebrate each Christmas.

Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, angels, and the wise men — all play their part in allowing this holy mystery to unfold. At its heart lies the profound love of God for the world (John 3:16).

Each time we say yes with a grateful heart — to assist, to pray, to listen — a small incarnation happens again, a moment in which God becomes present through us. How blessed we are as Christians to be instruments of His presence! When people are in trouble, in need, or weighed down by life, we bring them the oil of kindness, care and love.

Only a heart open to the Spirit can truly serve the needs of others (Luke 1:39–45). When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives, we grow in the strength to resist gossip and complaint and we discover the deep joy of reaching out — even with something as simple as a genuine smile.

Volunteering is a beautiful way of inviting God’s love into our own lives and into the life of our parish. It is never just about doing tasks; it is about widening our hearts, noticing who may need support, and remaining attentive to the needs of our community.

The Good News resounds across the world, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.”

In the words of Saint Mother Teresa:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer
The fruit of Prayer is Faith
The fruit of Faith is Love
The fruit of Love is Service
The fruit of Service is Peace

And peace — Christ’s peace — is the ultimate gift of Christmas.

May the peace of the newborn Saviour fill your hearts and homes this holy season.

A blessed and joyful Christmas to you all.

Father Noy

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From My Heart to Yours: Look After Yourself This Season

As we approach Christmas, I want to gently remind you to look after yourself. Many of us fall into what psychologists call the, “planning fallacy”—the tendency to underestimate how much time and energy things truly require, even when we’ve done them before. I know I’ve certainly felt it myself; the frantic last-minute rush to prepare Christmas dinner, wrap the gifts and make everything just right.

Christmas is a beautiful season, but it can also be a demanding one. We often place high expectations on ourselves to create the perfect celebration, and in doing so, we can drain the joy right out of it. By the time the big day arrives, we may find ourselves stressed, exhausted and not able to savour the blessings of the moment as much as we hoped.



Honouring 25 years of faithful religious service by Father Noyichan M. Antony, MCBS, who made his First Profession in 1999 in Kerala, India.

This year, I encourage you to be gentle with yourself. Allow space to breathe. Let go of what doesn't truly matter. Christmas is not about perfection—it is about presence, peace, and the quiet grace of God dwelling among us.

May you find rest in the midst of preparation and joy in the moments that unfold.



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Editorial

Yes, something has happened to the AM Magazine!

Paula Lancaster

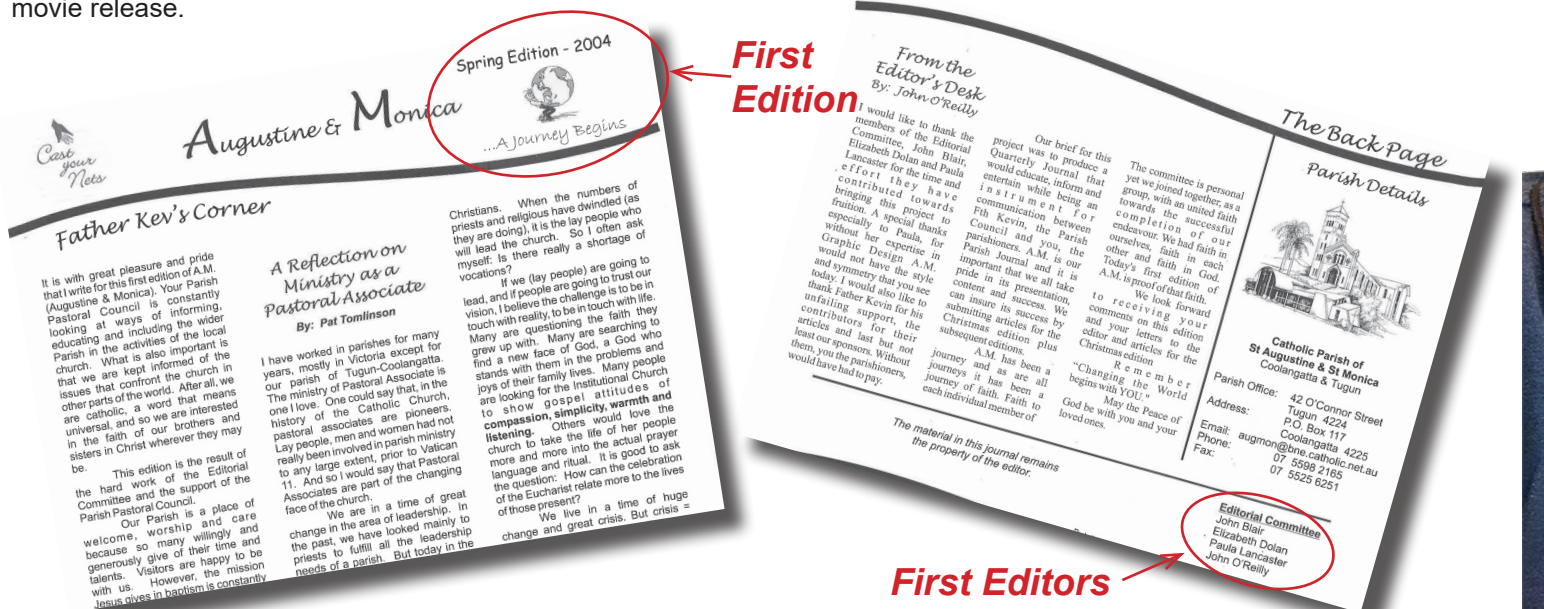
“What’s happened to the AM Magazine?”
Yes... I can already hear the whispers from the back pews!

