



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

DEEPDENE &
BALWYN AND
CAMBERWELL
PARISHES



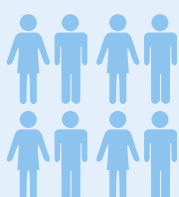
OUR PARISHES AT A GLANCE

2 PARISHES **3** CHURCHES **1** SCHOOL **1** RETIREMENT VILLAGE

OUR PEOPLE

10,000

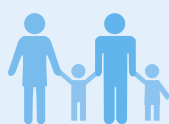
Catholics



485

people in
ministry

8 Masses 52 weeks
of the year



3074

families across
both parishes

16

concerts
held across
the parishes



More than **60**
musicians – organists,
singers and
instrumentalists



39 ministries in
our parishes

Live music at more than

350

masses and major liturgies

SACRAMENTAL LIFE AND CELEBRATIONS

56 Infant & young child
Baptisms

2 Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults (RCIA)

50 Weddings

40 Funerals

51 Children received their
First Eucharist

70 Children were Confirmed

70 Children received their
First Reconciliation

OUR PARTNERSHIPS



Villa Maria
Catholic Homes



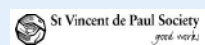
CatholicCare



Brigidine Asylum
Seeker Project



Youth
Engagement
Project (YEP)



St Vincent de Paul
Society

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WELCOME

Rev Dr Brendan J Reed Parish Priest

Welcome to the first annual report of the partnered Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell. I am proud of the achievements that have taken place over the past three years as the partnership between these two parishes has developed and matured. The last year has seen a growth in shared activities and resources and an improved platform to achieve our vision and mission. The vision of Deepdene & Balwyn Parish is that each parishioner witnesses to Christ in their own way every day. Camberwell Parish vision is similar and complementary: an open caring place of people seeking to live in close relationship with God where everyone is welcome. The role of our parishes is to create an environment where parishioners are strengthened in their knowledge and experience of the living God, made known in Jesus Christ, in order that through love and service of God and neighbour the human family may flourish and the reign of God be recognised.

This report focuses on the life and achievements of our parishes: our liturgical life, our sacramental programs, our outreach activities, our opportunities for community engagement. It includes the significant emphasis on education we have through Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Primary School at Deepdene. It highlights the community at Barnsbury, the outstanding Retirement Village of Deepdene & Balwyn Parish.

It draws attention to the growing number of partnerships our parishes are involved in, including, the Youth Engagement Project (YEP); our partnership with CatholicCare to deliver housing and support to asylum seekers; our partnership with Villa Maria Catholic Homes, who manage our retirement village at Barnsbury; our welcoming of St Paul's School which will relocate to Balwyn, within our parish in 2019.

The achievements of our parishes show that Pope Francis is right in asserting that "the parish is not an outdated institution, precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours

depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community" (The Joy of the Gospel, 28). Our parishes date back to the late 19th and early 20th century where parish life was much different. During 2018 Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes shared five lay staff and two priests who supported the engagement of hundreds of active parishioners in parish life.

Over the course of any one year many rich and enriching experiences make up parish life. I hope that this report will give a flavour of some of the many things that have made up the life of these engaged Catholic parishes in 2018. This report captures only the activities that are the formal and recognised ones of the parish. If the witness of love, and charitable works of each parishioner in all its fullness was recorded there would not be enough pages!

With best wishes and thanks to all who are part of the Catholic community of these great partnered parishes.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Brendan J Reed". The signature is stylized and fluid.

LIZ TEHAN

CHAIR, PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM DEEPDENE & BALWYN



Reflecting on the last 12 months as Chair of the Deepdene & Balwyn Parish Leadership Team, I can see that we have achieved many things. However, there is still much to be completed. At the start of the year, we decided to focus on four main areas – Stewardship Renewal, Asset Management, Governance and Identity.

The Stewardship Renewal program was conducted during the year with a positive outcome of an increase in contributions. Whilst there is a process to follow for any renewal program, we introduced some new ideas and will look to further improve our process in the future.

The second area of our focus was the use of our physical assets. We particularly looked at Brenbeal Street - the primary school, the Church, the McCarthy Centre, the Parish Office. In 2019 St Paul's School will be moving into the newly refurbished school campus on Brenbeal Street. As we strengthen our relationship with Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH), we hope to expand our parish mission and become partners in the life journey of both the children with disabilities and their families. We will explore the possibility of developing programs with VMCH that will address some of the gaps in support.

