



Steve Astill

Steve Astill has been living happily in Western Australia for about eight years. During that time, he has taught theology to the medical students at Notre Dame University and worked in two parishes, one in Hamilton Hill (for just six months) and for seven years now at the East Fremantle parish.

He has seen both the suburb of East Fremantle and the parish go through many changes. Both are lower now in average age and more diverse in cultures.

The weekend Masses, though small, are enjoyable occasions for parishioners and visitors to the area. He has set up a side chapel for a more easy style of Mass for weekdays. This has proven very useful on a number of occasions for people to feel relaxed and share something of importance in that setting.

He has now taught a total of nearly 50 children from the two local state schools at the parish for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For Steve, this has been one of his greatest challenges and greatest delights! Some are children he baptised when they were babies, others just come through word of mouth.