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"Be indefatigable in your purpose and with undaunted spirit resist iniquity and try to conquer evil with good, having before your eyes the reward of those who combat for Christ."
BISHOP MATTHEW GIBNEY 1874

Busy weeks at Ocean Reef



A six-year project to install stained glass windows at Ocean Reef ended on June 21 when Bishop Donald Sproton blessed the last four windows depicting the four Evangelists, shown above and at the bottom of this page. PHOTOS COURTESY ST SIMON PETER PARISH

Local artwork for stained glass windows and a local dramatisation of their Gospel enliven St Simon Peter Parish.

Bishop Donald Sproton visited St Simon Peter Parish in Ocean Reef on Sunday June 21 to celebrate Mass and bless the stained glass windows installed last December.

The four windows towards the rear of the Church depict the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The artwork for the windows was done by parishioner Mrs Dale Dee, and the windows were made by Mr Kim Fitzpatrick, of Traditional Stained Glass and Leadlights, Fremantle.

The Evangelist windows completed a six-year project by the Parish to install two windows showing the Blessed Virgin Mary and St John adjacent to the large crucifix above the altar and the tabernacle; eight windows, four on each side of the altar, depicting events in the life of St Peter and the Church, beginning with his call by Jesus and ending with his taking the Church to Rome; and a window high on the back wall of the Church showing the Holy Spirit watching over and guiding the parish community.

All of the windows were made by Mr Fitzpatrick. The whole project was funded in various stages by donations by parishioners distinct from their regular parish contributions.

Parish Priest Fr Richard Sadowski SDS expressed his thanks to all those who had contributed, and particularly the three generous, but anonymous, donors who had made very substantial contributions to the Evangelist windows.

The High Mass and blessing ceremony were followed by a sausage sizzle in the Parish Centre where Bishop Sproton mingled with the congregation for an about an hour.

It was a highlight a busy weekend in the parish which featured packed performances on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening of the play *The Three Marys*, written and directed by Gerald Searle, and presented by the St Simon Peter Players with support from Whitford and Wanneroo parishioners.

Original music and lyrics were composed by the InSpiritUs music group and friends, with the 17 musicians and singers directed by Thierry Venaile.

The cast consisted of 47 adults and children, and the production and creative team involved 35. Sponsors were the Knights of the Southern Cross, the Catholic Development Fund, Mgr Michael Keating, Bunnings Joondalup and Coles Wanneroo.

The play covered much of the Gospel from the Annunciation to the Resurrection, focused through the experiences of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus) and Mary Magdalene. It was warmly received by full houses at each of the performances in the Prendville College drama centre.



Mary of Bethany, the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene take centre stage waiting for the Holy Spirit, above, and at the Crucifixion, far right, while Mary and Jesus are portrayed at Cana. The St Simon Peter Parish production, authored by Gerald Searle, played to full houses in the Prendville College Drama Centre.

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