Our third area of focus was the governance structure of our parish. We are suggesting a new model of governance for our parish. It is proposed to have one Parish Council that oversees all parish activities. At present, different committees work independently looking after the parish activities such as PLT, Finance Committee, Barnsbury Governance, Brenbeal Strategic Direction, Worship Committee, with the Parish Priest as the central point of governance. Our aim is to continue all activities functioning efficiently and achieving their goals. The structure that will manage these activities is envisioned as a single team of appropriately skilled parishioners who will ensure that all groups are supported as needed and strategically aligned to the parish mission.

The final area of focus was our Parish Identity. Fr Brendan took us through sessions on Catholic Identity and provided us with the latest research in this area. As many Catholics are drifting away from traditional ways of worship, we wanted to explore the different models of identity that a parish can adopt, and what they might mean for our current and future parish activities. We are seeking to be an Engaged Parish - connected to those outside our community and expressing our faith through service to others. Throughout 2019 we will reflect on what this means for our parish, looking at what we do, through the lens of engagement so that our actions will encourage more people, especially younger people, to join our faith community.

I would like to thank all the current members of the Parish Leadership Team, those stepping down this year, and especially Fr Brendan and Tricia Norman, for the support and encouragement they have provided to me over the last two years as Chair of the Parish Leadership Team. It is now my turn to step down and hand over to Julie Douglas who has kindly agreed to become the Chairperson. Julie will be guiding us all as we endeavour to move to a new model of governance in 2019.

MARY MCCLOSKEY

CHAIR, PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM CAMBERWELL

It was an extremely busy year for the Parish Leadership Team (PLT) at Our Lady of Victories as we endeavoured to contribute to the Parish's vision of being "...an open, caring place of people seeking to live in close relationship with God where everyone is welcome."



Early in the year the PLT drew up a Pastoral Action Plan for the Parish consisting of five pillars - Stewardship, Worship, Learning, Outreach and Participation - that are both independent and supportive of each other. In 2018 it was decided to focus primarily on Stewardship within our parish.

To encourage greater involvement during our liturgical celebrations, and particularly during the Sunday Mass, the Ministers of the Eucharist and the lectors are now involved in welcoming all before

Mass, providing hymn books and newsletters to people as they arrive.

The Hospitality Group has grown and provides refreshments after the morning Masses on the third Sunday of the month. The volunteers have worked hard to create a greater sense of belonging within our parish community, and more each month stop for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. The Stewardship Renewal Programme was launched in August, with members of the PLT speaking at all Masses about parish involvement and support.

In June we set terms of reference for a sub-committee to look at the need and scope for the enhancement of the interior of the Basilica with a view to making it more welcoming and hospitable to both regular Mass attendees and visitors alike. This is a joint exercise involving representatives of the PLT and Finance Committee, and a number of possible initiatives were identified in a preliminary report submitted in November. These will be developed further in the first half of 2019 with a view to having firm recommendations available for consideration by the middle of the year.

2018 was of course the Centenary of the opening of the Basilica and, on Sunday 7 October, a special Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Hart to mark the occasion. The Centenary itself was preceded by a series of special concerts highlighting the magnificent Basilica organ that also underwent major renovations during the year.

As I come to the end of my term as Chair of the PLT, I would like to thank my fellow team members – past and present - for their unfailing support through this time. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed group of people who have always had the best interests of the parish and its parishioners at heart.

JENNIFER GRAY

PRINCIPAL, OUR LADY OF
GOOD
COUNSEL PRIMARY
SCHOOL

As I reflect on the 2018 school year I thank God for every moment, every encounter and every experience. There

continues to be so much hope for the future of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Primary School as we aspire to be a leading faith community inspiring learners to shape tomorrow.

Our enrolments at the start of 2018 were 225 students, with 28 new prep students, 12 class groups and 27 full and part-time staff members. What a pleasure to work and learn alongside so many amazing people in our school, parish and community.

Education is the focus in any school setting and this takes form through the academic, social, emotional and spiritual development of every student. OLGC continues to meet the needs of all its students to achieve success in all areas. The staff are dedicated, passionate and professional, leading the learning and teaching. Their capacity to build strong relationships with their students, parents, colleagues and the broader community is a testament to their commitment to the vision of our school.