After the last edition went to print, it became clear that the time had come for some changes. Time—because we are stepping into a new centenary of our Parish. Time—because our inaugural issue was released in Spring 2004... which means the AM Magazine is now 21 years old! Time—because our faithful committee, after years of service, deserve a well-earned rest.

There’s an irony here that hasn’t escaped me. Twenty-one years ago, Father Kevin tapped me on the shoulder with the idea of starting a Parish magazine. Twenty-one years later, Father Noy tapped me on the same shoulder and suggested I take on the AM Magazine again—this time to help guide its new look and new chapter.

Back then I worked with the inaugural team, which included the ever-faithful John Blair. In this edition, I’ve had the privilege of interviewing John as one of our Parish’s long-serving volunteers—one of the many gifts we have been given. The sadness is that this may well be one of the last conversations I am able to share with this beautiful man. Of the four names on that very first Editorial Team, only John and I remain. For this reason—and for many others—I dedicate this editorial to John Blair, with gratitude, admiration and deep affection.

Now, a confession—this edition is what we’re calling a transitioning edition. That’s a polite way of saying, “We haven’t formed a new committee yet... and no, this is not the full magazine.” Think of it as the trailer before the big movie release.



The timing was, shall we say, less than ideal. A week after accepting the role, I was unexpectedly offered (and accepted!) a 10 week teaching posting in central Queensland to help a school desperately seeking an English teacher. The distance, the workload, and the sheer kilometres— 1134.41 km, thank you very much—have made this edition something of a creative miracle. I think my right hand man; my husband, John (without him this would never have made the printer) wants me to be very clear that I must never to attempt anything like this again! Even with all the technology in the world, producing a magazine from that far away is not something I’d call calm.



And yet... it is worthwhile. Worthwhile because the stories we are sharing in these pages are rich, authentic and beautiful. They remind us of who we are; a Parish blessed by the many GIFTS of those who serve, help, encourage, and quietly keep things going.

Our theme this Christmas is GIFTS—the gifts our volunteers have offered so generously, and the gifts we hope future volunteers will bring as we look ahead to 2026 and beyond.

First Edition

From the Editor's Desk
By: John O'Reilly

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First Editors

Full Circle

An Interview with John Blair

In the year of 1960, John and Barbara Blair travelled from Sydney to the Gold Coast to help John's cousin. Sixty-five years later they are still here—here, having created a family of five children—here, where they are now blessed with

12 Grandchildren & 14 Great Grandchildren.

For John and Barb the Church “on the hill,” St Augustine’s, became the place which nourished their faith. Under the pastoral care of Father Dudley Boland, their five children were baptised into the Catholic faith. Barbara reminisced about the red and white slippers Anthony, Gregory and Christopher wore when they served on the altar. A memory some of you may recall.

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Given how young John and Barb were, their lack of family and friendship circles meant the St Augustine’s Parish became their family. This is something they will forever be grateful for. Whilst they are grateful, the St Augustine’s / St Monica’s Parish are more grateful and will always remember and value the contributions of the Blairs. It is phenomenal—a true testament to faith and dedication—what they have done for 65 years to grow and sustain our Catholic parish.

