

# SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST TWELVE MONTHS – 2018

*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

*& ... did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along! (Luke 24:32)*

## Parish Life & Mission (intra and extra):

- Annual St Luke's Feast Day celebration and spit-roast for 300 people x \$17 a head
- Practical support for our local St V. de P. Conference: Winter Appeal \$1604.05 + Christmas Appeal \$2174.55 = \$3,778.60
- Host the Annual St V.de P. Regional Council Recognition Mass and Gathering
- Host local Alcoholic Anonymous weekly meeting
- Re-establish Parish Care Group
- Annual Hamper Raffle \$440
- Stabilise Parish finances via Parish Stewardship Renewal while floating some possible Parish enterprises to compliment Program of renewal
- Regularise annual Stipend for Parish Priest
- Annual Third Party ecclesial collections
- Weekly Parish Bulletin and new format 250 copies a week
- Meet with Parish Pastoral Council
- Child Safety Policy established and published on the Parish Webpage
- Annual Workshops for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Break Open the Word resource for Lectors
- Preparations & Conversation for (national) Plenary Council 2020
- Employ new Parish part-time Secretary
- Parish Ministries Groups & Expo
- Promoting spontaneity to exploit the vitality in our Parish

## **Parish Sacraments:**

- Baptisms 14
- First Reconciliations 31
- First Eucharists 29
- Confirmations 19
- Marriages 1
- Funerals 8
- Doubled monthly Eucharistic bread standing order from 750 – 1500
- Weekly Roster of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Daily Mass
- Weekly Reconciliation
- Bi-weekly Parish Choir Saturday evenings
- Monthly Parish School Choir Sunday mornings
- Monthly Children's Liturgy
- Annual Workshop for Reconciliation Candidates and Parents
- Annual Workshop for First Eucharist Candidates and Parents
- Annual Workshop for Confirmation Candidates and Parents

## **Promoting Parish Public Profile:**

- 'Welcome' brochure delivered to every appropriate residence within the parish boundary during Stewardship Renewal Program
- Maintain and update weekly Parish Website
- Christmas lights on our Church, Cross, Presbytery and inflatable crib, that was a talking point for many of neighbours and curious observers
- Hospitality by Parish Care Group after Parish Funerals
- Parish hall used as State Polling Booth
- New Parish Sign developed and agreed to by both Parish School Advisory Board and Parish Pastoral Council
- City of Whitehorse Webpage = Community Directory = Religion = St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

## **Parish Gardens:**

- Completed permanent explanation to Memorial Garden Sculpture 'Nurture'
- Establish Maple tree Grove to Memorial Garden
- Employ professional gardener on project basis
- Retirement of Bill Goodwin from Roster management; now advertising for his replacement
- Install garden path from Carpark to Memorial Garden walk
- Committed Parishioners still looking after various aspect of our Parish Gardens
- Regular Roster to manage maintenance

## **Parish Church:**

- Replaced numerous broken floor tiles
- Some Church plate refurbished
- Emergency exit now accessible
- Service both evaporative systems
- Service Sound system and audio upgrade
- Replacement of both overhead screens
- Commercially cleaned twice during the year
- Install new noticeboard lighting
- Working bee in work sacristy
- Major box gutter replaced over entryway
- Weekly Roster of Parishioners to keep it clean
- Weekly Flower Roster of Parishioners, \$70 a week for flowers
- Maintain part time Sacristan \$100 week
- Relocate Lectern/Ambo

## **Presbytery:**

- Replace kitchen oven and washing machine
- New Garden established in Presbytery backyard
- Rework front garden

### **Parish Hall:**

- New digital and wireless Audio Visual system installed and remote screen
- Evaporative Coolers serviced
- Negotiated new weekly tenant for 2019
- St V. de P's rendezvous for weekly bread run

### **Parish School:**

- Sponsor The Resilience Project
- Work with the School Community on the Parish Fete and share the result
- Work with Parish School Advisory Board to encourage/invite Parish School Families to support the Parish via commitment to the Parish Stewardship Renewal Program
- Resignation of current Principal
- Parish Pastoral Council Chair present at 2019 Prep's New Parent Information evening
- Support Parish School Art Show
- Host fortnightly meeting of local St V de P Conference

### **Parish Fundraising:**

- Parish Fete \$7000?
- Parish Hall tenants

### **Parish Accounts:**

- Meet with Parish Finance Committee
- Annual Audit by Parish Accountant
- Negotiate a small Parish loan \$15000 to help manage Parish weekly cash flow

### **Parish Bequests:**

- Audrey Murphy \$5000