

Annual General Meeting and Annual Report of Parish Activities.



SAINTS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**Sunday 18th July 2021
After 11.15am Mass in the Narthex**

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OPENING PRAYER

(used before every session of the Second Vatican Council)

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own,
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all;
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love,
so that all our discussions and reflections
may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants.

We ask this of You, who live and reign with the
Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Ss PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18th July 2021**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Opening Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes- 2019 AGM (2020 AGM was not held due to Coronavirus)
5. Business Arising
6. Correspondence
7. Parish Priest Report
8. School Principal Report
9. Pastoral Council
10. Finance Committee
11. Matters Arising from Ministries
12. Q & A
13. General Business
14. Closing Prayer and Blessing

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY, 2 June 2019, AT 10.00AM**

Attendees:

Fr Jerald Mariadas, David Ng, Cheryl Tay, Kevin Smith, Greg Sleeth, Marie Cameron, Bernard Ferre, Monica Chai, Frank Smit, Madge Martin, Harry Martin, Bernadette O'Hanlon, Paul O'Hanlon, Verna Carter, Dale Gordon-Stewart, John Mirams, Muriel O'Gorman, Frank Burke, Estelle Pratt, Martin Harris, Ravi Kamath, Michael Liddy, Bernadette Selleck, Dawn Pratley, Vicente Belmonte, Noel Spinks, Anna Fabris

1) Welcome and Opening Prayer

David welcomed parishioners to the AGM and Fr Jerald led the opening prayer.

2) Apologies

Chrysostom Gunanayagam, Michael Pennefather, Patricia Vandekolk

3) Confirmation of Minutes 2018 AGM

Harry highlighted an error in the minutes in relation to Murray Valley Resort – that the parish had two weeks accommodation, not three. With no further amendments, the minutes of meeting for AGM 2018 were confirmed with Frank S as mover and Harry seconder.

4) Business Arising

There were no business arising.

5) Correspondence

There was no correspondence raised.

6) Parish Priest Report

Fr Jerald thanked all parishioners for their support, noting it was his fifth year with the parish. He specially thanked all who were involved in the liturgical ministries, outreach ministries, the parish leadership team, parish office volunteers and school staff for their contributions.

Fr Jerald noted that the congregation adjusted well to the change in mass time to 11.15am. He thanked everyone for making adjustments in their own way and shared that he now longer needed to rush from parish to parish after mass.

Jerald highlighted that the Archdiocese has encouraged all parishes to put child safety policies in place. The parish had developed a draft policy. However, as the Archdiocese was currently reviewing their policy, which would have taken into consideration recent legislative amendments, the parish

would be holding its release of the documents to ensure they were in line with the Archdiocese amended policy documents.

In relation to Plenary Council 2020, Fr Jerald shared that different parishes organised Listening and Dialogue sessions in different ways. Our parish arranged two sessions and encouraged individuals who attended those sessions to submit their individual response to the council. Following that 34 parishes came together to put together a joint statement to the Plenary Council. Frank B was our parish representative.

Looking to the future, Fr Jerald shared that the parish will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2020. Special celebration plans, such as reunion of past parishioners and students, would be looked into. Fr Jerald also noted the increasing number of new apartments in the area and the need to reach out to these new families and welcome them into the parish through mail drop of brochures of parish activities.

7) School Report

In the absence of Patricia, Fr Jerald shared that Patricia has been working hard to increase enrolment while facing strong competition from government funded schools in the area. The school, together with Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM), were looking at strategies to increase enrolment. Current enrolment stood at below a hundred, with 13 children enrolled for prep in 2020.

Ravi shared his observation that some staff had been at the school for a very long time, and asked if there were plans to recognise them for their service to the school. Fr Jerald replied that it would be looked into. Ravi then asked how enrolment at the school stacked up to that at Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP). Fr Jerald replied that OLOP, like most Catholic schools in the area, faced similar enrolment challenges, with numbers dropping from 420 to 370 this year and lower numbers in 2020.

Harry noted that with the decrease in enrolment, the school would struggle financially. Fr Jerald agreed with Harry's assessment and shared that CEM would consider all available options should enrolment drop below 60. Bernard opined that the parish should make the decision ahead of time to merge with OLOP rather than to let it happen. In response David raised that current families may not all move to OLOP. Ravi viewed that as long as the school was able to break even, that would be reason enough to keep it going. Fr Jerald emphasised that there were currently no plans to merge the schools, and cautioned against spreading such word around as it would result in more families pulling their children out.

Muriel queried the reasons behind the decrease in enrolment and questioned if there was anything the parish and school could do to boost enrolment. Fr Jerald shared that three years ago, a sizeable number of students left the school which resulted in current low enrolment numbers. This resulted in more families pulling their children out of the school as they were concerned with

the effect of small pool of friendship groups on their children. In addition, government schools in the area introduced different syllabus such as IB program that were attractive to families.

Frank B raised that the school and parish should consider how to differentiate itself from government schools to make it attractive to prospective families. David took the point on board and would pass that on to Patricia.

8) Pastoral Council Report

David shared that he considered stepping down as chair of the PPC but decided to stay on till the next AGM after much prayer and reflection. He highlighted that the next AGM will be held in March 2020, for accounts to be prepared following the end of financial year in December.

He shared highlights for the year as follows:

- A youth group was formed in the parish
- Afternoon tea was organized for families who had their child baptised at the parish during the year
- Website has been updated
- Joint PPC meeting with OLOP to coordinate issues
- Plenary council listening and dialogue sessions were organized with parishioners encouraged to submit their individual response

In terms of future plans for the parish, David shared that the PPC would be looking to:

- Form a committee to plan for the parish 60th anniversary celebrations
- Organise a parish mission with growth of the parish as a main objective
- Conduct stewardship program and parish census
- Seek a parish representative to sit on the interfaith council

David noted that the future of the PPC was a big concern and the parish would need to seek ways to encourage new and younger members to join the council.

In closing, David thanked everyone and asked for prayers that more will stand up and volunteer to join the PPC.