The Parents' Association continued to meet its vision to build community and fundraise under the guidance of Olivia Hemphill as President. Each year we see parents commit their time and talents to organise outstanding events and build the community of OLGC. This is one of the strengths of our school and our point of difference.

The School Board in 2018 has worked effectively and efficiently under the guidance of Roanne Innes as Chair. Her strong leadership has focused us to contribute and lead where we are strongest. The project groups: Marketing; Communication; Education; Governance; Finance; Facilities; and Sponsorship have all experienced success in meeting the goals and the vision of the Board.

Our commitment to Child Safety is stronger than ever as we continue to implement changes to build a culture that safeguards young people. This task is ongoing and we are committed to ensuring that child safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you to the staff, the students, and the parents, and to all members of the school community for sharing your expertise, your passions, your joy and your generous time. To Fr Brendan, Fr Sang and the Parish staff we extend our gratitude to you all for your support and loyalty. I look forward to another productive year in 2019 as we continue the important work of leading our school and strengthening Catholic Education.



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

MUSIC IN OUR PARISHES

Inspired by Psalm 100's call to 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth', our buildings have been resplendent in sound both in the worship of God and in exploring the richness of the Sacred Arts. Here are some highlights of the musical events throughout the year.

CHOIRS

The mixed voice choir of Our Lady of Victories Basilica has grown into one of the Archdiocese's premier choral ensembles. The choir continues to explore much of the rich musical heritage both new and old of church music. Highlights for 2018 included a grueling schedule through Holy Week (singing at all Holy Week Liturgies), and also excelling at the Basilica's Centenary Celebration Mass in October.

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Choir was re-established in 2018, singing at 10.30 am Mass on the third Sunday of each month. The choir comprises parishioners of all ages and backgrounds and continues to grow. New members are most welcome – rehearsal is held immediately before Mass. The two choirs combined for the Parishes' celebration of Confirmation in St Patrick's Cathedral in November.

CONCERTS

Four special Centenary concerts have taken place to celebrate 100 years of the Basilica. Soprano Georgia Wilkinson (March) and internationally-renowned



flautist Peter Sheridan (May) joined Director of Music Christopher Trikilis at the organ for concerts early in the year. In August we were dazzled with two performances: the visiting Hong Kong-based Asia International Handbells (basing themselves at the Basilica while in Melbourne), the series concluded with a thrilling Centenary Organ Concert performed by Professor Wolfgang Capek from Vienna. In July, we hosted a number of talented Suzuki Organ students from New South Wales in OLGC Church, who put the church's new Johannus organ through its paces in an impressive concert, also showcasing their skills on other instruments.

A feature of the Basilica's music calendar is the annual Advent Organ Concerts. Held each Sunday



afternoon throughout Advent and with free admission, parishioners and visitors an opportunity to enjoy some of Melbourne's best musicians' music of the season amid the 'rush before Christmas'.

Ensemble Gombert, one of Australia's leading early music choirs, has, in 2018, based its annual concert series at the Basilica. This acapella choir specialises in music of Medieval and Renaissance periods, singing out from under the Basilica's dome. The Tudor Choristers, one of Melbourne's longest established and much-loved choirs, also performed their annual concert in early December to a large and appreciative audience.

ORGAN

The Basilica is blessed to have one of Australia's finest pipe organs. Built in Ireland in 1920, some essential maintenance works have taken place on the 3000-pipe instrument throughout September to ensure it remains playable for future generations. Works will continue throughout 2019.



ALTAR SERVERS

The ministry of altar server encourages young people to engage in their faith through service to the Church. As altar servers they have the



opportunity to work alongside priests, sacristans, other servers and liturgical ministers, to ensure the smooth running of liturgical celebrations. In 2018, **10** young people from our school joined this ministry and they were commissioned together with other current altar servers. During 2018, there were many opportunities for the servers to catch up, get to know each other better, and share their friendship. Events organised included a movie night, bowling night and Christmas dinner.

