

Message from Jennifer

7 March 2024

Many thanks to all for taking the time to read my (not so) brief message. I am humbled by the nomination to the role of Chairperson of our St. Francis of Assisi Maida Vale Catholic Parish. It will be big shoes to fill and is an honour and privilege to serve you wonderful parishioners. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to Joe Kaciuba, previous Chairperson for 6 years and the past Parish Pastoral Council for all their amazing work for the Parish.

A little about me. Born in Mumbai, India, I moved to Dubai with my parents when I was a toddler and lived 27 wonderful years in Dubai. My husband Suraj and I migrated to Perth 13 years ago and are blessed with two sweet and cheeky kids Karina,9 and Jayden,7, who are our world, like kids are for any parent. They entertain and challenge us at the same time! I'm blessed with a very loving family and supportive husband, doting parents and my younger sister, brother-in-law and godchild.

I live my professional and social life underpinned by values of Respect, Honesty, Humility, Courage, Initiative and Teamwork.

I am a solution's focused professional, with 18 plus years of combined experience in the WA public sector (11 years) and previously in the private sector (7 years) working internationally. Currently in a full-time public sector management role, I also run a small event planning and styling business over the weekends, when I can, and love trying out new recipes, volunteering, travelling and watching Netflix!

I have been with our Parish for 11+ years. My earliest involvement with our Parish was as part of the social committee organising Feast Day celebrations, Christmas and other social events. I currently read and commentate at the 8am mass on Sundays and as required over Christmas, Easter and other occasional masses. I've enjoyed organising recent fund-raising events with an amazing and committed team of volunteers. All events were successful thanks to the awesome generosity of all of our parishioners.

The friendships I have developed over my 11+ years in the Parish with fellow parishioners, whether through parish activities and/or by just getting to know the people I attend mass with, has been very enriching and a great source of support (coupled with fun times and good humour).

As a Parish member, I have gained a better understanding of how our Parish operates and recognise the important role everyone plays in ensuring our Parish is an inclusive, welcoming, and dynamic environment for all current and new parishioners. As the newly appointed Parish Council Chair I am excited to build on and find opportunities to further enhance the profile and excellent work of our Parish!

As I settle into my new role, I encourage you to connect with me if you have any thoughts, ideas/suggestions, and/or questions about our parish and/or the "happenings" within it. You can reach me on Jennifer.dass@gmail.com or on my mobile at 0433 283 318.

Until next time! God's blessings for us all.

Best regards,



Jennifer Dass

St. Francis of Assisi

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson (March 2024 onwards)