9) Finance Committee Report

Frank S handed out the parish balance sheet, noting it had been left out of the AGM report. He reported that the parish operating budget for the year was in surplus of \$5,000. However, any capital works would have to be paid from reserves which stood at \$452,000 at present. He shared that a stewardship campaign would be held in September to try and ensure the parish do not have to dip into its reserves unnecessarily.

Ravi remarked that it would be good to have some breakdown of items included in general expense, and that the numbers did not add up.

Bernard replied that pastoral expense of \$2,470 was missing from the statement and the numbers would tally after that was factored in. Frank S promised to amend and make available the amended statement.

Muriel commented that the new cleaners had done a fantastic job keeping the church clean. She highlighted that at the AGM in 2018, she had raised that the chairs in the narthex should be upholstered as they were looking old and tired, and queried if that had been looked into. Frank S replied that it had yet to be looked into and he would do that this year.

John queried why there was a budget for printing in 2018 and not in 2019. Frank S replied that was a special printing expense for the stewardship campaign. In-house printing was captured in another category.

Bernadette O asked if lights could be placed at the steps near the presbytery as that area got quite dark especially during winter, and it could be dangerous for older parishioners, especially those walking from Catholic Care homes down the street. Fr Jerald replied that was being looked into already.

Harry questioned if the increase in payroll expense was sustainable as the pastoral worker salary was now fully borne by the parish. Estelle commented the pastoral worker was essential to the parish and ways would have to be explored to support the increased expense. Frank S replied that as the current budget was running close to break even, stewardship would have to be raised to ensure the increased expense would be adequately covered.

Frank B commented that it was important for the stewardship program to not solely focus on finance but also on the meaningful activities that parishioners can respond to and engage in. Frank S responded that the parish need to be upfront about seeking funds with the program but that it could run alongside the parish mission that could focus on provision of meaningful activities for parishioners. In response to Muriel's question of how long since the last stewardship program, Frank S replied that it had been three years.

10) Matters Arising from Ministries

David said that the catechetical report had missed omitted in the AGM report. He shared that 18 children from the parish and school had been recently confirmed by Msgr Ireland. Classes for Sacrament of Reconciliation would be held later in the year and those children would go on to for Sacrament of Holy Communion next year. He had also recruited volunteers to help with catechetical classes including RCIA. Rose Paynting would also still be assisting with RCIA.

Bernard commented that an article had been left out in his report, and he proceeded to share excerpts of the article that related to welcoming of new members to the parish. Monica highlighted the need to obtain the contact details of new members to outreach to them thereafter. Ravi also suggested including a welcome of new families in the parish newsletter.

11) Q & A

There were no questions raised.

12) General Business

1 in 100 Appeal

Harry thanked everyone for their support of the 1 in 100 appeal. He shared that Sr Trudy was recovering well and would be returning to Palestine soon.

Vinnies

Muriel thanked parishioners for their contributions and shared that the Vinnies cupboard was still in need of groceries to help the needy.

Murray Valley Resort @Yarrowonga

Harry highlighted that the annual fee for the parish timeshare accommodation at Murray Valley Resort @Yarrowonga was due soon. That provided 2 weeks of accommodation, and the parish could pay an additional \$150 to increase that to 3 weeks. He advocated continuing with annual subscription.

Commentators at mass

Paul opined that commentators at mass should commentate on announcements rather than read off the run sheet word for word.

General

Frank B shared that the parish should focus on the positive areas highlighted in the AGM report and all it had achieved in the past year.

13) Closing

David and Fr Jerald thanked everyone for their participation, noting that the parish would need to walk forward in faith. Fr Jerald led the closing prayer, and the AGM was officially closed at 11.05am.

Minutes by Cheryl Tay

Reviewed by Fr Jerald Mariadas and David Ng (PPC Chair)

Annual Reports 2020
PARISH PRIEST REPORT
Fr Jerald Mariadas

“ We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom our Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.”

PARISH PRIEST REPORT

As the pandemic slows down and we are trying to resume a new normal church life, the last few days has given me an opportunity to reflect on our parish life in 2020. COVID-19 has changed the way we live our lives and so it is with my ministry in ways that I could not have imagined or predicted. If you would have told me a year ago that weekend masses in 2020 would include no in-person worship, preaching weekly to empty pews, only streaming our Sunday services on our church's website and through Zoom prayers, daily masses, meetings, social gathering, socially distanced weddings and funerals, I would not have believed you. Yet, this is precisely what pastoral life in the midst of COVID-19 entailed for me and for priests all across the world. Though this season has created an intense reset within the Christian community, amidst uncertainties and challenges we sprang back. Our faith has sustained us and enabled us to grow together. It is our fervent prayer that 2021 will see us obtain more of a semblance of normally that we have had.

Spiritual life

Though the pandemic had closed churches and stopped Masses, we still continued to work behind the scenes to provide our parishioners and community with as much spiritual guidance and support as we were able to. Our online masses and Zoom masses commenced for all weekday and for weekend masses almost immediately . These masses were very well received and attended.

Our YouTube weekend masses also had very good viewing figures. There was a lot of work that went into the preparation of these masses and I appreciate all our volunteers who generously offered their time and talents to produce such meaningful video masses. Special thanks to Vince our videographer, Cheryl who planned the liturgy and coordinated musicians, readers and sacristans and Liza who beautifully edited the mass parts and put together all the liturgy for the online mass.

Tuesday evenings prayer and Friday evening Rosary were also offered as part of our spiritual guidance offering and these were also well received. This online spiritual nourishment kept our community spiritually connected while we were

forced to live socially distanced.

When restrictions were relaxed and masses were able to resume, we had a fair amount of pressure to restrict the number of people in the church following strict guidelines and social distancing requirements. Initially we asked for parishioners to book in for masses via try booking. Eventually, when we were able to utilize the 1Breadcrumb app, we stopped the need for prebooking spaces. We are still required to continue with our Contact Tracing responsibilities and currently are asking for all parishioners to utilize the Victorian Governments App to check in via the QR code. We need to eliminate the paper checking in process in order to comply with Victorian Government guidelines.