BAPTISM

Through baptism we welcome new parishioners into our faith community. It is a wonderful sign of new life and hope in a growing community. This is no less obvious across our two parishes where in 2018 we welcomed **56** infants and young children through baptism, as well as two adult members



through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

EUCCHARIST, CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION

Preparing our young parishioners for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation is a yearly task undertaken by our teachers at Our Lady of Good Counsel School as well as five volunteer catechists. In 2018 we had **51** students prepare for their First Eucharist, **70** candidates prepare for Confirmation and **70** students present for preparation for Reconciliation. These students were drawn from



both our parishes, from Our Lady of Good Counsel School and from **11** Government and private schools from nearby suburbs.



FUNERALS

At Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes we acknowledge that the death of a loved one brings a profound sense of loss for families. The funeral rites of the Church provide an opportunity to pray for our deceased loved ones in the hope of eternal life offered to us by Jesus Christ and to gather in support of one another as we mourn.

In 2018, **40** funerals were held across the parishes with **20** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, **10** at All Hallows Church and **10** at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. On occasions, we accompanied families during the time of illness through to the time of death, with planning and support provided to family members in preparation for the funeral Mass or liturgy.

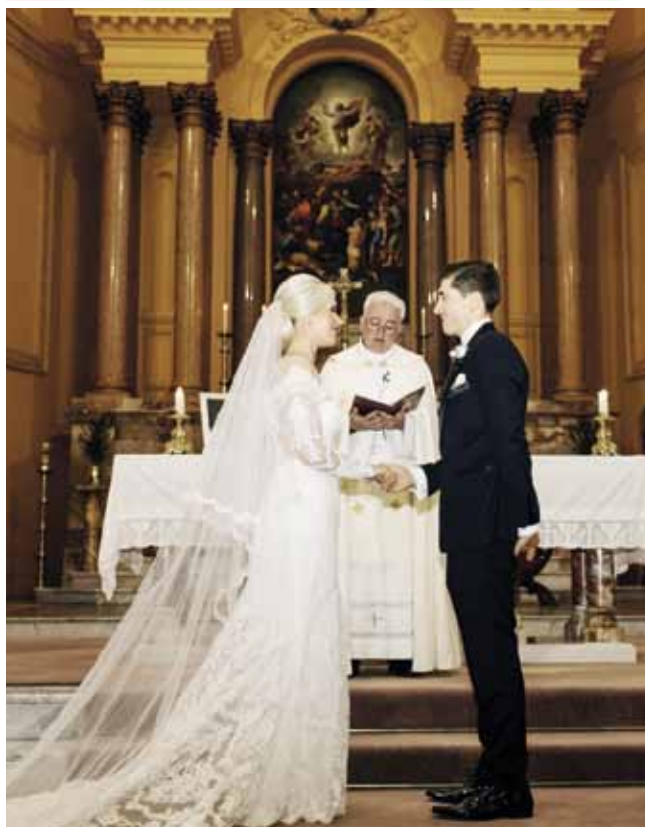
November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. Families who experienced the loss of a loved one during the year were invited to Mass on All Souls' Day at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church where we remembered and prayed for their deceased relatives and friends. Following Mass we

gathered for supper, giving families the opportunity to share stories and memories and to connect with one another as a community of faith.

WEDDINGS

Our two parishes have attracted a number of weddings, with the newly refurbished Our Lady of Good Counsel being a highlight for many couples. The refurbished gardens at Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell have also attracted many young couples as a place for wedding photographs.

Across both parishes we celebrated **50** weddings.



OUTREACH

PARISH LIFE

The commitment to pastoral care is an important part of parish life. It is a coordinated ministry that actively discerns and responds to the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of parishioners, including those who reside in aged care facilities.

PASTORALCARE REGISTER

A pastoral care register is maintained throughout the year and in 2018 around **60** pastoral requests were recorded. Many requests involved administration of the Sacraments by Fr Brendan and Fr Sang including Anointing of the Sick for those who were seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery or in poor health due to age, as well as Reconciliation and final prayers and blessings for the dying. There were also requests for pastoral visits with Communion and other needs associated with changed circumstances due to ill health or family situations.

ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

In 1978 a parishioner willed her home in Abercrombie Street, Balwyn to the Parish of Deepdene. Over the next four decades this property hosted some **40** refugee families, **200** people,

from **17** overseas countries. In 2004 the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group was formed to continue the parish involvement with the settlement of families in the house in a way that suited the changing circumstances of the asylum seekers and refugees. By 2014 this house had reached the end of its natural life but commitment to people seeking asylum and refuge continues. In 2015 two new townhouses were built in Balwyn and a new partnership with CatholicCare to provide transitional housing for asylum seekers and refugees began. And so the benefit of the original bequest continues to flow.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Through the Ministry of Communion to the Sick, those members of our parish communities who were unable to be present at the celebration of the Eucharist were able to receive Communion throughout the year. Some were unable to leave their homes due to illness or physical limitations, while others were in hospital or reside in aged care facilities. A total of **43** parishioners served as Communion to the Sick Ministers and conducted Communion services or visits to **10** aged care facilities, one hospital and **13** private homes across the parishes for approximately **390** people each month. During these visits each shared the support and concern of our parish communities.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was celebrated during **23** Masses for residents at aged care facilities during the year. Mass of Anointing was also celebrated in May and November at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church followed by hospitality in the Gathering Space coordinated by the Care Group.



PARTICIPATION

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes engaged in the first phase of the Plenary Council 2020 with an invitation to all parishioners to participate in Listening and Dialogue sessions. The sessions involved an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Together, participants responded to the question, “What do you think God is asking of us at this time in Australia?” and identified questions about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider. These sessions were held in October and November with almost **140** people participating across five sessions. A parish response from these sessions is being collated for submission to the Plenary Council and will also be used for future parish planning.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The newly formed Friendship Group has become a social outlet for many parishioners across Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes. The group was established in late 2017 after parishioners identified the need for greater social connection. A range of activities have taken place throughout the year including morning tea and cards each fortnight, a movie, lunches, a monthly patchwork group, as well as a garden visit with Devonshire tea. Members of the group propose ideas and take the lead in their delivery. New friendships have been formed during the year and hobbies and interests have been nurtured.



CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets on a monthly basis and has sewn a number of quilts over the years to donate to asylum seekers, refugees and other organisations. In addition, parishioners have warmly embraced the Knit One Give One Project. Many people have donated their time and skill with knitting and crocheting warm winter items for children and adults. These goods are distributed to people in need throughout Melbourne.



HOSPITALITY



Hospitality is an important expression of the gospel message of Jesus to love one another. Both our parishes' hospitality teams have grown during 2018 and have welcomed many visitors and parishioners with refreshments after Sunday morning Masses.

At Our Lady of Victories, the hospitality team hosted morning tea in the entrance of the Basilica following 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses on the fourth Sunday of each month throughout the year. Parishioners were also invited to hospitality in the Parish Hall following the Centenary Mass on Sunday, 7 October and the St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass on Sunday, 28 October. The hospitality team, comprising of six parishioners, coordinated these celebrations, with many other parishioners generously assisting with catering and serving on the day. Genevieve Bryant, the YEP Coordinator and members of YEP team also assisted with hosting a morning tea during the year.

Likewise at Our Lady of Good Counsel, there is team of volunteers who host and coordinate hospitality at OLGC and All Hallows each month.



The hospitality team supported many events throughout the year including the two book launches and Fr Sang's Farewell.

THE CENTENARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The Centenary of the opening of Our Lady of Victories Basilica was a wonderful celebration for our parish communities. Emeritus Archbishop Denis Hart celebrated the liturgy, with the Basilica Choir providing the wonderful musical support. After the Mass, all visitors and parishioners were invited to share in hospitality – coordinated by the hospitality team - in the parish hall. It was a wonderful day of story-telling and reminiscing for young and old.

FATHER SANG'S FAREWELL

Father Sang's Farewell provided another opportunity for the hospitality team at OLGC & All Hallows to serve the community with refreshments, welcoming the many visitors and parishioners from both Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes. The farewell speeches at the conclusion of Mass showed all how much Fr Sang was a valued and loved member of our parishes. The gathering space was straining at the seams with many parishioners temporarily returning from their holidays to attend this event and all appeared to enjoy the opportunity to socialise with each other.



MINISTERS

The life of an engaged parish not only welcomes all who want to participate in a vibrant Catholic culture, but also reaches out to those in need within and beyond the parish boundaries. In our partnered parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell many of the ministries of service are provided collaboratively across both parishes with one group

of volunteers. Without the service and assistance of volunteers our parishes would be places of few people with little life and involvement. On behalf of all parishioners in both parishes, and the staff who assist with the coordination of the programs, Fr Brendan would like to thank you all for your generosity of spirit and kindness of heart.



