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Welcome Dean - elect



The Rev'd John Parkes has been appointed the next Dean of Brisbane. He is currently Rector of All Saints, Ainslie, and Archdeacon of South Canberra.

He was born and educated in U.K., graduating from Sheffield University in Law. He worked in the legal profession in NSW and Canberra before studying theology at St Mark's, Canberra (B.Th. (Hons)), and the Melbourne College of Divinity (Theol.M.).

Since his ordination in 1990, he has served in the parishes of Young, Wellington, Orange, and Ainslie.

From October 2001 to November 2002 Fr Parkes was Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, an ecumenical venture seeking to promote engagement between the Christian faith and wider society.

He has served the Council of St Marks National Theological Centre since 1993, the ACT Churches Council, and the Church Law Commission of General Synod. He was the inaugural chair of Careforce (now Anglicare) Bathurst, setting up the financial structure and promoting parish-based welfare in the Diocese.

With his wife Margaret and two teenage children, Fr Parkes arrives in the New Year. He will be installed as Dean in the cathedral on **Friday 6 February at 6 pm.**

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Great West Door open for Christmas

Walking through the main door of the West Front for Christmas services will be possible because the southern side of the West End is due to be completed by Christmas. What a gift!

Master Mason, **Peter Dare**, says that arches of the southern inner aisle and the nave will be filled in at both ground and clerestory level, making it possible for the southern inner and outer aisles to become part of the cathedral in full use.

Stone masons have expressed great pleasure to be completing a whole section of the building, from floor to ceiling, in one year.

This area will include The Cathedral Shop to be opened in the New Year.

In the New Year, the main entrance will be closed again as building moves to complete the image screen on the West Front. The niches will be inserted, but not the statues. This work will then complete all the internal work for the gallery over the main entrance.

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Soft hands and big hearts

"Extend hospitality to strangers" says St Paul to the Romans. This granite-like Christian had a softer message to impart, and he did not spare himself in getting his message across. In the timeless Christmas story God gave the strangers a soft landing on a bed of straw. God gave them the warm companionship of animals and sometimes strange visitors. The Child born on that night would become the Saviour of all.

The granite exterior of St John's Cathedral so lovingly put together stone by stone by soft hands and big hearts embodies a softer message, and we shall not spare ourselves until the fabric of this

message is in place and performing its God given task. In completing our cathedral we are engaged in creating the medium through which the hospitality of God can be extended to all people.

As we complete another year in this endeavour we thank the soft hands and big hearts that have given themselves unsparingly and unstintingly to the task. May we be blessed by these achievements and rediscover for ourselves the love of God in the face of Jesus Christ, who comes to us so often in the stranger and the surprising 'turn of events'.

May the love and the joy and the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas;

FUNDRAISING
To reach this stage of completion by the year 2006 \$6.3 million is required

and may the granite-like Paul take us into the New Year with soft hands and big hearts - "Do not lag in zeal", says Paul, "be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality".

+ *Phillip Brisbane*

Achievements recognised

We are excited by what has been achieved in recent months both with the Cathedral Completion and the restructuring of a more intensive Pastoral Outreach Program.

I have been assured by the Master Mason, Mr Peter Dare, that people attending Christmas Services this year will be able to enter St John's through the West end from Ann Street: an exciting thought, encouraging and inspiring both our stone masons and members of the congregation.

In January the Cathedral Shop will be relocated to its new home at the base of the South-West tower and work will commence on the North-West tower.

Over the past few weeks a number of Services have been held in the Cathedral recognising the enormous contribution that our volunteers and donors make not only to the fabric of the Cathedral, but to its Pastoral Outreach Program.

I am most grateful to the growing number of people who are prepared to give of their time and expertise in the many and varied activities.

The Dean Elect, the Rev'd John Parkes, and family (Margaret, his wife, daughter and son) are due to take up residency in the Deanery late in January.

I am sure you join me in congratulating Fr Parkes on his appointment and wish the family safe travelling and a warm welcome to Brisbane.