Christmas and Holy week celebrations were a challenge, and a lot of people especially the liturgy committee, put in a lot of work to ensure that this was successful for all. Thank you to all those who participated and helped make these masses as wonderful as they were.

I would like to make a special mention of Fr. Pat Jackson for his generous support to me and our parish throughout the year especially during Christmas, Holy week and Easter. We appreciate his love for our community and his insightful preaching.

With COVID, the way services are conducted by many religious organizations have changed, including people's participation. Many people are now requesting for real time online presence for masses and other sacraments, especially funerals. Considering the pastoral needs of our parish, our PPC has taken up the task of enquiring and installing of live streaming equipment in our parish.

Pastoral Life

During such unprecedented times, it was a great challenge to apply pastoral creativity and prudence so as to ensure that our pastoral care increased rather than decreased in this time of crisis.

Keeping our congregation connected was a pressure point. Through sending emails and making phone calls we ensured that no one went without pastoral contact. The greatest issue is not being able to have person-to-person contact with very limited visitation opportunities.

Last year we had a few gatherings on Zoom which were well attended and was a great opportunity for parishioners to virtually meet, see their fellow parishioners and reconnect again.

Even though so many groups were not able to function during the Covid lockdowns and restrictions, there were a few that were able to continue with limitations.

The Catechist group was able to still provide support to children studying in non-Catholic schools for sacramental preparation. I thank our Catechist team under the leadership of David Ng, who was able to offer some support.

Child Safety

As a parish, we take the safety of our children seriously. We have a combined OLOP AND SSPP parish Child safety team who work together to keep in place all the measures to make sure that SSPP is a safe place for children following the guidance of the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Preparing, communicating, implementing parish Child safe policy, Documentations of WWC and code of conduct declarations and assessing Risks are their main tasks. About 80% of volunteers in SSPP have submitted their WWC and about 70 % have returned the code of conduct declaration forms. We look forward to the return of all the Code of Conduct forms.

The team is working on preparing handbooks for non-children ministries and children/young people related ministries and parish Child safe policies which will be published soon.

Mental Health First Aid

In 2020, we were offered , jointly with Our Lady of the Pines Parish, a grant from Manningham Council to conduct a Mental Health First Aid course which is facilitated by Neal Murphy. This has been running since November and has been well received. We thank Manningham Council for the grant that has enabled us to offer this course and to Neal Murphy for facilitating this.

Parish Schools

From the beginning of 2021 governance arrangements for schools owned by the Archdiocese and its parishes have changed. A new company - called Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) has taken on the responsibility for governing and operating the schools. However, both parish and school retain their strong and vital relationships and Parish Priests still retain core duties and responsibilities for pastoral leadership in the school.

As we all know last year had been such a challenging year for everyone, especially for our dear teachers. The sacrifices they have all made in time and effort, in providing support to our children has been enormous. They have all gone above and beyond what is expected, and as a community we are indebted to them and express our thanks to our School Principal , Trish Vandekolk and all the staff for everything that they have done last year.

Admin Life

During this time, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee have been a great support as always providing sound advice and support during the

year. Virtual meetings were held time to time in order to keep everyone updated.

On behalf of SSPP community , I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for the amazing work done by two generous people Liza and Cheryl in the Parish Office. The endless hours that had spent during the lock down to keep our parish functioning by working from home. I thank them for their commitment, professionalism and all the extra hours they dedicated to SSPP. I would also like to thank Bernadette Selleck for helping us in the Parish Office on a Monday and Thursday. Bernadette gives her time so graciously and we are truly thankful.

Parish Mission

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli wrote to all the faithful of Melbourne on the feast of Pentecost, revealing his plan for the future of the archdiocese which is Re-imagining our local church as mission communities.

Over the past few decades vocation to the priesthood has drastically declined. Due to that the administration within the Archdiocese is becoming more difficult with significant imbalance in the size and structure of the various parishes. In order to redress this imbalance, the Archbishop, after considerable research ,is proposing mission areas to be establishes comprising of a few neighboring parishes with two or three priests.

The Archdiocese had organized two meetings, one for priests from all the parishes of Archdiocese of Melbourne and another for the lay representative from each parish.

It was proposed that parishes choose with which of the adjacent parishes they would like to share the Mission, rather than have it dictated by the Archdiocese. This would probably be based on an historical basis as well as distance and of course agreement with those other parishes.

It is intended that there will not be any parish closures and that the structure within the parishes will remain substantially unchanged. However, parishes have to compromise with the number of weekend masses and mass times.

It is envisaged that the final arrangement of the Missions should be determined at a meeting of the Eastern Region meeting in late July or early August.

This meeting will have the parish priest of each parish and 2 lay representatives of each parish. More details will be published on the bulletin and on the website.

There are still many challenges that are in front of us, namely getting Parishioners back to church and participating in liturgy, being able to continue to support those in need and to maintain our community. We also still live in the uncertainty of immediate changes to masses should there be changes to the daily Covid numbers.

This year has been a challenging one for a great many people, both near and far. I hope that the little that we were able to do in the form of our online and zoom offerings were of some support. Thank you to all those who have given me your support and help during 2020 especially , your support has been invaluable. I thank you all for all your patience during this time and for the very many changes that have taken place over the last number of months. Please know that I continue to be here for you and to give you my support in whatever way I possibly can.

Yours in Christ, Fr Jerald

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT

TRISH VANDEKOLK

MAJOR ACHIVEMENTS IN 2020

On behalf of the school staff and community of the 2020 school year, I am delighted to present this Principal's Report outlining some of the major achievements of 2020.

A more detailed review of the year will be presented through the Annual Report to the Community later in the year.

It goes without saying that 2020 will be remembered as a significant year in all our lives, however for us at SSPP we were conscious not to have our achievements in 2020 overshadowed by what the pandemic restricted us in doing.

The impact of COVID-19 was felt at every level across our school and, indeed, our world. Life as we knew it changed. What was once certain and comfortable, became unpredictable and strange. As we continue to negotiate our way through the disruptions and restrictions associated with COVID-19, we need to celebrate our coming together as a community to support and strengthen not only our children but also one another throughout the pandemic.

