



Diocesan e-News

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS A PRIEST

The Bungaree Parish communities of Dunnstown, Clarkes Hill and Bungaree recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of our Parish Priest, Fr Shane Mackinlay, with Mass at St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

Fr Shane undertook Seminary studies at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, from 1983-1991 and was ordained on September 6, 1991 at St Alipius' Church, Ballarat East, after the completion of his Pastoral Year and diaconate at St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool (1989–1991). Appointments in the diocese following this were as Assistant Priest at Colac (1992–1994) and St Patrick's Cathedral (1994–1995), Administrator at Casterton (September–December 1997), Parish Priest of Sebastopol (1998 – June 2001), Administrator of Colac (late 2004), Parish Priest of Bungaree (since 2005) and Visiting Priest for Gordon Parish (since 2009). Fr Shane has also been Secretary to the Bishop (1998–2001), a member of the College of Consultors (1998–2001, 2005–2013), Chair of the Ballarat Clergy Assistance Fund and Ballarat Clergy Support Fund (2005–2011). He has been the Chair of the Bishop's Advisory Council since its inception in 2009 and was the Spokesperson for the Victorian Catholic Church during the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations (2012–2013).



In his roles outside the diocese, Fr Shane is Master of Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, and the following is taken from their website:



Very Rev. Associate Professor Shane is the Master of Catholic Theological College, and a member of the Department of Philosophy. He lectures in epistemology, ethics, social and political philosophy, and 20th-century continental philosophy.

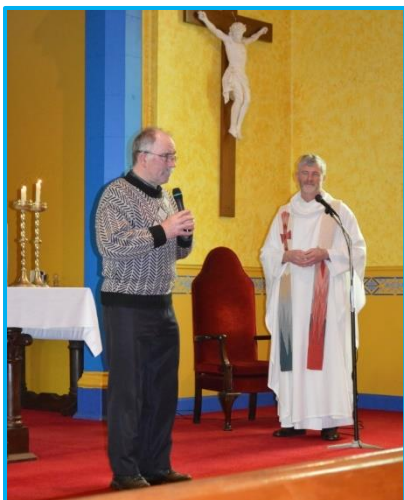
Shane holds the degrees of Bachelor of Theology from the MCD University of Divinity; a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University (1987–1990); and a Master and Doctor of Philosophy from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (1995–1997 2001–2004). His doctoral research studied the implicit hermeneutics of Jean-Luc Marion's saturated phenomena.

He has also lectured at Australian Catholic University, in the areas of introductory theology and philosophy and Christian theological ethics. His main academic interests are phenomenology, hermeneutics, Jean-Luc Marion's "saturated phenomena", the philosophy of religion, aesthetics (philosophy of art), and the philosophy of science.

His publications include 'Interpreting Excess: Jean-Luc Marion, Saturated Phenomena, and Hermeneutics' (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010).

We at the Bungaree Parish, are very grateful to Fr Shane for his work in our parish as a priest and also as a friend. Amanda Elliott, member of the Parish Leadership Team, welcomed those present to Mass, especially

Fr Shane's parents, Helen and Malcolm and went on to say: "This morning we gather to celebrate and congratulate Fr Shane on a significant milestone, his Silver Jubilee. We are very grateful and lucky to have such a wonderful priest and person to guide us spiritually and personally on life's journey. We thank Fr Shane for his hard and selfless work and may we enjoy your guidance, care, encouragement and commitment for many years to come."



During his homily, Fr Shane reflected on his twenty-five years as a priest in the Diocese of Ballarat and how he combines his roles with those outside the diocese. Those of us present were pleased to hear that when he returns to Bungaree for his weekend duties, he feels he is "home" and very much part of our community. Fr Shane wore his vestments and used his chalice and paten from his ordination for his anniversary Mass.

At the end of Mass Damian Ryan thanked Fr Shane for his leadership of the parish and the calm manner in which he undertakes his tasks.

Following Mass, lunch was served in the Parish Centre where Fr Shane cut his anniversary cake. There was plenty of food, friends and conversation amongst those present.

Many thanks to Amanda Elliott and the Parish Leadership Team for their organisation of this special occasion.

Julie Boyd



Photos: 1 – Fr Shane, 2 – Fr Shane, Helen and Malcom Mackinlay, 3- Damian Ryan thanking Fr Shane, 4 - Fr Shane's chalice and paten, 5 – Fr Shane cutting his cake, 6 – In Mass, 7 – Celebrating with Fr Shane