

# Our Lady of the Southern Cross



**Dunsborough Catholic Parish**

Naturaliste Terrace, Dunsborough, Western Australia 6281



## **Introducing Father Ian Johnson Dunsborough Parish Priest**

I thank you for your interest in enrolling your child/ren in Our Lady of the Cape Catholic Primary school and I look forward to meeting with you in due course.

I came to Dunsborough in January 2013 and was delighted to be appointed the foundation Parish Priest of Dunsborough when our town became a Parish in its own right.

I am deeply committed to the wellbeing and growth of our Parish family. An important part of that spiritual community is Our Lady of the Cape Primary School and I value my role in the pastoral care and enrichment of our staff and students along with their families who all make up the parish family.

I attended school in Busselton and was ordained to the Priesthood in St Joseph's Church in Busselton on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1972. For 40 years I have been very fortunate to have been the part of the lives of families in Bunbury, Pemberton, Esperance, Albany, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Waroona, Mandurah, Australind and now Dunsborough. I retain happy contacts with many of the families in all of the places that I have been appointed. These appointments feature, along with completing my Master in Theology at Notre Dame University in 2001, and completing 22 years in the army reserves as highlights of my life. In 2008 I went fulltime into the Army and spent 3 months in pre deployment training in North Queensland and 6 ½ months active service in Afghanistan with Reconstruction Taskforce 4.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you at the school, the church, or when you come to see me with your Parish Priest Reference form. This form is required to be signed as part of the enrolment process in Catholic schools and it is an opportunity for me to meet with you as a connection with your family, our parish and school family is begun, and hopefully continued. I thank you for consideration of a Catholic school education for your child.

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