



Corpus Christi Village Newsletter

Wishing You Peace & Joy at Christmas

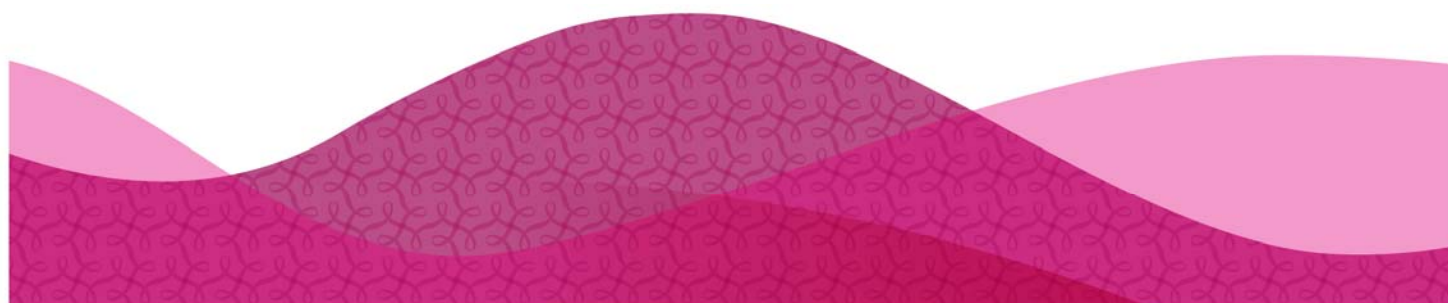
On behalf of the Board and staff of Catholic Homes, I would like to wish each of you the most important gifts of Christmas: love, faith, hope, peace and joy. Christmas reminds us to honour, value and respect these treasures beyond price; they contribute so much to the quality of our lives and our community. May you celebrate and enjoy this special time in the company of friends, family and a caring community. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe New Year and 2009.

Joan Donoghue, Chief Executive Officer



First Celebration of Mass at Corpus Christi Village

On 1 December 2008 the first Mass was celebrated in the Chapel at Corpus Christi Village by Father Gerry Dullard from St Joseph's Parish in South Yarra. Over 85 residents from Corpus Christi Village and the adjoining Aged Care Facility attended this long-awaited event. Masses are held at 11 am daily in the Chapel, subject to the availability of priests.





At the first social event for new village residents, Mr Dean conveys his pleasure at having made the move!

Stage 1 Sold & More Residents Moving In

Eleven residents are now enjoying their new homes in Jazz Court, with several more residents planning to make the move January 2009. We have sold all 29 villas in Stage 1 and a further 5 villas in Stage 2.

Melba Display Villa Has Moved

The Melba Display Villa is now located at 1 Opera Court. All Sutherland Villas in stages 1 and 2 have been sold; however, we will accept expressions of interest in the event that one becomes available.

Nativity Scene Carved by Resident

Corpus Christi Village resident, Mr Harry Verbaken, has hand-carved a very special nativity scene, which is on display in the Community. We encourage you to visit and enjoy his great craftsmanship.

Virtual Tour of Corpus Christi Village

Within the next couple of weeks you will be able to see a virtual tour of Corpus Christi Village at www.retirementlivingonline.com.au. We also display this and more photos on our website www.catholic-homes.org.au/retirement-living/corpus-christi-village

Open Day 2-4 pm Saturday 13 December

Our wonderful sales team led by Anne Kemp will be holding another open day from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday 13 December 2008. Friends and family are welcome. Access is via 1 Bayview Crescent, Clayton.

Stage 2 Underway to Meet Demand

Stage 2 of Corpus Christi Village is now underway. The old Cluny House has been demolished, taking care to preserve the beautiful old oak tree. Civil works will be undertaken in January and February, and 17 new villa units will be constructed in time for occupancy in the final quarter of 2009.

Growing Interest in Village Living

The website www.villages.com.au had 895 visits on 24 November 2008 – 13% more than the daily visits just 3 weeks ago and 250% more than a year ago. They believe the financial crisis has prompted seniors to review their accommodation futures with greater urgency.

Moving into a village offers a range of benefits, especially during difficult financial times including:

- Downsizing releases cash for living, investments and to provide a financial buffer.
- Village operating costs are typically lower due to cooperative purchasing arrangements.
- Your living environment is designed to support ageing in place.
- Security features & on-call systems are in place.
- You can participate in enhanced lifestyle opportunities.
- Having made the move to suitable a living environment for your future, you don't need to worry about the future cycles of the property market.

The disadvantages staying in the family home include:

- Living in a bigger home than you need locks up valued assets that you can't use.
- If you need to move in the future, you are exposed to the future status of the property market.
- Ongoing maintenance can be costly & stressful.
- An older home may not be suitable for ageing in place without renovations.
- You may need to improve security measures.
- Changes in your neighbourhood can lead to loneliness or reduced peace and security.