

SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST TWELVE MONTHS – 2019

Being the Good News ... by ... Promoting God's Hospitality

Parish Life & Mission (intra and extra):

- Annual St Luke's Feast Day celebration; self-catered for this year and more economical; the Jumping Castle was enjoyed by many of the Young
- Practical support for our local St V. de P. Conference: Winter \$1601.50 + Christmas Appeal \$1298.25 = \$2899.75
- Alcoholic Anonymous continue meeting weekly
- New self-help group meets Monday evenings: SAA
- Parish Care Group hosted 8 Parish Funerals
- Parish Care Group annual Hamper Raffle \$660
- Parish finances audited by Steve Brennan and then by Bernard Negline
- Annual Stipend for Parish Priest just being met by Parish now
- Annual third collections for the year totalled = \$7204.70
- Weekly Parish Bulletin and new format 135 copies a week; with new Parish Website providing regular weekly downloads
- Regular Steering Committee meetings to prepare for the recommissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Pastoral Council established; 11 Parishioners (including representative from Parish School Education Advisory Board and Local Conference of St Vincent de Paul), Liz Sullivan – Parish School Principal and Fr Gerard P.P.
- Child Safety Parish Practice evolves into Parish Safeguarding Committee with Darren McClean, Janette Clark & Fr Gerard
- Break Open the Word resource for Lectors
- Lenten Exercises to determine: *"What we do well here at Saint Luke's; What else can we do and What can we do better"*
- Promoting spontaneity to enhance the vitality in our Parish
- Working With Children Checks monitored and updated

Presbytery:

- New verandah seat
- Installation of the NBN

Parish Sacraments:

- Baptisms 6
- First Reconciliations 31
- First Eucharists 32
- Confirmations 15
- Funerals 9 + Parish Care Group Hospitality for some
- Weekly Roster of Welcomers, Slide Projectors, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Re-establish Parish Liturgy Group
- Daily Mass
- Weekly Reconciliation
- Weekly Holy Hour
- Bi-monthly Parish Choir Saturday evenings
- Monthly Parish School Choir Sunday mornings
- Monthly Children's Liturgy Sunday mornings
- 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:

- Relaunch newly designed Parish Website and updated weekly
- 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 Federal Polling Booth
- City of Whitehorse Webpage = Community Directory = Religion = St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

Parish Gardens:

- Part-time professional gardener continues
- Darren McLean offers to take on responsibility for Garden Roster maintenance
- Retirement of John Fulton from regular Parish commitments
- Regular Roster to manage maintenance

Parish Office:

- New work Computer

Parish Church:

- Commercially cleaned
- Weekly Roster of Parishioners to keep it clean
- Acquisition of round Christ image from Saint Elisabeth Convent Minsk
- Weekly Flower Roster of Parishioners, \$70 a week for flowers; not in Lent and Advent
- Maintain part time Sacristan
- Embracing Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "*Aperuit illis*" to better appreciate the Word of God by it being displayed all the time
- Introduce "*Tap n' Go*" as another way for regular Worshippers to financially support the Parish

Parish Hall:

- Negotiated new weekly tenants
- Still St V. de P's rendezvous point for weekly bread run

Parish School:

- Work with Parish School Education Advisory Board to encourage/invite Parish School Families to support and be more involved in the life of the Parish
- Host fortnightly meeting of local St V de P Conference
- The resignation of Jackie Purcell
- Appointment of Acting Principal Ed Weekes and then his resignation
- Convening of Principal Panel to appoint next Principal
- Appointment of Liz Sullivan

Parish Fundraising:

- New Parish Hall tenants

Parish Accounts:

- Annual Audit by Parish Accountant
- New Parish Accountant