- Fundraising
- Taking Communion to people’s homes and the hospitals
- Starting up ‘Care and Concern’
- St Monica’s Ladies’ Group
- Committee member for AM Journal

As John and Barb reflect on their years of ministry, they can see how life has come full circle. Today, John graciously receives what he once gave so freely, as parishioners visit him and bring him the Eucharist.



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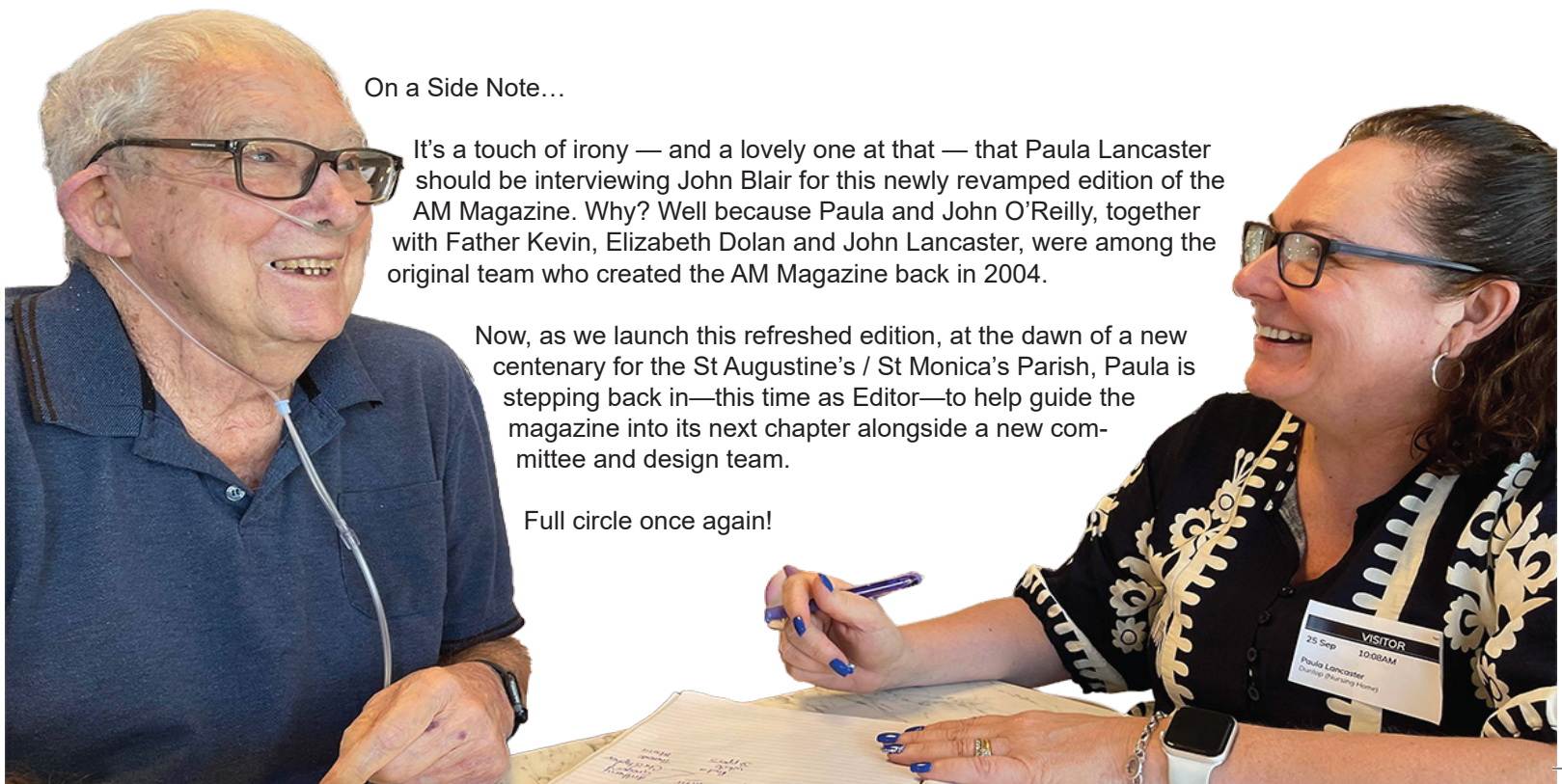
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On a Side Note...