DEEPDENE & BALWYN and CAMBERWELL PARISHES

PARISH GROUPS

Parish Leadership Team 2018

Deepline & Balwyn

Fr Brendan Reed
Fr Sang Ho
Frank Borbogello
Maurice Borgobello
Nicholas Boyhan
Sarah Coghlan
Julie Douglas
Ben Fung
Jennifer Gray
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Anton McKernan
Tina Natoli
Tricia Norman
Tony Paolini
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Liz Tehan (Chair)

Parish Leadership Team Camberwell

Fr Brendan Reed
Fr Sang Ho
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Vince Curatore
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Simon Donahoe
Sharon Freeman
Aaron Lane
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LEARNING

Adult Education

Parish Office

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Sharon Freeman

OLGC Parish School Parents'

Association

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OUTREACH

Asylum Seeker & Refugee

Support Group

Helen Darrer

Care Group

Deepline & Balwyn

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Indigenous Australia Project

Anne McIlroy

Social Justice Committee

Parish Office

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Deepline & Balwyn Conference

Terry Janes

St Vincent de Paul Society

Camberwell Conference

Kevin Rogers

PARTICIPATION

Boroondara Deanery

Deepline & Balwyn

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Boroondara Deanery

Camberwell

Simon Donahoe

Craft Group

Stella Robinson

Family Groups

Parish Office

Kitty Craft

Barbara Arbon

Friendship Group

Parish Office

Press Club (Newsletter)

Parish Office

Tennis Club

James Wilton

Welcome & Hospitality Group

Deepline & Balwyn

Parish Office

Camberwell

Parish Office

Youth Engagement Project (YEP)

Genevieve Bryant

STEWARDSHIP

Communication Group

Parish Office

Communiqué

John Peyton

Counters

Kate Baines

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Deepline & Balwyn

Anthony Jackson

Finance Committee

Camberwell

John Hickey

WORSHIP

Altar Servers

Parish Office

Altar Society

Camberwell

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Baptism/New Connections

Sharon Freeman

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Tricia Norman

Communion to the Sick/Aged

Tricia Norman

Legion of Mary

Camberwell

Parish Office

Liturgy Group Camberwell

Fr Brendan Reed

Liturgy Rosters (Lectors, Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers)

Tricia Norman

Men's Scripture Group

Camberwell

Francis Bourke

Organists/Cantors

Chris Trikalis

Piety Stall - Camberwell

Julianne Kelley

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Lyn Kane

Sacraments

Sharon Freeman

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PARTNERSHIPS

No engaged parish can respond to need and provide services on their own. Our parishes are fortunate to have a number of partners across various projects.

BARNSBURY RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Deepdene and Balwyn Parish developed and created Barnsbury, 32 luxury lifestyle apartments, in 2011 offering residents a close-knit community where lifestyle and social interaction is very much encouraged through social groups, networks, and associations. Barnsbury is meticulously designed to provide stylish accommodation, with a comprehensive suite of community amenities and services, complemented by its delightful interior gardens.



All people from diverse cultures, nationalities, faiths, and walks of life are welcomed into the Barnsbury community, what we share is our humanity, our respect for one another, and the community we create together. Our caring culture reflects the Catholic ethos and our values of respect, compassion, integrity, collaboration, and partnership, inclusion and stewardship. Through our growing partnership with Villa Maria Catholic Homes, assistance is provided for all residents to remain active and connected to the community and supported in their lifestyle choice.

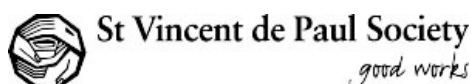
BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) aims to provide hospitality and practical support for people seeking asylum. Both parishes contribute to BASP with Donation Baskets on a monthly basis providing goods such as non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning products, and baby goods.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society was founded in Paris in 1833 and our conferences (Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell) continue to meet the needs within our community with home visits, bread runs, hampers, scholarships, appeals and the "Assist a Student" programme – which is designed to meet some of the educational expenses of students in less wealthy countries. The parishes generously support these two conferences and have contributed over a total of \$20,000 this year to the Christmas 2017 and Winter 2018 appeals. Terry Janes is the Conference President for Deepdene & Balwyn and Kevin Rogers is President of the Camberwell Conference.