I am proud to lead such a resilient and supportive community who despite the uncertainty and ever changing landscape, placed their faith and trust in the school, our staff and each other in order to maintain our vision and mission of ensuring excellence in education and improved learning outcomes for all students. There are many examples of our successes and achievements in all five spheres of learning in the year that was 2020. Many of which continue to shape the delivery and experience of learning in 2021 and I suspect will impact the years ahead.

Students were in remote learning for approximately 18 weeks of a 41 week school year with an additional one and a half weeks of term breaks across the year - equating to approximately 20 weeks of onsite learning. This did not deter us in our pursuit to provide quality learning and teaching within a faith filled environment.

We transitioned to online platforms for much of the delivery and implementation of our strategic goals and actions. For other actions, there were modifications that ensured the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community. We endeavoured to provide students and our community with all the rituals and traditions for which our school has a proud history - albeit somewhat different from expected, but nonetheless still actioned.

I am forever grateful to Fr Jerald for his guidance, support and very regular check ins with the school. To our staff, who demonstrated such devotion to their roles and being such great models of leadership, persistence and creativity. To all our parents, grandparents, older siblings and carers, who took on the role of teachers at home whilst performing their own roles as parents and employees - we appreciate the challenges and applaud the results.

And to our students, who I know learnt valuable lessons in patience, appreciation, self management, the bonds of friendship, and the importance of personal mental health and wellbeing - the 2020 school year will be remembered I hope as the year that showed us all that each student is capable of incredible things and can achieve greatness even in times of uncertainty and change.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

SIP Goal:

- **To build a strong Catholic Identity that is reflected in both our words and actions.**

Greater connections with the Parish through:

- Beginning School Year Mass & BBQ - induction of school leaders, staff and SAB
- Sacramental Preparation Programs- for the most part were put on hold. We were able to facilitate the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with last minute arrangements made in the final weeks of the

school year. Families were most accommodating and flexible. The candidates were prepared and did themselves and their families proud.

- Weekly Assemblies through online Google Meets - prayer and reflection were an important element of these gatherings.
- Virtual Anzac Day Observance, Mothers Day Prayer Assembly, Fathers Day Prayer Assembly (with local, national and international guests logging in)
- Graduation Ceremony
- End of School Year Mass - handing over of student leadership

Revised Religious Education Framework

- Exploring further the Pedagogy of Encounter
- Exploring REsource - GEM online resource for the learning & teaching of religious education

LEARNING & TEACHING

SIP Goal:

- **To build a collaborative and engaging learning environment that focuses on rigour, challenge and high expectations. (Curriculum)**
- **To develop a school pedagogical framework that draws on effective evidence-based practices across all areas of the curriculum. (Pedagogy)**
- **To build systematic processes that record and monitor a broad range of school performance indicators to ensure continuous growth. (Data Analysis)**

Curriculum Design for Learning

- Facilitated Planning with Learning & Teaching Leader and level teams
- Cycle of Professional Learning Team Meetings to incorporate English, Mathematics & Student Diversity (NCCD)
- Whole school planning of Inquiry Learning Units which incorporated the creation of report outcomes developmentally appropriate across the year levels
- Transition to Remote Learning - google suite, google apps for education, google classroom, google meets

Assessment & Reporting

- Ongoing monitoring of all students throughout the year - remotely and onsite
- Parent Teacher Interviews online and phone calls
- Regular check ins with all students whilst in remote learning
- Use of Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessment tool to enable greater tracking of student growth and progress
- Use of Essential Assessment in Mathematics - to enable greater differentiation within instruction
- Use of PAT Reading & Pat Mathematics to track student progress
- NAPLAN did not take place in 2020.
- Our internal tracking of students indicated that all students

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progressed in their reading and mathematics despite the interruptions to onsite learning. Not all students demonstrated the same degree of progress. A thorough analysis of all students' results took place upon return to onsite learning and staff were able to identify critical areas of focus to ensure students were adequately prepared for the following year.

STUDENT WELLBEING

SIP Goal: To build student confidence and capacity to respect and care for themselves and others.

- Heighten profile of wellbeing throughout the school - inclusion of calming spaces and self-regulation strategies in learning areas - this was one of the main priorities for us upon return to onsite learning.
- Ensured that our education continuity plan was mindful of all learners whilst ensuring our most vulnerable students were able to access their learning on the same basis as their peers.
- During Remote Learning we initiated events to keep the students connected and engaged - Lego competition, lunchtime events - karaoke, trivia, dance parties, dressup days, lunch with classmates
- Student Diversity Leader - attending network meetings, facilitating meetings and working with CEM staff to meet the NCCD requirements

- Full compliance with NCCD requirements - staff continue to collate and organise all the evidence required - a significant amount of funding is dependent upon this
- Ongoing monitoring of student well being through PLTs and planning - referrals accessed, prepared and submitted as needed.
- Year 5/6 Camp went ahead as an onsite experience.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

SIP Goal: To engage with the wider community in support of improving learning and engagement and situating learning in context

- Community Engagement in Learning Group - Through the dedication of the team of parents - students were able to engage in a very exciting and engaging Science Day whilst in remote learning.
- Successful grant recipients for gardens - Sensory Garden
- Class Reps - continued contact with families
- Virtual Kinder Read To - Year 5/6 students prepared and presented an online read to session to many of our local kinders that was very successful
- Social Media Manager - regular posts to School Facebook Page & Twitter Account
- School Athletics Day was a bit different from the regular event but still a most enjoyable day.
- Prep 2021 Orientation- weekly online sessions before we were permitted to have onsite sessions

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

SIP Goal: To build a strong collegial culture of mutual trust and support.

Enrolments

- February 2020 Census enrolment - 75.2
- August 2020 Census enrolment - 77.2

The move to remote learning in such a short period of time saw the need for staff to be flexible and supportive of each other. Despite initial teething problems with connections, devices and the skill set of staff - over time and through an enormous amount of persistence, staff, students and parents were able to hone skills and learn many new ones. The experience of remote learning

saw teachers teaching each other, students teaching each other and students teaching teachers.

