

SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST TWELVE MONTHS – 2020

Parish and School annual focus: Reach out in Love and Mercy (Matt. 5:7)

COVID-19 pandemic this year ... including two lockdowns

Parish Pastoral Council

- Commissioned March 2020
- 26 PPC Youtube Masses made available
- 4 PPC Zoom monthly meetings
- Code of Conduct for PPC Members
- PPC 3 – 5 Year Parish Master Plan

A weekly snapshot of contact stats

- 31 July 2020 - 9 August 2020
- Parish Website hits: 2836
- Snail mail delivery of Weekly Parish Bulletin: 52
- Emailed Weekly Parish Bulletin to Parishioners: 129
- Emailed Weekly Parish Bulletin to Parish School Families: 262
- Emailed Fortnightly Parish School Newsletter: 262
- Emailed Weekly Parish YouTube Sunday morning Mass: 129
- Weekly average of those who watch this YouTube: 40
- Parish Care Group annual Hamper Raffle \$697
- Parish Website providing regular weekly downloads

Liturgical

- Break Open the Word resource for Lectors
- Lenten Exercises
- Weekly Roster of Welcomers/Registrars, Slide Projectors, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Parish Liturgy Group
- Daily Mass celebrated privately for the intentions of the Parish
- Weekly Reconciliation by appointment

Professional Standards

- Professional Standards Unit Zoom meeting for Parish Safeguarding Committee with Darren McClean, Janette Clark & Fr Gerard
- Working With Children Checks monitored and updated

Presbytery

- Sub-contracted cleaner weekly – 3 hours a fortnight

Parish Office

- Parish Secretary having to work from home

Sacraments

- Baptisms 7
- Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment
- Funerals 7
- All celebrations of Parish Sacraments transferred to 2021
- Preliminary preparations for Parish Sacrament of Confirmation for 2020 Candidates

Promoting Parish Public Profile

- 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
- City of Whitehorse Webpage = Community Directory = Religion = St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

Parish Gardens

- Part-time professional gardener continues – 6 hours a month
- Darren McLean continues with responsibility for Garden Roster maintenance

Parish Church

- Footings south east corner required reinforcement
- Weekly Roster of Parishioners to keep it clean
- Maintain part time Sacristan
- Weekly attending to Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "*Aperuit illis*" exhortation to better appreciate the Word of God by it being displayed all the time during Sunday Masses

Parish Hall

- Maintained tenants, including AA
- Still St V. de P's rendezvous point for weekly bread run

Parish School

- School Staff with the leadership of Liz Sullivan, Principal and Leadership Team, labored above and beyond their call of duty as Professional Educators; caring for the students in their charge and providing non-stop support to Parents/Carers who supervised and were responsible for their child(ren)'s remote learning during Lockdown 1.0 and 2.0 throughout the year
- Communication to Parents/Carers to advise: *"We write to you today to reassure families impacted financially by the pandemic that we want to assist you in every way possible to continue your child's enrolment at St. Luke the Evangelist."* 22 April 2020
- Liz Sullivan, Principal, begins as ex-officio member of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Partial Funding for School Refurbishment confirmed and process for it gets underway with choice of Architect and School Master Plan prepared
- Governance of Parish School transferred to MACS (*Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools*) at the directive of the Archbishop
- Signing off on STA and RUBLA documents (*School Transition Agreement and Right to Use Land and Buildings*) to transfer Parish School Governance to MACS (*Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools*)
- 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; introduce MACS' directive to transition to School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Retirement of Mary Perkins after 15 years of faith-filled service as our valued Parish School Secretary

Emmaus College Canonical Administrators

- Give enrolment priority to all children from Catholic Primary Schools ahead of children with a Catholic Baptism certificate who attend other primary schools
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Parish Accounts

- Parish finances audited by Parish Accountant Bernard Negline
- Annual Stipend for Parish Priest now being met by Parish
- CDF Loan to meet Church foundation and remedial repairs
- Parish Accountant prepares Annual Parish Budget
- Parish Stewardship contributions stable, reliable and regular
- Weekly counting and banking done by parish priest
- "Tap n' Go" as another way for regular Worshippers to financially support the Parish
- Met all outgoings