To all those who have assisted me in my time as Canon Administrator, a sincere thank you and I wish the Cathedral community all the very best for a happy and holy Christmas and festive Season.
Canon Len Nairn, Canon Administrator

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- Fundraising committee members can come to your parish to tell the story.
- Parishes are invited to make a pilgrimage and see the last Gothic-style cathedral in the world to be completed.

Once you hear the story or see for yourself, you will want to be part of its history.

Fundraising Board Member, **Peter Hollingsworth** and **Peta Nagle**, recently visited Kenmore Parish and a parish pilgrimage to the cathedral follows on 8 February 2004.

Bookings for 2004 are welcome

For visits to parishes Ph 3835 2224

For Pilgrimage to the cathedral Ph 3835 2248

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Chairman of the Fundraising Board, John Alpass, continues a long tradition of prominent citizens leading the cathedral completion fundraising.



Magnificent



Donors, Previous Fundraising Chairman, Steven Wilson, left, and Greg Nunn, at the annual Loaves and Fishes Lunch. Events are an important part of fundraising. These lunches alone have raised more than \$600,000 since 1994.



1989
Construction of the West End begins with the South West Porch.

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Stone masons Allan Kerr, Cliff Lawrance, foreman, and Dave Pocock laying a column base in the West End.



1996
The Great West Door is built into the main porch.



Master Mason Peter Dare, right, with scaffolder Paul Cross pictured with the cross before it was placed on the West Façade.

1997
This stone-vaulted ceiling in the Lower Gallery is just one sample of the ancient craft which forms every ceiling space in St John's, as specified by original architect John Pearson



Sandstone being cut at the cathedral quarry, Helidon. Stone is now being taken in horizontal cuts rather than this older style of verticle sections.

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Key Milestones



2003
The Southern Aisle including the stone-vaulted ceiling, is completed by Christmas Eve.



2002
The West Façade is almost completed, including the Millennium window. Early 2004 13 niches will be added.

Parishes and community groups visit the building site and can now climb the 99 steps to the top of the turrets. Parishioners from St Hugh's Inala are pictured on a pilgrimage they made in 2002.

With your donation
we WILL get there



Pearson's Vision Splendid



Many special events have focused on the building progress. H.M. Queen Elizabeth II is pictured with Archbishop Phillip Aspinall in March 2002 after unveiling a plaque commemorating the installation of the Millennium Window in the West End.



2001
L to R, James Turvey & Brendon Rackett building the South Turret of the West End.



1999
"Fred Flintstone", the robot saw, was installed at the quarry thanks to a generous bequest. It has taken 4 years off the building time.



C21st technology converts 19th Century drawings by Architect J.L. Pearson and his son Frank Pearson to working drawings pictured here with foreman, Cliff Lawrance.

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Tower Club Special

Building a tower of benefactors

Making a gift of \$10,000 or more, within one year or over a period of 4 years, or through a planned bequest, is providing the completion project with much needed funds and a team of champion supporters.

The most recent Tower Club function in October was attended by more than 20 members and their guests, who were all thrilled to hear first hand of the building progress in the southern aisles.

Chairman, **Tim Samway**, delighted guests, as always, with his enthusiasm and compelling reasons for involving as many people as possible in the completion project.

For information about joining the Tower Club contact Peta Nagle Ph 3835 2224.

Tower Club Membership as at November 2005:

