



## Future Directions Progress Report – March 2018

Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus is risen and dies no more. He has opened the door to a new life. It is in this spirit that your Parish Future Directions Steering Committee provides an update on **Future Directions**, our parish renewal program.

Over the past five months, parishioners have been deliberating to develop a Vision for our parish.

### *Proposed Vision Statement*

Celebrating our **FAITH**

**RESPECT** for all

Committed to **ACTION**

The Vision Statement reflects how the Parish will fulfil its mission in the future, and the principles and values underpinning our identity as the Parish of Malvern East.

To support the Vision, the six Future Directions sub-committees have developed individual Mission Statements to reflect their objectives and priorities. These are summarised below.

### *Proposed Mission Statements*

❖ <b>Spirituality and Liturgy</b>	We seek to support the Spiritual growth of Parish members through proclaiming the Word of God within the Catholic tradition, building up the community which celebrates the Liturgy, and striving to be more open to God's plan for us.
❖ <b>Community Service</b>	We seek to create a welcoming community that is open to and participates in broad social justice issues while working to support each other.
❖ <b>Education</b>	We are committed to Catholic education in the Parish and wider community, and to encouraging faith development opportunities at all stages of life within our faith community.
❖ <b>Youth</b>	We reach out to our youth and encourage them to engage in faith-based actions and to foster their spiritual aspirations. We seek to provide a respectful space for youth to remain connected to each other and to their faith.
❖ <b>Social</b>	We seek to provide opportunities for social interaction for all parishioners as part of building and strengthening our faith community through a range of social activities.
❖ <b>Finance &amp; Property</b>	We utilise our resources and talents to their fullest; engaging the resources of the community in a transparent manner for sustainable growth.



## *Actions speak louder than words*

While the Vision and Mission Statements will guide the future direction of our Parish, they are empty without the actions necessary to develop and support a vibrant, growing and committed faith community.

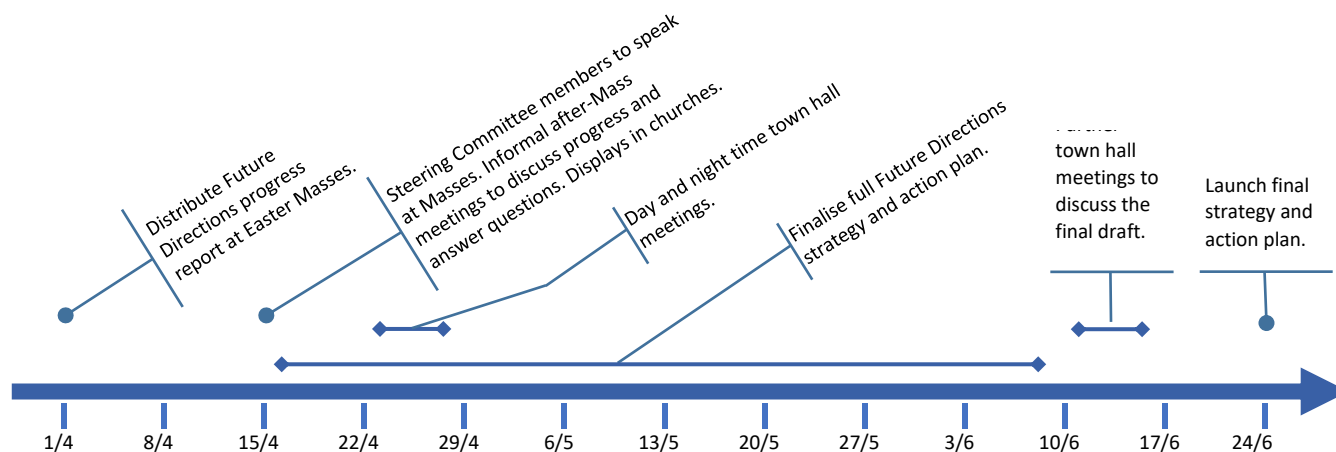
The sub-committees have been working on a series of action plans to support the implementation of our Vision. These plans will acknowledge and build on the excellent work already being done by our various Parish groups and volunteers. In addition, we will seek ways of extending our mission, encouraging more parishioners to be involved in Parish life, and reaching out to the many people in Malvern East who identify as Catholics but have no connection with our Parish.

## *The way ahead*

In mid-April, the various action plans will be displayed for your information and comment on special notice boards in both churches. You will be invited to provide your feedback on the proposals as well as to provide additional action plan ideas. There will be various ways for you to provide feedback on the proposals.

We intend to hold several meetings in the Parish both during the day and in the evening to provide the opportunity for all to come along, hear more and be able to comment and provide your feedback.

Following is the proposed timeline for this consultative process:



## *Are you prepared to live your Faith?*

We need **your** support and participation in finalising and most importantly implementing our vision and action plans for the future. As a first step we encourage all parishioners to review and think about these proposals and to let us have your comments and ideas.

During this season of Easter, Monsignor Stuart and your Steering Committee invite you to approach the empty tomb with faith and confidence, so that the Light of the Risen Lord may fill you with the peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit who descended upon the early church at Pentecost.



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