Resource Management

- Appointment of a School Business Manager - attends onsite one day per fortnight
- Creation of the Staff Hub & Student Diversity Resource Room - these spaces are purposeful in that all resources for planning and implementation of learning are housed and available in one area of the school. Staff meet for planning sessions and staff meetings in the Hub.
- Engaged new IT technical support - Plexus IT - we now have an onsite technician for ½ day each week - previously we had support for approximately 2 hours a week offsite
- Engaged a Digital Technologies Coach to build the capacity of staff and students in the use of digital devices, software, and programs across all areas of the curriculum Tech In Education - Tserlin

Staffing

- At the end of the 2020 school year we farewelled the following staff members: Helen Kalac, Jane Douglas & Lucy Corelli

ENROLMENT MAXIMISATION FRAMEWORK

- Continuing CEM facilitated support
- Online Meet the Principal Sessions - these were offered in the month of August - the focus was the Benefits of a Small School Setting
- Creation of a Virtual School Tour
- School Advertising - new photos, updated website photos and advertisements so
 - Print Media - brochures, pamphlets
 - o Social Media
 - o Real Estate Boards

CAPITAL WORKS

- Replacement of Server
- Replacement of WIFI WAPS
- Renewal and upgrade of photocopier & printer lease
- House Team banners

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

- Tree audit, removal and maintenance
- Replacement of shade sails to playground
- Mulch laid throughout the gardens
- Hamilton Street side of property mulched

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2021

- Introduction of STEM as a specialist subject
- Appointment of new staff members - PE, Visual Arts, STEM & LSOs (2)
- Prepare for the transition to ICON and Shared Services in July 2021 (administration packages, finances & elearn)
- Invest in IT infrastructure
- School Production year
- Continue our work in School Improvement Learning Collaborative (SILC) with Eastern Region Office Consultants in English, Mathematics, RE & Student Diversity -attend facilitated planning and professional learning meetings - to facilitate our wholeschool approach to best practice in learning and teaching
- Maintaining a covid safe environment to eventually be able to have parent helpersback on site

Mrs Patricia Vanderkolk - Principal

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

As we are all aware the year 2020 was unlike any year we have all experienced! The Covid-19 pandemic has become very much part of our society and has caused much grief, sadness and devastation around the world and still is, up to this today! Never at anytime in humankind has such a virus caused so much heartache, difficulties and has affected our lives and so many countries in the world.

Here, in Australia, particularly in Victoria we had to lived under very strict and tough restrictions for several months, with Stage 3 then Stage 4 restrictions, curfew, etc. Every aspects of our lives were very much affected, non more so than fulfilling our need to fulfill our faith/religious obligations. Masses could not be held due to strict lockdown. All church activities came to a halt and when restrictions were relaxed, mass attendance had to be controlled, for a time, only 20 allowed then 50 and at the start of this year, 200 people were allowed, all with strict Covid-19 Safety procedures to be adhered to.

During these very difficult times, the Parish did not stop its work, mainly thanks to the dedication of Fr. Jerald, Cheryl Tay, our Pastoral Worker and Liza, our Parish Secretary whom have worked tirelessly to keep the Parish Office open and that we are all kept informed through emails and the Parish's website. Arrangements were made that Weekday Masses could be followed via Zoom and Weekend masses were also recorded so that all parishioners could follow.

Last year, our Parish was meant to celebrate its 60th Anniversary but in view of the pandemic celebrations had to be cancelled as with many other church activities as well as the Parish Annual General Meeting which was scheduled to be held last March, 2020.

Despite the lockdown, etc., the Parish has implemented the Child Safety Policy (thanks to hard work done by both Cheryl Tay and Annewee), and the Parish Pastoral Plan for next 3 years has also been drawn up (however, implementation has been delayed due to the pandemic).

The PPC has also during the lockdown held a few meetings via Zoom, to plan and discuss important matters so as to ensure that the life of the Parish goes on.

It is the hope of the PPC that new and younger members of our community would be brave and come forward to offer their expertise, help, assistance and knowhow to the Parish. The Parish and the PPC needs new members, new directions, new ideas as it prepares itself for the future as the term of the current members of the PPC has now ended.

The PPC would like to take this opportunity to extend its heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jerald, our Shepherd and Parish Priest, Cheryl Tay, our Parish Pastoral Worker, Liza Jansz, our Parish Secretary and all volunteers who have offered their kind services and help to the Parish during these difficult times, without which the Parish would not have been able to function properly as it has been.

Last but not least, the PPC prays and hope that everyone will stay well and keep safe!

David Ng

Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council

PASTORAL WORKER REPORT

Last year was a challenging year by all accounts. With many venues, including churches, closed for the most part of the year, we've had to change and adapt to different ways of worship, prayer and even social gatherings.

To enable parishioners to continue our worship, daily mass over Zoom was organized, while weekend masses were pre-recorded and uploaded onto Youtube with assistance from Vince Taranto with videographing the mass, Liza with editing the footage, and our volunteers with reading. Led by Anna Ng, our musicians and choir members got together to record hymns to accompany our recorded mass, which enriched our liturgy significantly.

Weekly prayer sessions were also held over Zoom to pray for the end of the pandemic and a return to physical worship in church. About 20 to 30 parishioners from both Ss Peter and Paul and Our Lord of the Pines participated each week. In addition, a formation series on understanding the different parts of the mass, facilitated by myself, was held over Zoom and attended by 15 parishioners from both parishes.

The pandemic also pushed us to update and improve our website as it became one of the main platforms through which parishioners accessed our weekend recorded mass, as well as updated information regarding activities and worship during the pandemic. The site now features notices of upcoming events and activities, a calendar of parish events, census form that enable new parishioners to provide their details and current parishioners to update any changes in theirs, thanksgiving donation to the parish via credit card payment. While it took a while for parishioners to learn and be comfortable going on Zoom, many eventually came onto the platform and joined in our parish Zoom get-together in September. This was followed by a virtual bingo that also saw good participation.

While many activities had to be conducted online, parishioners who were not technically inclined or have no access to the internet were not forgotten. A physical newsletter was sent to these parishioners once a fortnight to provide them with some spiritual nourishment and keep them informed on happenings within the parish and pandemic related updates. This continued until in-person weekend masses resumed in December.

