



**1 Peter 5:10**

Dear Parishioners,

Following my visit to St. Anthony's parish, a letter with recommendations was sent to Father Leenus and to the Archbishop, another report was provided to the Archbishop with my observations on what I saw and heard whilst with you.

Fr Leenus has asked for a Summary of Recommendations following the Visitation to St. Anthony's Parish Glenhuntly that he could publish with the parishioners so as to develop an action plan. It is below:

1. That the parish priest and principal have a good relationship, to enhance this partnership, they should note the requirement on page 7 of the *Working Together in Mission* document regarding meeting together on a regular basis rather than in *ad hoc* or *as needed* terms.

2. The Liturgy is prayerfully celebrated at St Anthony's: Formal recognition to the quality of the music ministry at St. Anthony's is merited. And, encouragement to recruit and support the ministry of altar serving.

3. As an established parish, there is always a constant need for maintenance of parish properties for the safety of parishioners, staff and visitors. These are some areas that I observed that are in need of attention:

1. CHURCH: Give urgent attention to the repair of the broken stairs at the front door.. Add or renew slip prevention strips to all the stairs. 2. Install a hand rail at the stairs on the choir side of the sanctuary. 3. Urgently have the carpet stretched to remove trip hazards. 4. In the next year, the carpet needs replacement. 5. Attention to the paths leading to the parish office and the presbytery is required. OTHER 5. A formal inspection of the parish properties be requested from the Property office of the Archdiocese with a report to the parish priest. This will allow for financial and maintenance planning.

4. The Parish Safeguarding Committee is working well to ensure a safe and welcoming environment at the parish. There are two recommendations:

1. As there is no Parish Pastoral Council, the Safeguarding Committee should make their concerns known to the Finance and Maintenance Committee, Fr Leenus, Veronica and Gwen.

2. As Tony's Café is a parish activity, all adult volunteers need to have WWCCs. Young people volunteering need proper supervision and are not to be put in any vulnerable situation with other volunteers or guests.

5. Parish Office: Compliments to Shoba for the accuracy of the records. 1. Purchase of a fire proof safe or cabinet to store the historic registers is recommended. 2. The old gas heater in the meeting room of the parish office needs to be checked against new safety regulations for that type of heater.

6. Parish Life: At the parish forum, the vibrancy of the community and parish life at St Anthony's was evident. Parishioners were particularly proud of Tony's Café and the spirit that it generates in the parish whilst serving the poor. Some recommendations from the parish forum were:

1. That the parish, as soon as practicable, engage with the Proclaim team to establish a parish pastoral council so that the priest and people have a suitable vehicle for working together on pastoral planning. This will also serve to insulate that parish against the negative experiences that were mentioned at both the forum and the leaders' meeting.

2. That the wonderful outreach ministry of the parish be complimented and complemented by the establishment of avenues for the parishioners to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

Wishing you all God's blessings and thank you for a wonderful visit,

+ Tony Ireland  
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