- 129 The Anglican Church Grammar School 'Churchie'
- 128 Coomera Anglican College
- 127 All Saints Anglican School
- 126 Cannon Hill Anglican College
- 125 Mr Michael and Mrs Sharon Conroy
- 124 Dr John and Mrs Libby Earwacker
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- 102 Mr Greg and Dr Sally Vickery
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- 100 Mr Ian and Mrs Heather Walker
- 99 Mrs Christina Ryan acknowledging a special friendship with Mrs Peta Nagle
- 98 Mrs Anne Stevenson
- 97 Mr Geoffrey Roberts Allpass - Dec'd, in memory of
- 96 Mr Peter Evans
- 95 Mr Peter and Mrs Glen Gummow
- 94 Dr Lesley Williams
- 93 Ms M Muller
- 92 Miss Diana Luker
- 91 Miss Elizabeth Luker
- 90 Dr William and Mrs Lindsay Watts
- 89 Mr Alan and Mrs Anne Symons acknowledging the Ministry of The Ven. Jonathan and Mrs Kerry Holland at Christ Church, St Lucia
- 88 The Reverend Canon Dr John Steele in thanksgiving for the Ministry of Archbishop Hollingworth
- 87 Mr Philip F Tainton
- 86 Dr John and Dr Patsy Quayle
- 85 Mr Bruce and Mrs Gwenyth Yuill
- 84 Mr Glen and Mrs Sylvia Shailer
- 83 Mrs Christina Ryan acknowledging a special friendship with Mr John and Mrs Rosalyn Whiteley
- 82 Mr and Mrs R Hopkins
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- 79 The Rev'd Canon Bruce Maughan
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- 77 Mr B McGregor
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- 41 Mrs Christina Ryan acknowledging a special friendship with Mr Michael and Mrs Margaret Wilmer
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- 39 Mrs Christina Ryan acknowledging a special friendship with Ms Leanne O'Shea
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- 10 Bishop John and Mrs Anne Bayton
- 9 Mr Len Doughan
- 8 Mrs Dorothy Doughan
- 7 Mrs Patricia Hart
- 6 Mr William Hart
- 5 Mr Ray Lewis
- 4 Mr Philip Bacon
- 3 Mr Darryl Somerville
- 2 Mrs Alison Drake
- 1 The Cathedral Bell Ringers

Thankyou Sydney

Acting Dean, Canon Len Nairn, thanked more than 30 guests at a function in Sydney on 14 November for the magnificent support they have given in the past and for their continuing enthusiasm for the completion project.

Sydney Fundraising Chairman, Mr Geoffrey Underwood, welcomed guests from Sydney and surrounds who were all enthralled to hear how Master Mason, Peter Dare, goes about building a medieval style building in the 21st century.

Peter talked about the gothic style stone vaulted ceiling, like St John's, possibly being the inspiration for the roof of the Sydney Opera House.

Elizabethan *magic*

The theme for the annual Dedication Dinner this year was a 12th Night Supper. More than 200 guests enjoyed a fabulous banquet provided by **The Sheraton Hotel and Towers**, and were entertained by Elizabethan music and verse. Sincere thanks are extended to **National Australia Bank** for its continuing sponsorship of this event.



Actor **Amanda Muggleton**, centre, with mandolin player **Shenton Gregory**, left, and countertenor **Owen O'Neill**, right, pictured in performance directed by **Jim Vilé**. The hard work put into this entertainment was greatly appreciated by the assembled guests.



Ros Parris, left, and **Ralph dePasquale**, are pictured enjoying the banquet.

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We pray for the safety of workers toiling daily towards our goal, and we give thanks for the generosity of all donors making possible the fulfilment of our inherited vision.

May our endeavours be inspired by your love for us, and may what we are able to achieve always be to your praise and glory.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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Fundraising Development Manager

CHRISTMAS at St John's



Christmas Eve 24 December

7.30pm Carol Service. Cathedral Choir & Bells

11pm First Eucharist of Christmas
Preacher: The Archbishop

Christmas Day 25 December

6.30am The Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev'd John Simpson

7.30am The Eucharist with Carols
Preacher: The Rev'd Jack Phillips

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Cathedral Choir
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Len Nairn

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am*, 5pm

Mon - Fri 7am, 12.30pm

Saturday 7am

Sunday School

Sunday 9.30am

Choral Evensong

Sunday 6pm*

Evening Prayer

Mon - Fri 4.30pm

Morning Prayer

Mon - Fri 8.30am

Praise, Prayer & Healing

Tuesday 1.10pm - 2pm

*Cathedral Choir sings