Our youth group was unable to gather for much of the pandemic, and along the way, both youth leaders Angela and Julika had resigned from their roles. We therefore have not restarted the group. Taking its place is a weekly session over Zoom, facilitated by myself, where youths gather to pray, learn about the faith, and have some fun with simple games.

With the resumption of physical worship in church in December, volunteers were organized to assist with COVID safety processes for each mass. Rosters are currently put together on a quarterly basis to enable volunteers to have a break between rosters.

A team of volunteers have also been bringing communion to parishioners who remain homebound during this pandemic. Since the beginning of this year, we have started a weekly bible sharing group with 6 members who meet to pray for our parish, reflect and share the word of God and share fellowship over a light meal after. The group would love to have more parishioners joining in.

I thank the Lord for His guidance throughout the challenging year, Fr Jerald for his gentle leadership, all our volunteers for your dedication, time and efforts to assist me and our parish wherever you could, and parishioners for your smiles, encouragement and kind words since I've started with the parish.

Cheryl Tay
Pastoral Worker

FINANCE REPORT - FINANCE COMMITTEE STATEMENTS
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH – EAST DONCASTER
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT,
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Actual 2019 \$	Actual 2020 \$	Budget 2020 \$
Receipts			
Thanksgiving	111,314.69	69,581.00	70,000.00
Rental Parish Hall	33,848.44	5,980.00	6,000.00
Interest Income	279.21	8.00	9,260.00
Income from investments	4,500.00	4,244.00	9,275.00
Grants-External		95,899.00	-
Sales of resources	911.80	416.00	-
Youth	299.00		-
Catechist	1,015.80		-
Donations	1,000.00	804.00	-
Others	2,555.00	2,331.00	2,000.00
Bequest	81,770.39	0.00	-
	<u>237,494.33</u>	<u>179,263.00</u>	<u>96,535.00</u>
Outgoings			
Administration			
Payroll	46,927.90	91,266.00	46,000.00
Superannuation	4,955.44	5,435.00	4,600.00
Workcover	2,989.52	3,000.00	3,000.00
Long Service Leave	-	5,388.00	2,224.00
Pastoral	-	-	-
	<u>54,872.86</u>	<u>105,089.00</u>	<u>55,824.00</u>
Office Expenses			
Accounting charge	-	-	-
Advertising	-	-	-
Bank charges	330.27	521.00	500.00
Catering	-	-	-
Church requisites	4,123.02	1,223.00	1,200.00
Computer expenses	3,570.00	2,375.00	2,000.00

	Conferences and retreats	-	-	-
	General expenses	17,469.69	14,569.00	13,000.00
	Interest	369.77	568.00	500.00
	Postage		1801.00	1,800.00
	Photocopy and stationery	3,671.95	2,933.00	3,000.00
	Printing	3,918.00	3,098.00	3,000.00
	Staff amenities	-	-	-
	Staff training	199.64	0.00	0.00
	Telecommunications cost	4,202.16	4,200.00	0.00
		<u>37,854.50</u>	<u>31,288.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
	Facilities			
	Cleaning and gardening	13,118.35	11,668.00	11,000.00
	Electricity, gas and water	9,702.45	8,630.00	8,600.00
	Insurance	23,792.00	14,473.00	14,000.00
	Leasing and hiring			-
	Municipal charges	1,296.50	2,220.00	2,200.00
	Repairs and maintenance	20,190.30	19,679.00	24,011.00
	Other furniture and equipment	-		-
	Security	4,595.45	0.00	0.00
		<u>72,696.05</u>	<u>56,670.00</u>	<u>59,811.00</u>
	Archdiocese			
	Consultants	-		-
	Archdiocese Levies	13,167.77	4,088.00	4,000.00
		<u>13,167.77</u>	<u>4,088.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
	Pastoral			
	Books and publications	928.66	1,610.00	0.00
	Catechetical Expenses	-	-	-
	Liturgical Expenses	2,573.55	517.00	500.00
	Subscriptions	1,139.43	386.00	0.00
	Hospitality and Entertainment	-		-
	Supply Fees	2,870.00	925.00	0.00
		<u>7,511.64</u>	<u>3,438.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	Total Disbursements	<u>186,102.82</u>	<u>200,573.00</u>	<u>145,135.00</u>
	Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	51,392	- 21,310	- 48,600

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/2020

	2019	2020
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	3,673	37,985
CDF Investment	239,953	182,370
NAB Investment	202,279	203,389
Receivables	33,126	22,123
Fixed Assets		
Building	4,631,322	4,631,322
Office Equipment and Fittings	632,199	632,199
Plant & Machinery	1,786	1,786
	5,744,338	5,711,174
Total Liabilities		5,388
Net Assets	5,744,338	5,705,786
Equity		
Accumulated Accounts	3,798,963	3,850,355
Current Year Earnings	51,392	-21,310
Asset revaluation Reserves	-1,958,338	-1,958,338
Total Equity	1,892,017	1,870,707

**SS PETER & PAUL'S FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE
PARISH 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As we all know, 2020 was a very difficult year with the introduction of covid 19 into Australia.

This has affected all Australians in many ways and our parish is not exempt from the problems encountered.

Financially the year commenced with the general confidence of copying the 2019 year but probably without the unexpected bequest of about \$80,000. Without that bequest the operating result for 2019 would have been a deficit of about \$30,000.

The parish was effectively shut down for much of 2020 which had the effect of reducing the Thanksgiving income significantly by almost \$43,000 from \$111,315 to \$68,581.

The parish received \$95,899 in the form of Government funding from Jobkeeper and Business Support programs, but because of the conditions imposed the staff salaries increased by about \$45,000. Hence the operating result would have been a deficit of about \$67,200 if we take out the Jobkeeper effects.

If 2020 had been a year with normal hall rental the result could have been a deficit of around \$40,000, and if the Thanksgiving income had kept with the previous years it might have been break even.

