



June 17, 2017

To the People

Dear Friends,

I am writing this having just sent you the news of my resignation from the role of Bishop of the Diocese. Although I am sure that this is the right decision I am struggling with the idea of leaving so many people that I love and have great joy in serving. Those of you who have had the experience of leaving a parish will know the distress of leaving. I think that this pain is a great gift, like tears it is a mark of the depth of love and life shared. In the coming weeks and months we shall enjoy many opportunities to be together and I look forward to each encounter.

As you may be aware I am about to leave on a short period of Long Service Leave, returning on Monday July 17. I shall not read emails during my time away, and will leave a message advising people to contact the Diocesan Office, Archdeacon Julie Baker, or Diocesan Secretary, the Revd Dr Lucy Morris. The Diocesan Registrar, Steve Biggar, will also be away during this time. He is heading overseas on extended leave and will return at the beginning of September.

With every blessing in Christ,

+Allan

Lay Retreat August 11th to 13th

Individuals are invited to join the Diocesan Lay Retreat being held at the **St John of God Retreat Centre, Shoalwater on the weekend of August 11 to 13**. Application forms are available from the Diocesan website <http://www.bunburyanglican.org>

Cursillo

Cursillo Weekend W11 is being held at **The Bunbury cathedral Grammar School between July 7 to 9**. Women who are interested in participating should speak to their priest in charge or contact the Cursillo Team directly at bunbury.cursillo.au@gmail.com. Again application forms are available from the Diocesan website <http://www.bunburyanglican.org>

Cathedral Spirituality Series

the Cathedral are conducting a series of monthly spirituality workshops between July and November which I commend to all. I am attaching a copy of the leaflet for promotion in your parish. The general details are:

Living in the Spirit in Ordinary Time

St Boniface Cathedral is delighted to present a series of monthly spirituality workshops on Saturday mornings during July to November. Billets will be available for anyone who needs a bed on Friday night. See the attached leaflet for more information.

Program and presenters

Saturday 1st July – Praying with Icons

Revd Dr Desiree Snyman

Saturday 5th August – Lectio Divina

Dean Emeritus The Very Revd Dr Stewart MacPherson

Saturday 2nd September – Mapping our Spiritual Lives

Revd Carol Reid

Saturday 30th September – Listening to our Dreams

Revd Paul Cannon

Saturday 4th November – A Study in Compassion: Other Religions

Revd Canon Geoff Chadwick

Contact Don Reid on mobile: 0417 948 141 or email:

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triciadaniel45@gmail.com-Synod meetings

St Boniface Cathedral Community Centre

On June 11 we celebrated the Feast of St Boniface with a wonderful service at the Cathedral, concluding with a 'Breaking of the Ground' ceremony for a new Community Centre to be build on the North-West corner of the Cathedral Grounds. The proposal has Heritage Council approval, is budgeted at a cost that can be managed by the Cathedral parish in partnership with the Diocese. This is a remarkable achievement and Dean Darryl, Neville Peterkin, and others from the Cathedral are to be congratulated for the successful negotiation with the Heritage Council, one that has taken many months.

Kapsabet Diocese

It has now been agreed that a small team will visit the Kapsabet Diocese in October this year. Tricia and I shall visit to build on the relationships established earlier in the year, and to introduce two others who will join us to look at ways in which the two dioceses can be a blessing to each other. The Formal Visit will be Sunday October 15 to Sunday October 22, and there will be a need for an extra couple of days at each end of the visit for traveling.

Please keep this important relationship in your prayers as we explore a shared life.

Pre-Synod Meetings

I shall be part of the small team presenting the Pre-Synod meetings during August. Each will be a half-day gathering, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, with morning tea available from 9.30 am. All Synod representatives are invited to attend, together with Parish Wardens and Councillors who are interested in the proposed new legislation. The meetings will be held at:

Saturday August 5	Mandurah
Saturday August 12	Albany
Saturday August 19	Carey Park Bunbury
Saturday August 26	Kojonup

Further details will be sent during July to all Synod members

I am please to announce that the new **Priest-in-Charge of Christ's Church, Mandurah is to be the Revd Ian Mabey**. Ian began his ministry in this diocese and returns after seven years in the parish of Coffs Harbour in the Grafton Diocese. I look forward welcoming Ian and Wendy back into parish. The Recognition Service is to be held on **Friday September 29, starting at 6.00 pm**. (We shall celebrate St Michael and All Angels, and the liturgical colour is white)

The Revd James Tabor, with wife Tamara, will arrive in the Parish of Pinjarra-Waroona at the end of September and I look forward to welcoming James to our Diocese at the Synod in October. The Recognition Service will be held on Saturday October 21st.

Karen McAneny After a period of deep discernment it has become clear that Karen is called to a dedicated ministry as a School Chaplain; she will no longer be a candidate for ordained ministry. Karen's ministry will substantial and demanding and I encourage all to remember Karen regularly in your prayers.