



## Future Directions Progress Report – June 2018

During April and May the Future Directions Steering Committee asked for your comments and ideas about the challenges facing our Parish and how we might grow our Faith and our Community over the next 10 years.

Many parishioners read and discussed the material displayed in both churches and provided their comments and suggestions. The response was extremely encouraging and augers well for the future of our Parish.

### *Thank you for your Comments and Suggestions*

More than 22 pages of comments and suggestions were received from parishioners via hand-written submissions, email responses and feedback from our two Town Hall meetings. In addition, 46 Youth Survey forms were returned.

Commentary on the process and the work undertaken to date by the sub-committees was overwhelmingly positive. But we also received many new suggestions which we now need to review and consider for inclusion in our Mission Statements and Action Plans. Given the volume of feedback, this is going to take a few weeks.

Just on 75% of your submissions focused on three areas: Spiritual & Liturgy (44%); Youth (17%); and Community Service (14%). This has given us plenty to think about in terms of setting priorities for the short- and long-term future.

### *So where to from here?*

As part of our analysis of your feedback, we are identifying ideas and suggestions that could be implemented immediately without waiting for the formal review process to be completed. We hope you will see some movement on these in the coming months.

In the meantime, the sub-committees will be finalising their Action Plans including:

- Incorporating the feedback from parishioners;
- Examining the impact on existing Parish groups and activities and building on the excellent work already being done;
- Identifying the resources (money and people) required for implementation; and
- Proposing implementation priorities and timelines.

This work will be completed before the end of June. Focus will then shift to developing the final overall report and implementation plan. We expect to complete this by the end of July.

The all-important implementation plan will nominate the key resources needed to make our vision a reality. To this end, during July we will be seeking your help. We have set a target date in mid-August for the Future Directions launch. More information on the launch will be included in future weekly Mass sheets.