It’s a touch of irony — and a lovely one at that — that Paula Lancaster should be interviewing John Blair for this newly revamped edition of the AM Magazine. Why? Well because Paula and John O’Reilly, together with Father Kevin, Elizabeth Dolan and John Lancaster, were among the original team who created the AM Magazine back in 2004.

Now, as we launch this refreshed edition, at the dawn of a new centenary for the St Augustine’s / St Monica’s Parish, Paula is stepping back in—this time as Editor—to help guide the magazine into its next chapter alongside a new committee and design team.

Full circle once again!



Volunteers

Musical Hands

Deirdre Pullen

I arrived on the Gold Coast in August, 1997, a week before my 2nd daughter (Maire) was born. I had lived in various countries and places around the world and was coming back home to Australia. I was being supported by my parents in raising the girls.

I had completed my degree in Music Education at the NSW Conservatorium of music in 1983, but decided not to continue on that path, but try something new. Which I did—I was a flight attendant for 10 years.

Arriving on the Gold Coast, not having grown up here I was looking to make some connections and so visited various different churches nearby, eventually arriving at St Monica's. It was so welcoming and friendly, I decided this was the church community for me.

One week in the newsletter there was a call-out for musicians (seems it is a perpetual challenge!). Although I hadn't been involved in music for 17 or so years, I felt a call to apply. This was in approximately 1999.

May I say I was initially terrified that my "rustiness" would be such a hinderance that my services would not be "required." I was soon paired with the wonderful, ever patient and kind Tracey Kriz, and she coached me and helped me learn. Father Kevin Smith was the presiding priest, again another person with kindness and patience.

I loved using my musical skills again, and soon had a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. This led me to embark on the RCIA program and I converted to the Catholic faith. My sponsors were the lovely Dorothy Owen and Marge Herriott—I could not have hoped for more wonderful sponsors! And again, both volunteer musicians.

Soon my daughters were growing up and started learning violin. When they were at a standard where they could manage, they too, were playing at church.

In 2000 I began teaching classroom

music at St Augustine's Primary School, which I thoroughly enjoyed until my recent (reluctant) retirement in 2024.

The volunteer musicians are a lovely group of people who give of their time freely and so often, so much of their time. Whether it's singing at various masses – and at the important feasts there are many in one week! Different seasons in the year or events all require music, because (to quote the ABC) "Life really is better with music."

I volunteer because I feel that music is my God-given talent and that I am then bound to share it for the good of the St Monica's community. It is my way of giving back to the world. If I can make a difference to somebody's life, then that is a good thing—especially for the big events in people's lives.

I feel strongly that a service is enhanced by music.

I do remember a mistake I made once, I was horrified at the time but can look back and smile. (The backstory is that when I first started playing, the cantor would sing the Doxology.) During an ordinary Sunday mass, Father John was saying the prayers prior to Communion, I must have 'zoned out' for a second. I heard something very familiar and quickly played my big chord for the Amen. Father John looked at me horrified, I looked at him and realised that I had just acted on a cue from 15-20 years ago! Father John had not said the Doxology yet! So I kept holding the chord – as if it were all part of the plan—until the appropriate moment came to continue with the Amen. Father John was very gracious about it, and we both had a laugh.

Funny things do happen over in the choir 'pit'. One event that I still chuckle about is the 2024 Christmas Pageant. The lovely Paula Lancaster was producing the Nativity story. We were working with quite young children on minimal rehearsals and I was providing the music for the carols. During the dress rehearsal I said to Paula, "How long will I keep playing this music for? 1 verse, 2

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verses, just a chorus?" Naturally, with little children we couldn't be sure how long they would take to walk..... to a position. Paula then said, "Don't worry, I'm going to be sitting with you and I'll tell you when to stop, fade out – whatever." Well, on the performance day / mass she arrived fully prepped with flash cards which she duly held up to me with instructions. Genius – but very funny! (and necessary!) Some of the cards read – Very soft, slow down, fade out. Faster, louder, only 1 verse.

Working with these lovely people (volunteers) is an uplifting and rewarding experience. It becomes a real community, of like-minded people, all trying to enhance people's (religious) encounters.

We have had a variety of Music Co-ordinators during my time as a musician here. Among them were Dorothy Owen, Margaret Sheahan, Sister Pat Tomlinson and currently Elisabeth Lovell—each bringing their own strengths to the position.

I have loved my time as a volunteer musician. It gives immense satisfaction when people come after a particular service and express how the music has enhanced their experience that day. That gives a feeling that my gifts have been used "for good."

