

## GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

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The following is a summary of the main items at the Parish Pastoral Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in St Dominic's Hall, Glenelg.

#### **Voice of the Community:**

The meeting started with the reading of today's gospel and reflection on its message of feeding the hungry. In current times many great endeavours are being undertaken to support those who are finding it hard to put food on the table. Our community is responding by supporting the Vinnies Winter Appeal and providing food for the Parish House pantry for people who come looking for support. The continued support of parishioners to these endeavours is encouraged.

#### **Parish Life:**

Father John is working with the two school communities to create a child centred Sacramental program for the parish that will also provide support to the families involved. He is also keen to run a 6 session / once a fortnight introduction course on Christian Life Community – which is an Ignatian scripture / prayer/ reflection small group program. More details will be available soon.

#### **Welcome Fr John / Farewell Fr Anthony:**

With COVID restrictions a celebration of these two important events has been indefinitely postponed. The PPC, however, is keen to acknowledge Fr Anthony's contribution to the Glenelg Parish and are asking for donations for a gift. Donations, in an envelope marked 'Fr Anthony', can be left in the collection boxes in the church at weekend masses or during the week at the Parish house.

#### **School Reports:**

Both schools have resumed after a well-deserved break and are looking forward to another busy term.

#### **Financial Report:**

Operating surplus stands at \$23,051.14. Very largely due to JobKeeper and the remission of co-responsibility payments by the Archdiocese for March and June quarters. Contributions to the Planned Thanksgiving Giving program reduced by 25% and loose coin contributions are significantly lower due to the Covid-19 lockdown which commenced prior to Easter. The Repairs & Maintenance budget has been exceeded due to a backlog of jobs, plumbing, sacristy and upstairs bathroom. Continuing to encourage the electronic giving by parishioners was discussed.

#### **Other Business:**

The Parish's Planned Thanksgiving Program review is due to be undertaken in 2021. Discussion will take place at the next PPC meeting as to the format of this process.

Parishioners are welcome to bring rugs to Mass if they are feeling the cold in our churches.

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