CATHOLIC CARE

2018 marked the third year of our partnership with CatholicCare. CatholicCare assists us in the management of our Asylum Seeker and Refugee housing support project. Our two houses in Jurang Street are dedicated to this purpose and have provided a place of refuge for a number of families.



VILLA MARIA CATHOLIC HOMES

In 2017-2018 we strengthened our partnership with Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH). VMCH manage our Barnsbury Retirement Village in Barnsbury Road and members of VMCH also sit on the Barnsbury Governance Committee. During 2018 VMCH signed a long term lease on the parish's former All Hallows School site in Brenbeal Street. The school site will now become the new home to St Pauls School in 2019. The relocation of St Paul's to the Brenbeal Street site provides further opportunities for our parish to work with VMCH.



YEP

The Youth Engagement Project (YEP) is an initiative of the parishes and schools of Deepdene & Balwyn, Kew, Hawthorn, Genazanno FCJ College and Xavier College. Through this initiative, the local partnership of parishes and schools support the young heart of the Church.



In 2018 Camberwell Parish became an associate member of YEP with John Anthony representing Camberwell Parish on the YEP Board. The YEP independent board is chaired by John Lee and meets monthly to direct and support the activities of YEP led by the Coordinator, Genevieve Bryant.

In the last year YEP has continued to evolve and is gearing up for the 10th anniversary celebrations in 2019. During the last year YEP has run immersion camps for Year 9, continued to run immersion experiences in Bourke for Years 11 and 12 and post school young adults, created a weekly Youth Adult Ministry (YAM) and a monthly secondary school gathering, Thank God it's Friday (TGI). During 2018 the YEP team assisted with a Sunday evening monthly family Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in Kew as well as continuing to lead the first Sunday of the month Mass at 5.00 pm at Deepdene.



CHILD SAFETY

Both Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes hold child-safety as a priority. Following on from our 2017 training and information sessions and respecting the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, both our parishes have embraced the desire to create Child-Safe Parishes. To this end, both Parish Leadership Teams have undertaken risk analyses of the interior and surrounds of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Our Lady of Victories Basilica.

It has been our aim to make our church environments safe for children and the vulnerable. Consequently at Our Lady of Victories there has been new signage with clear directions to toilets, YEP Office and the presbytery as well as adequate lighting for the pathways. The renovations at Our



Lady of Good Counsel have meant that little was required, but the raised consciousness of issues of safety has ensured that as concerns arise they have been reported and addressed – Our Lady of Good Counsel has also received a new sign to replace the one that was stolen.

It is anticipated that during 2019 further work will continue to implement the National and State Child Safety standards so that we can ensure that our parishes continue to be child-safe.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

The parishes' weekly newsletter is sent out electronically to more than 900 subscribers. This is followed up with regular alerts regarding upcoming parish and school activities. We relaunched the Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes Facebook page, providing updates on events and parish happenings.



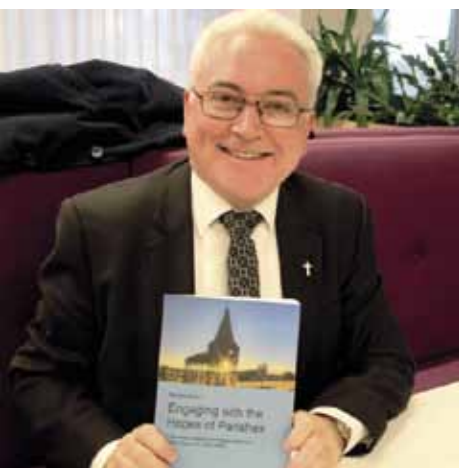
The weekly newsletter supports the liturgical message of the week and highlights all upcoming events across our parishes, school and surrounds. The newsletter is folded every week by a dedicated group of volunteers who are known as The Press Club.

With approximately 10 members, they meet once a week to fold the Newsletter ready for distribution at each of our Masses.



2018 WAS THE YEAR OF TWO BOOK LAUNCHES

ENGAGING WITH THE HOPES OF PARISHES



In 2018 Archbishop Hart launched 'Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes' by Brendan Reed. On the occasion of the launch, Fr Brendan reflected on the significance of the book.

