

"A PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES, A SANCTUARY WHERE THE THIRSTY COMES TO DRINK IN THE MIDST OF THEIR JOURNEY, AND A CENTRE OF CONSTANT MISSIONARY OUTREACH"

POPE FRANCIS,
EVANGELII GAUDIUM 28



Key Dates

9th & 10th June	Community Weekend
16th & 17th June	Our Future Weekend

Our Future Forum—14th June

Forum to discuss parish achievements, plans & values

10:45am Church	7:00pm Church
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St Oliver Plunkett's—Pascoe Vale

Welcome to week three of our Parish Thanksgiving Program.

This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community where people are welcomed, known and loved.

It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means that we all have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many groups and ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the "Groups & Ministries" list to see what best suits you.

At Masses this weekend we will hear from members of the Parish Leadership team who will talk about the impact our faith and our parish has made in their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contributions to parish life.

Thoughts from our Leadership Team

Why is it important to be involved in Parish Groups and Ministries?

"To strengthen one's faith and the faith of the members of the parish; to provide support and education to the younger members of the parish and to assist in the pastoral need of the members of the parish and the wider community" - **Tina Baltatzis**

"Good to share with others, my Christian faith; contributing what I can

To better understand the role each of us must play to support and to give by example for the good and the needs of the parish" - **John Pertile**

"Much of my faith life is expressed outside the Parish (for example, with the Pallottines and in my work as a journalist with the Catholic and Anglican press here and overseas). The Church is global but it is also local; it is concerned with the things of Heaven but also of Earth. Strong communities of faith such as parishes offer opportunities for personal spiritual growth but also for pitching in where God's Spirit leads, where there is need, etc. To be Catholic is to be concerned with one's own relationship with God but also to recognise and respond to God's love for all Creation. Parish Groups and Ministries offer a means through which the personal and communal aspects of Christian life can be realised. A friend who worked alongside the Pallottines with Indigenous Australians, including prisoners, in WA once said: "I always wanted to try to live out The Beatitudes and the Pallottines have helped me do that." Soon-to-be St Paul VI wrote in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* in 1975: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." At their best, Parish Groups and Ministries help us live in these ways, too" - **Mark Brolly**

"We all have different skills, talents and gifts which we can contribute to our parish groups. By becoming involved in different groups and ministries, we form a common ground, a home where we can interact with others and share in our faith and love for God" - **Emily Monaco**

"To be actively involved in ministry allows me to reach out to others who are not able to attend church. To use my second language, Italian, to share the Good News" - **Anonymous**