

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WILDFIELD

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Friday 4 November 2022 Feast of St Charles Borromeo

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors of St Patrick's Parish,

Thank you for being with us tonight and for your continued love for St Patrick's Parish. Our celebration this evening is more than just a dinner: it is an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and in His Church. On behalf of all the parishioners of St Patrick's, I wish to thank each of you for your prayers, for your presence this evening and for your commitment to our project of building our new church.

In the almost two centuries since this parish began, innumerable people have come to know the love of God and the joy of living the faith together at St Patrick's. Seldom, perhaps, has the community seen the challenges that have been ours, individually and collectively, in the last two plus years. I think in particular of the COVID-19 pandemic and of the loss of our wonderful priest, Fr Vito Marziliano (some of whose family is with us tonight as we honour his memory). Despite these and other challenges, we are moving forward together, and, filled with the joy and confidence which are uniquely from the Holy Spirit, we are actively planning for the new church. Building on the legacy of our pastors, numerous religious brothers and sisters, and the people of this parish, and with the wise and dedicated service of the Parish Building Committee, our wonderful Gala Committee and Parish Finance Council, we are working with architects and planners to bring our dream to reality. Though there is much to be done, I have every confidence that our shared efforts to build the new St Patrick's will be a success.

I wish to offer a word of gratitude to our many sponsors; we cannot do it without you and we will count on your continued generosity moving forward. I wish also to thank the members of our Gala Committee for making this evening beautiful as it is: each one of you here deserve the very best.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your loved ones, and with every good wish, I bless you in the name of the Lord.

Msgr Owen Keenan

Pastor