The general expenses in the accounts consist, approximately, of: Liturgical Expenses \$3,500, Murray Valley Resort \$1,100, Piety Stall \$3,000, Plaques \$2,000, Police Checks \$2,000

The budget for 2021 shows about the same Thanksgiving income as 2020 because the church will not be fully open for the whole year. We hope that this figure will be exceeded and that the operating deficit will be less than the \$48,600 forecast.

Apart from the above, there are no significant items which are different from previous years.

Because of covid we have had very little hall rental income in 2020, falling by about \$27,000. We hope that some of that will return in 2021 thereby reducing the expected deficit for 2021.

At the end of 2020 we had investments of \$385,759 with the NAB and CDF, all earning low interest. The finance committee has discussed whether some of this should be invested in Listed Investment Companies to probably obtain significant increase of returns. We would be looking at perhaps \$250,000 in investment, which, on historical terms, could raise up to 4% instead of the 0.5% we are able to get from banks or the CDF. We will always hold sufficient funds in CDF to cover about 2 years requirements and spread the invested funds over at least 2 companies.

We are interested in the parishioners' views on whether the inherent risk of stock market investments should be taken. Please bring your comments to the Annual General Meeting or leave a note at the parish office.

During the 2021 year we are looking at the practicality of live streaming Mass on the internet. This will mean the installation of cameras integrated with an upgraded audio system so that the sound can come straight from the cameras as well as from the various microphones. The cost of this is estimated at about \$25,000 (including a better sound and video control computer) and will be funded from the investments.

Frank Smit
Finance Committee Chairman.

Fr. Jerald presides over the Finance Committee meetings.

Finance Committee Members: Vic Belmonte (Secretary), Ravi Kamath, Harry Martin, Bernard Paes, Shelaan Sivananthan, Sharon Yeo.

Parish Accountant: Bernard Ferre. (adviser to, but not a member of, the Finance Committee.)

INVESTMENTS @ S.s Peter & Paul

The 2021 financial year was a sharp contrast to 2020, driven by recovery and re-opening, versus mandated lockdowns and industry shutdowns. After cliff-like falls prompted by the Pandemic's hold on global economies in the second half of the 2020 financial year, markets in the 2021 financial year reflected the unprecedented stimulus and growth of advanced economies worldwide.

Investors should prepare for changed conditions again this financial year, with emergency settings from central banks around the world likely to be reconsidered as economic growth continues.

1 - Stock Market

Shares will fluctuate on the stock market – depends on a number of factors. However over time the value will keep pace with inflation.

2 - Bank Deposits

Compare with deposits with banks. Over time \$ 250,000 in the bank will be worth \$ 200,183 (approximately) and will return app. \$250 per annum. \$11,000 (if invested in the stock market in a balanced portfolio).

3 - Example – investing in CSL on 29 July 2011 \$30.69 price per share
CSL on 2 July 2021 \$284.19 price per share

4 - Average Stock Market Return

The compound-return from the All Ordinaries Total Return index from June 1979 (when it started) to end June 2020 is 11.49%.

You can safely quote this as the average return from the stock market.

5 - Inflation Target

The Governor and the Treasurer have agreed that the appropriate target for monetary policy in Australia is to achieve an inflation rate of **2–3** per cent, on average, over time. This is a rate of inflation sufficiently low that it does not materially distort economic decisions in the community. Seeking to achieve this rate, on average, provides discipline for monetary policy decision-making, and serves as an anchor for private-sector inflation expectations.

Bernard Ferré 0418 523918



DEPRECIATION OF Aus. \$ at 2% per year						
ASSUMPTIONS		INVEST	Rate	Capital value	\$	
		Fixed Deposits				
Year	2011	250,000	-2%	- 5,000	245,000	
	2012	245,000		- 4,900	240,100	
	2013	240,100		- 4,802	235,298	
	2014	235,298		- 4,706	230,592	
	2015	230,592		- 4,612	225,980	
	2016	225,980		- 4,520	221,461	
	2017	221,461		- 4,429	217,031	
	2018	217,031		- 4,341	212,691	
	2019	212,691		- 4,254	208,437	
	2020	208,437		- 4,169	204,268	
	2021	204,268		- 4,085	200,183	
Year	2022	200,183		- 4,004	196,179	
	2023	196,179		- 3,924	192,256	
In 10 years the investment will still be \$250,000 but will only buy \$200,183 worth of goods.						
	Bernard	Ferré	18-Jul-21			
						

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee reports to the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible for fostering the importance and need of child safety, and the implementation, and communication of child safety processes within the parish. It comprises volunteers from both Ss Peter and Paul and Our Lady of the Pines.

The Committee published our parish child safety policy and process on our parish website last year. The pandemic delayed plans to address volunteers and parishioners on the implementation of the policy and its intent. An online briefing was held for ministry leaders from both parishes, to inform them of the child safety processes, including requirements for all volunteers. Efforts are also underway to ensure compliance of volunteers with our policy, that is, reading and signing a Code of Conduct Declaration and holding a valid Working with Children's Check.

Information on child safety has also been provided to families of children attending Sacrament of Confirmation class, so that they are aware of their rights and what they can do if they feel unsafe.

Moving forward, the committee plans to provide information relating to child safety in our parish newsletter, and to address the congregation later this year on the policy and its objective.

Cheryl Tay

On Behalf of the Safeguarding Committee

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

JUSTICE AND MERCY -

Covering the period 1/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

St Vincent de Paul operates through those in need in the Eastern suburbs ringing the Box Hill Call Centre where the calls are assigned to Call Facilitators within Parish boundaries. The Call Facilitator then refers the call to a Conference member within that Parish Conference.

The Conference started the year with 11 active members and had meetings in February/March. Our meetings were then suspended due to the Corona virus and resumed in November and December just in time for distribution of Christmas goodies and toys. Visits continued during the lockdowns in a safe way by WW vouchers being placed in an envelope addressed to the client at their address, ringing the client to advise of delivery and then waiting in the member's car to ensure the client came to the letterbox to collect the envelope.

During the year of lockdowns, 74 visits were made to assist 96 adults and 84 children. Assistance to the sum of \$6882 consisting of WW vouchers, utility bills, and car registration was given - also donated food to the value of \$1,465 was given. Often, one of our roles is to be a listening ear for those who are struggling to cope with stressful situations in their life. Excessive rents in our area has forced some of our callers to move to cheaper rental areas.