There are a variety of people who volunteer in the music ministry, not all are trained, seasoned musicians. But they do it with love in their hearts. They believe in the power of music to uplift a service.

We have had a number of music ministry people move on due to various reasons and we are definitely looking for more volunteers. It's a rewarding service. Please come and talk to one of us—we would welcome you to share the load. If you feel under prepared (as I did) you would be supported by wonderful people who will help and guide you—you would not be on your own. We work on a roster system—it would not be an every week commitment (although some choose to do so.)

Gifted Liturgist and Faithful Volunteer

Glenda Rodgers —

In Loving Tribute to Her Dear Friend, Rina

VALE Rina Bernadette Wintour

Our Parish of St Monica and St Augustine was deeply blessed when Rina Bernadette Wintour retired to the Gold Coast in 2013. With nearly forty years in Catholic Education—as teacher, Assistant Principal, consultant, storyteller and author—Rina brought extraordinary faith, creativity and experience to our community.

Through Mountjoy Enterprises, she published more than twenty resources that supported teachers, catechists and parishes across Australia. Many parishioners will remember Rina's uplifting "Spirituality Group" sessions, where her love of teaching and her desire to deepen others' faith shone brightly. Her creativity lives on in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross scripts and the afternoon liturgy she crafted—texts we have used for over a decade.

Volunteering was at the heart of Rina's life. She served on the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Liturgy Team, as a Minister of the Word and as a constant support to our

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priests and parish personnel. Rina believed wholeheartedly that volunteering strengthens both the parish and the faith of those who serve. Her life is a powerful reminder of the difference one person's generosity can make.

Rina passed away in September, 2025 after her journey with lung cancer. Her legacy of faith-filled service will continue to inspire us. Rest in peace, dear Rina. Your spirit of service remains a blessing to us all.



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Volunteers

Blessed to Give, Guided to Serve

Brenda Hindmarsh

Why did I decide to volunteer? Simply because, over time, I realised God had a plan for me—and that plan always seemed to involve being there for others.

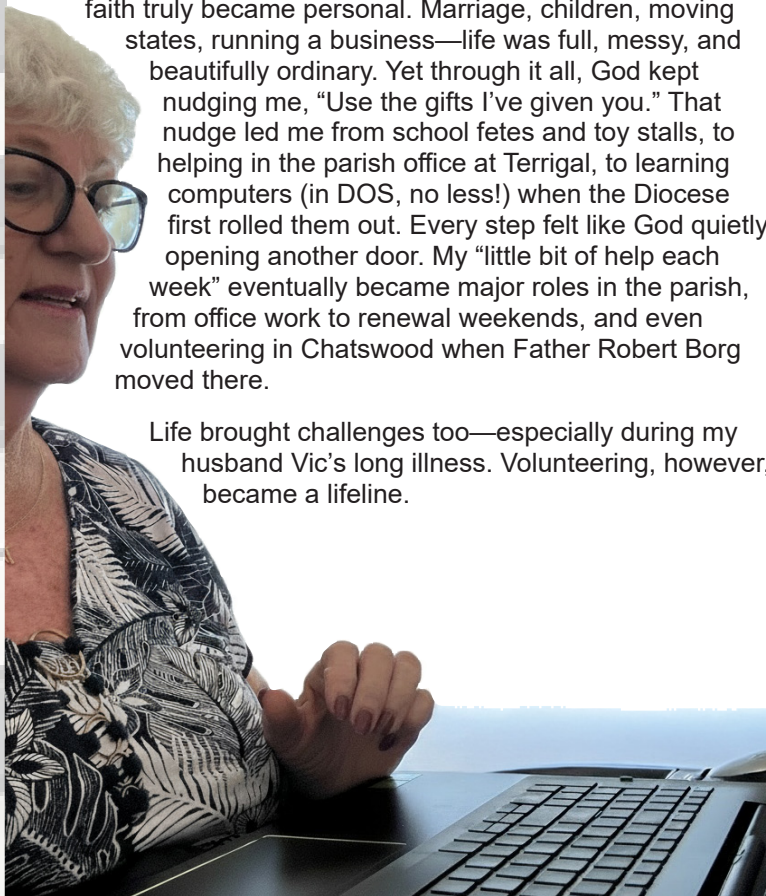
I grew up Catholic, but it wasn't until adulthood that my faith truly became personal. Marriage, children, moving states, running a business—life was full, messy, and beautifully ordinary. Yet through it all, God kept nudging me, "Use the gifts I've given you." That nudge led me from school fetes and toy stalls, to helping in the parish office at Terrigal, to learning computers (in DOS, no less!) when the Diocese first rolled them out. Every step felt like God quietly opening another door. My "little bit of help each week" eventually became major roles in the parish, from office work to renewal weekends, and even volunteering in Chatswood when Father Robert Borg moved there.

