

# NEWS

2022 - THE YEAR IN PICTURES

*May we enter this Epiphany and 2023 in peace  
and bring forth abundant blessings to this world.*

## **The Year as a House: A Blessing**

Think of the year as a house:  
door flung wide in welcome,  
threshold swept and waiting,  
a graced spaciousness  
opening and offering itself to you.  
Let it be blessed in every room.  
Let it be hallowed in every corner.  
Let every nook be a refuge  
and every object set to holy use.

Let it be here that safety will rest.  
Let it be here that health will make its home.  
Let it be here that peace will show its face.  
Let it be here that love will find its way.

Here let the weary come  
let the aching come  
let the lost come  
let the sorrowing come.

Here let them find their rest  
and let them find their soothing  
and let them find their place  
and let them find their delight.

And may it be in this house of a year  
that the seasons will spin in beauty,  
and may it be in these turning days  
that time will spiral with joy.  
And may it be that its rooms will fill  
with ordinary grace  
and light spill from every window  
to welcome the stranger home.

JAN RICHARDSON



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## **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we walk, live and work. We pay tribute to all who have nurtured this country over many thousands of years, deriving spiritual and physical needs from the seas, forests, soil, rivers, lakes and streams. We join with First Nations people in honouring this land as sacred. We welcome the Uluru Statement from the Heart and support an Indigenous voice to parliament, enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

## Welcome

We are delighted to announce the following appointments to the Board of Mercy Partners: Cheryl Caughley effective from 1st October 2022. Cheryl's most recent role with the Archdiocesan Development Fund (ADF) was Fund Manager. Cheryl has a unique understanding of the majority of our ministries through her differing roles within the ADF and will be a great asset to the Mercy Partners Board. Welcome Cheryl!

Cath Bartolo AM effective from 1 January 2023. Cath has worked in community services and education for over 30 years. Cath is currently the CEO of YFS Ltd, a community service organisation based in Logan, and leads the organisation to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people to build their independence and participation. Welcome Cath!

Welcome to the following new Ministry Board members:

- Mr Michael Skinner – Mount Alvernia College
- Ms Susie Pearn – Holy Cross Services
- Dr Steven Hambleton – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Mr Peter Forday – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Mr Michael Keir – Mercy Community Services South-East Queensland and Mercy Health and Aged Care Central Queensland
- Dr Christine Foley – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Ms Louise Cook – St Ursula's College
- Mr Tony Arnold – St Ursula's College
- Ms Kitty Chu – Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta

We also welcome Ms Tara Hastings who has joined Mercy Community Services North Queensland as their Company Secretary.

## Thank you and farewell

At the end of September this year, Peter Pearce concluded his term on the Mercy Partners Board, after completing three years of service. Peter's extensive experience in governance and risk management has assisted Mercy Partners implement best practices of corporate governance. We thank Peter for his service and wish him all the very best for retirement.

In December, Dianne Hearn concluded her term on the Mercy Partners Board, after completing over seven years of service. During her tenure Di shared her extensive knowledge and experience on Catholic education to support our education ministries and the Presentation charism. Di will continue on as the Chair of our Formation Committee. We thank Di for her service and wish her all the very best for the future.

A big thank you also goes to the following Ministry Board members who have recently completed their Board tenures – their dedication, commitment and service is greatly appreciated.

- Mr Richard Marszalek – Holy Cross Services
- Mr Peter Pearce – Holy Cross Services
- Mr James O'Sullivan – Holy Cross Services
- Ms Virginia Bourke – Mater Misericordiae
- Sr Carmel King rsm – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Sr Marie Melville rsm – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Ms Sandra Glaister – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Mr Barry Tognola – Mercy Community Services North Queensland
- Ms Gail Davidson – Mercy Community Services South-East Queensland and Mercy Health and Aged Care Central Queensland.
- Ms Melissa Rankine – Mount Alvernia College
- Mr Andrew Curthoys – Mount Alvernia College
- Mr Gavin Hill – St Ursula's College
- Mr Andrew Bourne – St Ursula's College

We also thank Helen Perriman who left Mercy Community Services North Queensland as their Company Secretary in June this year.

*God will send an angel with you and make your way successful.*

Genesis 24:40

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**9 March**  
Board Chairs' Gathering



**13 March**  
Ritual of transfer for  
Our Lady of Mercy College  
Parramatta





**24 March**  
Pastoral Care  
Leaders' Gathering



**25 March**  
Mission  
Leaders' Gathering



**26 April**  
"Keep the  
Lantern  
Burning"  
Book Launch



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**16 May**  
Franciscan  
Schools  
Australia  
Gathering



**20 May**  
Indigenous  
Encounter  
Day



**1 June**  
Franciscan  
Schools  
Australia  
retreat and  
night of  
service at  
Emmanuel  
City Mission



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**6 June**  
Sr Joan  
Chittister osb  
at Mater  
Newstead



**9 June**  
Central Qld  
Mater  
Leaders' Sessions



**22 June**  
Friends at the  
Rockhampton  
Cathedral  
and  
Winter  
Warmers  
at St Ursula's  
College  
Yeppoon



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**22 July**  
Regional  
Gatherings in  
Brisbane,  
Rockhampton  
and  
Townsville



**29 September**  
Mercy  
Charism  
Celebration  
Mater  
Pilgrimage



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**4-5 October**  
Franciscan  
Charism  
Celebration  
mini-retreat  
facilitated  
by Margie  
Abbott rsm  
in Cairns and  
Townsville

**6-7 October**  
Franciscan  
Charism  
Celebration  
mini-retreat  
facilitator by  
Caroline  
Thompson in  
Rockhampton  
and Brisbane

**17 November**  
“Be As Shining  
Lamps”  
Book Launch



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**1 December**  
 Christmas  
 Celebration  
 and  
 Mercy  
 Partners  
 Board  
 Members'  
 farewell to  
 Dianne Hearn  
 Daryl Hanly  
 and Peter  
 Pearce



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