We can only sustain our food bank, supply of food vouchers and Op Shop vouchers (to purchase clothing and Manchester) through the generosity and compassion of our wonderful parishioners – without you we could not help those in need. Your supply of toys and Christmas goodies was outstanding after a year of lockdowns.

Thank you for your wonderful support and prayers. God bless you all.

Muriel O’Gorman

President

DROP IN CENTRE REPORT

No report for 2020.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS.

The Sunday morning hospitality group was set up to provide morning tea after the 8am and 11.15am Mass each Sunday to encourage fellowship after Mass. A roster is drawn twice a year to cover each Sunday. This group is in its eleventh year of service and has only taken place because of the dedicated band of volunteers (most of whom have been in the group since the beginning). These wonderful ladies and one superb gentleman do a great job.

This service has only recommenced on 27th June and our volunteers helped with the Ss Peter and Paul’s Feast Day celebrations. Because of several resignations this year, we need new volunteers especially for the 11.15am Mass. Everyone is welcome to help. Contact Muriel on 0417 055 617A big thank you goes to all those lovely people involved in this ministry. We are in real need of more volunteers (especially at 11.15am Mass) - anyone interested please contact Muriel O’Gorman on 0417 055 617.

LADIES AFTERNOON LUNCHEON

During 2021, the ladies have attended the following venues

Cherry Hill Tavern	Wednesday 10 March 2021	24 ladies
Templestowe Hotel	Wednesday 14 April 2021	21 ladies
Veneto Club	Wednesday 12 May 2021	26 ladies

Lovely friendships have been formed through this group and one lady who was unwell was supported by the many in the group with casseroles during her convalescence.

Everyone welcome - please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 if interested in attending.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

No report for 2020

PROVISION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK, THE FRAIL AND THE ELDERLY

No Report for 2020

ONE IN A HUNDRED APPEAL 2019

In spite of what was a most difficult year 2020 due to the Covid -19 pandemic, our wonderful, generous parishioners still managed to raise \$A10,000 for the One in a Hundred Appeal, providing much needed assistance to the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund Jerusalem. Many parishioners have supported the Appeal since its inception in 2005, with total contributions having now passed the \$A150,000 mark. Funds currently help support the education of around 60 children of needy Palestinian families who live in Bethlehem, and areas of Jerusalem including the West Bank. There is no financial support for them at all from the Israeli Government unless they have a Jerusalem ID, many are out of work.

On 26th June Sr Trudy said "You can imagine how help is needed more than ever after 15 months of closure of all pilgrim houses and pretty well all tourism." The lifting of restrictions will probably not occur until later in the year at best." The schools are struggling to pay staff when families are unable to pay fees, and by mid-August each family has to pay for the registration for the 2021-22 year a fee of just over \$A300 per child before school commences in mid-September. It is vital to support the schools so that they can continue to operate and the children can continue their education.

So this is why there is no option but to relaunch SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal again for 2021-22, our initiative going back to 2005-06. I will be emailing registered donors this week to seek their ongoing support and soon hope to make the Appeal at Sunday Masses. If you want to join this mighty effort please register with me ASAP by either calling the mobile 0421 770 498 or Emailing hmrMartin@optusnet.com.au.

Sr Trudy is as always extremely grateful for the support coming from Ss Peter and Paul's, even more so under current circumstances. With Trudy I also say thank you, it is just a word but it means so much.

Harry Martin - Appeal Co-Ordinator

SSPP Outsiders Team

A special thank you to the seven volunteers who regularly clean the pavements surrounding our Church every week on Saturday morning, in preparation for the weekend services – Frank Smit, Greg Sleeth, Henry Gatt, John D'Silva, Julian Siaril, Tessa Leung who is the latest addition to our team, and myself. Your willingness to serve our Parish in this most fundamental of ways is much appreciated. We work in pairs, currently on a three-weekly roster, so extra volunteers would enable us to share the load even more. Please call me on 0421 770 498 to add your name to the Teams list.

Harry Martin

FELLOWSHIP - PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

We still have 6 Family Groups who are trying to meet as regularly as they can, considering the Covid restrictions during the last 12 months. Also, we are not able to celebrate the feast day of Ss Peter and Paul this year with a get-together after the 11 am Mass on the last Sunday in June, as we have been doing for some years, again because of Covid disruptions to our lives.

We are always open to welcoming new members and I am able to supply application forms to anyone interested in joining an existing group, or maybe forming a new group of like-minded people. The Passionist Family Group Movement is a movement to help people connect with each other, have a good time together socially and support each other.

Please contact me, Dawn Pratley, on 0410 255 948 if you are interested in joining us.

PIETY STALL

No report available for 2020

VISITATION GROUP

This group was set up to do home visitations to sick and bereaved parishioners. Those needing a visit are referred to the group by the Parish Priest or parishioners.

There is a band of six ladies who carry out this work which includes a weekly rostered visit to Donvale Rehabilitation Hospital and other nursing homes. This visitation is separate from the Communion Ministry which visits each Sunday. So many of those visited have expressed their gratitude for the visit. However, due to Covid lockdowns, visits to Donvale Rehabilitation and nursing homes have only just been reinstated.

If you know of anyone who is isolated, unwell and about to have a rehabilitation stay at Donvale Rehab and would like a visit, please contact Liza in the Parish Office with details.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

No Report from the Knights of the southern Cross for 2020.

Our Funds are mainly derived from the raffle, Bunnings Barbeque. Tattslotto, and profitable social events.

Parish Annual Statistics

Baptisms	6
First Holy Communion	Non due to Covid Lockdown
Confirmation	Non due to Covid Lockdown
Funerals	8

CLOSING PRAYER

God of our lives,

You are always calling us to follow you into the future, inviting us to new adventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage.

When we worry that we are not up to the task, reassure us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us.

Remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situation.

And for all you call us to be, to do, to remember and to dream, we thank you and praise you. For you are with us now, and forevermore.

Amen.