Life brought challenges too—especially during my husband Vic's long illness. Volunteering, however, became a lifeline.

It kept me connected, grounded, and surrounded by a community who held me up. After moving to Kirra, I continued offering whatever I could: choir, music lists, Care & Concern, Parish concerts and for 20 years, the AM Magazine. Each task became another way to help our Parish feel more like a family. Looking back, every act of volunteering—large or small—has given me purpose, friendship, and joy. It has helped me see God at work in ordinary people doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

Volunteering, however, became a lifeline. It kept me connected, grounded

As we look toward 2026, I encourage you—offer your gift. It doesn't matter how small it feels. God can do a lot with a willing heart. You might just discover, as I did, that when you give of yourself, you receive so much more in return.



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Volunteers

A Woman of Clean Hands, Dirty Hands, and a Big Heart

An interview with Elena Ormond

If you had told me years ago that I would become a parish sacristan and a parish gardener—dutifully shifting between clean hands and dirty hands—I probably would have laughed, crossed my arms, and walked away muttering something, unprintable, under my breath!

The truth is, when I was first asked to volunteer, I didn't want to do it. Not because I didn't love my Parish—our Parish—but because of the paperwork. Oh, the paperwork!! I was convinced that the forms alone could rival the Dead Sea Scrolls in length... and yes, I'll admit it—I was annoyed with Archbishop Mark. So annoyed that I actually wrote him a letter telling him exactly what I thought about the whole thing. (I'm still not sure if that makes me courageous... or simply cranky!) Despite all this I ended up dotting the i's and crossing the t's, because the Parish needed help, and helping my Parish has always mattered deeply to me.

Once I got through the red tape and actually stepped into the life of volunteering, something unexpected happened—I fell in love with it. I volunteer because I feel I am working for God. I volunteer because Father Noy has far too much on his plate, and if I can lighten even a teaspoon of that load, then I will—happily, gratefully, and for as long as I am able. That last bit does worry me, especially since I'll be turning 90 early next year. I don't know how much longer my body will keep up with my heart's desire to serve. What troubles me even more is knowing that we simply don't have enough volunteers and so many of the ones we do have are, like me, in the older age bracket. What will become of our Parish if new helpers don't step in?

My volunteering spans two main worlds; the quiet holiness of the sacristy and the wild unpredictability of parish gardening. One moment I'm handling sacred vessels; the next I'm on my knees battling weeds that seem to regenerate faster than the loaves and fishes. Despite the hard work, gardening brings me such joy. I grow cuttings at home and bring them to the church, the presbytery, and the office gardens. Watching them bloom feels like watching prayers grow petals. One of my happiest memories is from when Father Noy was on sabbatical. We decided to surprise him with a "fresh new look" outside the office entrance. Paula and I planted colourful displays and we added a few ornaments to keep an eye on things



our favourite being, Dougy. On one very hot day, Paula and I were giving the finishing touches—a splash of new colour and a fresh coat of paint—when Father Leo (God rest his soul) called. Julie put him on FaceTime so he could inspect our progress. He laughed, told us we were doing a grand job and insisted it was time for a cuppa. That moment reminded me what volunteering truly is; connection, community, and joy—a chance to serve while laughing with friends along the way.

That's why I'm sharing my story. Not because I think I'm amazing, but because I believe deeply that you— yes, you—can make a difference too.

If every single parishioner volunteered to do just one thing, once a month, the help it would bring our Parish would be immense. You



don't need to be young, or strong, or perfect. You just need a willing heart... and maybe a sun hat. We are a Parish family and families flourish when everyone lends a hand.

In 2026, I hope you'll think about joining us. You might feel reluctant at first—I certainly did—but you may just discover, as I have, that volunteering blesses you far more than you ever expected.

I love volunteering but the reality is that I will be 90 in 2026.

Please volunteer in 2026. What will happen to our Masses and events if our sacred spaces and grounds can't be maintained?

If you have kids... they are close to the ground so maybe they could volunteer to sometimes pull out a weed or two.

