

St Mary of the Angel's Parish Geelong



Snapshot of the Annual Report Of the Parish Pastoral Council

Brief Introduction

It's been a big year for St Mary's Parish, filled with plenty to celebrate, some challenges to learn from, and lots of moments where we've seen the strength of our community shine through. We know there's still work to do so we can keep doing what we do best. As part of the PPC's end-of-year review, members undertook an audit of the Parish to identify strengths and areas for improvement against the five characteristics of a vibrant Parish (worship, evangelisation, fellowship, formation, and service). This is only a limited view of the PPC members, and further work at a larger scale is required to understand the true health of the Parish, and should be open to all parishioners.

Our Aspirations

As part of the Parish and the PPC's commitment to monitoring and evaluating progress of the [2023-27 Work Plan](#), this report provides the yearly review of actions to deliver on the three aspirations outlined in our [Planning Day Report](#). Our collective aspirations are:

1. A spiritually fulfilled parish, actively participating in the celebration of the liturgy.
2. A genuinely connected and engaged parish community.
3. Respected and preserved facilities available for future generations.

Our Achievements

Aspiration 1

- Reintroduced Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- Safeguarding training for CLOW volunteers
- Formal advice to reinstate a Liturgy Committee

Aspiration 2

- Published the PPC Terms of Reference document
- New PPC executive roles
- Alpha program endorsed
- Renewed commitment to Viqueque

Aspiration 3

- Accessibility improved at South transept
- Endorsed maintenance and repair updates be placed in bulletins

Our Health

Worship	■	■	■	■
Evangelisation	■	■	■	
Fellowship	■	■		
Formation	■	■		
Service	■	■	■	

Our Goals

- Engage families and youth
- Foster leadership and encourage volunteers
- Strengthen outreach
- Improve communication and representation

Our Commitment

To guide us in the work, the PPC is planning to conduct the next parish survey in 2025. This will provide an opportunity for all parishioners to share insights, ideas, and feedback, helping to refine the focus and continue aligning with the needs of the community to meet the vision and aspirations in the 2023-27 work plan. The PPC will maintain a strategic role—supporting, monitoring, and representing—to ensure that St Mary's continues to be a place where everyone has the opportunity to live out their faith, feel connected, and be inspired to serve.