"This work of measuring and enhancing the identity of schools and parishes grapples with the ongoing challenge of

religious and ideological pluralism that marks our day. As Pope Francis says, we live in a changed era. The days of mass Christianity and all that went with that in western culture are all but gone. We hand on the faith in much changed circumstances and therefore, it is with great care that we try to understand our context, the dreams and hopes, fears and anxieties of the communities in which we live and work.

In *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes* I have tried to describe key cultural factors that impact on the task of handing on the faith: globalization, a consumerist environment where everything can be marketed, the 'detraditionalisation' of so many formerly trusted mechanisms for handing on faith, family life, culture and so forth.

For me the answer is not to withdraw. Nor is it for a naïve effort of unsophisticated renewed (often packaged) proclamation. The response lays in a deep engagement with our world, our culture, our people. A dialogue that seeks to understand, that can challenge our rusted on and taken for granted perspectives on the living tradition, and that can find a space for stories old and new to converge. This book, this research, is not about resuscitating parish life but about renewal born from going deeper into understanding our world, probing deeper into our own parishes and being born again. That is incarnational.

I know that sometimes people are looking for immediate results and visible transformation of schools and parishes now. But a time of change and handing on the faith in a new era is going to take time; reflection; discernment; trial and error; successes and failures.

There is much that this project can offer the renewal of parishes and dioceses."

Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes is published by Lit Verlag, Munster and may be purchased online.

DEEPDENE

In late November another book was launched in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. What a fitting place to unveil the book that narrates the story of the creation of such a beautiful space. Fr Brendan Reed introduced the author, Sr Rosemary Crumlin, who then spoke of the joy, beauty, struggle and challenge of putting together such a treasure.

The book documents the story of the transformation of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Each artifact shines, as Rosemary guides us with scripture, theology and artistic reverence through the items' creation and reverent presence.

It is a wonderful achievement by all those involved in its' production: Sr Rosemary Crumlin (author), Chris Kapa (photographer), Wendie Parkinson, Christine Heffernan, Claire Bolitho, Mary D'arcy, and Kate Baines. This book offers the reader an opportunity to ponder, to reflect on the meaning of architectural elements in the Church and to enter into the mystery and wonder of God that is captured by the sculptors and artists through wood, stone and mosaic.

Books may be purchased from the Parish Office.



OUR PARISH FINANCES

Each parish is responsible for its financial health and vitality. Our parishes income is derived from the generous giving of parishioners and supplemented by the wise and good management of the assets which we have inherited over the life of our parishes.

In 2018 a Stewardship Renewal Program was conducted and the average giving from 450 givers is \$19.67. Our expenditure supports the various ministries and activities across our parishes. A summary of the finances is found in the tables below.

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	OLGC & ALL HALLOWS (\$ '000)	OUR LADY OF VICTORIES (\$ '000)
Assets		
Current		
Cash at bank	630	507
Receivables (net)	5	12
Investment monies	3,060	
Other		
Total	3,695	519
Non Current		
Barnsbury development	29,262	
Furniture & Equipment (net)	599	5,132
Properties non income producing (churches & presbyteries)	15,785	61,720
Properties income producing	9,620	9,455
Total	55,266	76,307
Total Assets	58,961	76,826
Liabilities		
Current		
Creditors & Accruals	(52)	(59)
Other		
Total	(52)	(59)
Non Current		
CDF Loans	0	(1,117)
CDF Loan Barnsbury		
Other - Barnsbury Lease Loans	(29,262)	
Total	(29,262)	(1,117)
Total Liabilities	(29,314)	(1,176)
Net Assets	29,647	75,650

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL & ALL HALLOWS PARISH, DEEPDENE & BALWYN

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

YEAR ENDED	31 DECEMBER 2018	
	ACTUALS Jan-Dec 2018 OLGC & ALL HALLOWS (\$ '000)	ACTUALS Jan-Dec 2018 OUR LADY OF VICTORIES (\$ '000)
Income		
Stewardship (net of bulid fund)	210	155
Rents	294	299
Other	40	65
OLV Administration fee	110	
Interest	37	3
Total	691	522
Expenditure		
Learning	11	
Outreach	29	
Participation	45	20
Worship	138	97
Stewardship	496	208
OLV Administraion Fee		110
Interest on loans		59
Total	719	494
Surplus / (Deficit)	(28)	28

The parishes finances are based on a calendar year ending 31 December 2018.



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Acknowledgement of Country

Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Victoria, and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hope of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Child Safety

We hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parishes.