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Centenary

A Joyful Announcement for Our Centenary Finale!

As we go to print, we are delighted to share some wonderful news—our newly appointed Archbishop, Shane Mackinlay, is scheduled to celebrate Mass with us on the 14th of December, as part of our centenary finale. What an extraordinary blessing, as we conclude this 100th year of Parish life, to begin a new chapter guided by the pastoral presence of our new shepherd.

Archbishop Mackinlay, formerly Bishop of Sandhurst and long-serving priest of Ballarat, has now taken up his role as the 7th Archbishop of Brisbane. His early words to the Archdiocese have emphasised unity, hope, and shared mission—sentiments that already resonate strongly across our communities.

We hope that by the time you read this—either in this issue or the week following—we will have gathered in joyful celebration with him. This, however, is only the beginning as we are very much looking forward to sitting down with Archbishop Mackinlay for an in-depth interview to publish in our first edition of our 2026, AM Magazine.

For now, let us look ahead with gratitude and excitement and welcome the presence of the Archbishop's fitting and grace-filled closing blessings, to our centenary year!



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A Family Tradition of Faith: Three Generations Welcomed Into Our Parish

Meliah Dick

St Augustine's Parish celebrates its centenary this year as a pillar in the local community. This Parish and the school, St Augustine's, has a long history and connection with the Dick family. Our son, Patrick James Dick is part of the 3rd generation to receive the sacrament of Baptism in this Parish.

The Parish and community are an important part of our family as we share in both the life of the Parish and many of us work at St Augustine's Parish Primary School. Therefore, our choice to baptise our son here was an easy one.

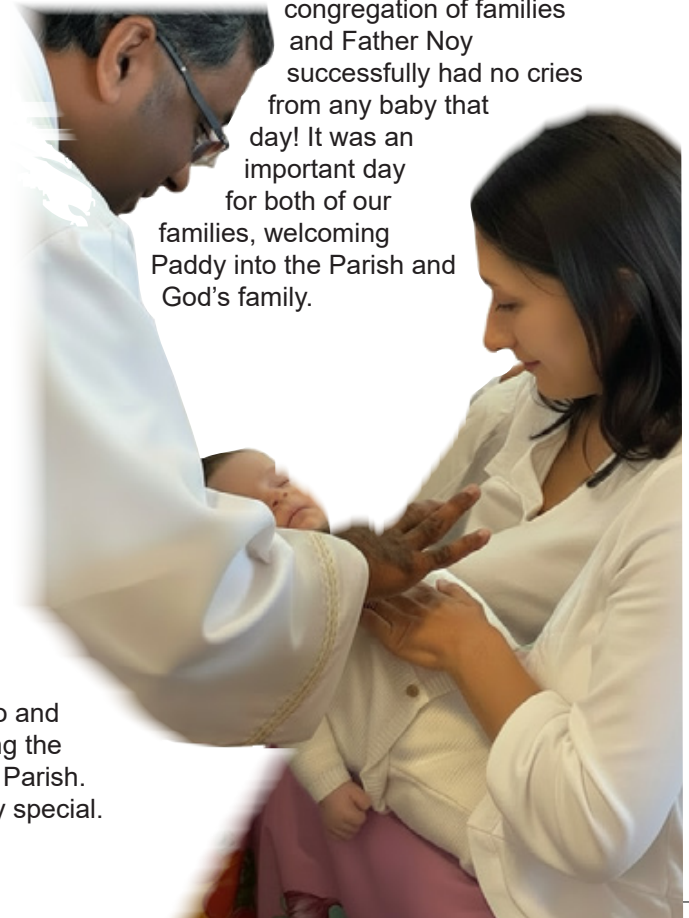
Baptism is something that is important for both my husband and I, and our respective families. In August this year, at three months old, Patrick James was baptised by Father Noy.

The Baptism meeting was welcoming and was a chance to meet other families who were also embarking upon the journey to baptise their child.

We were fortunate to meet the family whose son would also be baptised on the same day as Paddy. This meeting, with Father Noy and Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator, Julie Pead, was an open discussion. Whilst the finer points about the running of the day and requirements were discussed, it was also a chance to reflect and share why we were undertaking the process and sacrament for our child.

The Welcome Mass the week before the baptism, is a lovely way for your child to be introduced to the community. We were fortunate that our little one was very well behaved, dozing through Mass, and looking bright blue eyed for all to see, when he was introduced! After Mass, many parishioners came to say hello and welcome Paddy, demonstrating the strong community spirit of the Parish. Paddy's baptism day was very special.

Father Noy was wonderful with our little boy and the other sacramental recipients. Each part of the sacrament was explained to the congregation of families and Father Noy successfully had no cries from any baby that day! It was an important day for both of our families, welcoming Paddy into the Parish and God's family.



Centenary

Honouring the Hands and Hearts Behind Our Centenary

As our centenary year gently draws to a close, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Centenary Committee, so capably led by Mari Murphy. The team included Father Noyichan, Deacon Sean Woods (now Father Sean), Michele Bradley, Sharon Cabban, Nicola Hanzic, Brenda Hindmarsh, Phil Kimmins, Chris Mason, Judy Meikle, Carolyn Mercer, Kathy Muggeridge, Theresa Pasfield, Julie Pead, Del Sutton and Julia Tait. Each of you shared your time, talents and enthusiasm so generously. We also lovingly remember Theresa and Del, who sadly passed away this year. Both were long-standing pillars of St Augustine's, always giving selflessly to our Parish. Their legacy of kindness and service remains deeply cherished. Since the first meeting in October 2023, the committee has worked tirelessly. Sub-committees formed to manage everything from gathering information to events, catering, liturgy, fundraising, media and even the "White Board Warriors," who beautifully displayed Parish photos. Through it all, friendships grew and wonderful memories were made. The team coordinated our much-loved Ivory Tavern Parish Dinner and Trivia with a Twist, organised



raffles and centenary merchandise and produced the St Augustine's Centenary Book—special thanks to Phil for his wordsmithing. Father Noyichan and the Very Reverend Peter Dillon Vicar General celebrated our Centenary Mass on the 4th of May—a joyful celebration of 100 years of blessings.

To our entire Centenary Committee, we offer a sincere and warm THANK YOU. Your passion and commitment made this centenary year truly special. Congratulations on a job beautifully done.



Laughter, Friendship, and Faith: The Gifts of Serving

Mari Murphy

The Centenary of St Augustine's Church was coming and a committee was needed. Yes, it took a bit of bravery to put my hand up, but the cause was important for me and others. We love our Church. The first few meetings were a learning curve, mostly about what would be needed and looking for the strengths of the other members. I was treading water and hoping I would be useful.



Our committee formed into a marvellous group of the kindest and most committed people on the planet. Never a harsh word, always a laugh to get us through, it was uplifting to feel the good will and see friendships grow, and talents emerge. It seemed to me that we were knitting. When I dropped a stitch, someone was there to gently lift it up to help me fix my problem.



Please join us as a volunteer. Yes, it takes a bit of courage at the start, but you will be greatly rewarded with laughter, community and friendships.

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100 Years of Faithfulness And the Journey Continues

Father Noy

As we come to the close of another year, I find myself looking back with a full heart. It has been a year unlike any other—rich with joy, challenge, gratitude, and grace. Our centenary celebrations stand out as a profound reminder of who we are as a Parish community; a people grounded in faith, strengthened by tradition, and always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. To celebrate 100 years of prayer, service, and belonging was truly a blessing, and I thank each of you who helped make those moments so memorable.

Alongside these milestones, we have journeyed through the ongoing rhythms of parish life—our ministries, our liturgies, our maintenance and stewardship of the place we call our spiritual home. These everyday efforts, often unseen, are what keep our community vibrant. I am deeply grateful to all who serve quietly and faithfully week after week.

This year has also brought sorrow. We have farewelled several significant and much-loved parishioners—people who shaped our Parish by the way they lived their faith. Their absence is felt deeply, and their loss weighs heavily on our hearts. Yet, in our sadness, we remain grateful for the gifts they shared with us: their example, their presence, and the love they poured into this community. We commend them to the mercy of God, trusting that they now rest in His eternal peace.

As we prepare to enter a new year, may we carry forward the hope, strength, and unity that have sustained us through this one. May we continue to be a Parish that builds upon the legacy of those before us, supports one another generously, and walks boldly toward the future, with Christ at our centre.



Let us remember with gratitude and love those from our Parish family who entered eternal life.

Since our last edition, we especially name...

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of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”
(Matthew 2:11)*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Wednesday, 24th December (QLD TIMES)

6:00pm St Monica's, Tugun

9:00pm St Augustine's, Coolangatta

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