



GREENACRES WALKERVILLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Greenacres Walkerville Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners

OUR STORY

Our parish churches of St Monica's and St Martin's have stood since 1953 & 1955 respectively and sometimes it is easy to forget they are there. But they are, and have been for a number of decades, serving our community as they still do today. Our Churches are the focal point for many events - not only for Sunday Masses, Christmases and Easter celebrations but also places to welcome and to be a place of evangelisation. For our parishioners and visitors, our Churches are places for some of the most important occasions in our lives - baptisms, graduation masses, school assemblies, weddings, and funerals.

Because our Churches are there for us now, we tend to take it for granted and probably assume that they will always be so. We are only able to maintain these buildings in their present condition and continue the current level of our services and offer the same level of support if we are able to pay our share of the associated costs.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Our last stewardship campaign took place in 2016. The response was very encouraging enabling us to meet the Parish's day-to-day running costs and to move forward with the refurbishment of St Monica's Church, the painting of St Martin's Church exterior and the appointment of Sister Rita - our Pastoral Associate.

As a result of continued prudent management of the Parish investment since 2005 the relative absence of financial worries has meant that we have also been able to concentrate on the life of our Parish by building a more welcoming and inclusive community ensuring that our liturgies are more vibrant, inspiring and relevant.

We have continued to strengthen the relationship between our Parish Schools and the Parish through improvements to the Sacramental Program and fostered the many expressions of the Catholic faith in the Parish by supporting the Sri Lankan Community, the Ordinariate of the Southern Cross, the Latin Mass community, El Shaddai, and the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

OUR FUTURE

With this being said, Pope Francis asks us to be a more outward looking church. While our Parish already does this through the work of the Greenacres Walkerville Conference of St Vincent de Paul and home visitations to the sick and housebound, we are also called to invite others into a relationship with Christ. *This should be a priority for all of us.*

With this in mind part of our Parish Mission will have a strong focus on faith formation with the establishment of an Alpha program, where it is intended that the outcome will lead to strengthened parish leadership, warm relationships, and a closer encounter with Jesus.

Other major plans for the future will be to investigate some major redevelopment work at St Martin's Church. This would include repairing and resurfacing the car park, re-roofing and re-carpeting.

OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

As we continue to build a community responding to God's mission, we ask you to renew your current commitment to the Parish's Thanksgiving Program.

New Planned Giving Commitment cards are being distributed this weekend. I am very grateful to you all for your generous support in the past and, whilst I appreciate that times are tough and everyone's financial circumstances change from time to time, I now ask that, if it is at all possible, you would review any contribution you currently make to the Parish.

Your review to determine whether you can increase your giving or, if you do not already do so, consider making a commitment to give on a more regular basis would be an investment for the future of our Parish and our Churches.

This is also an opportunity for our new parishioners to join our Parish program aimed to continue building our faith filled community.

In the mean time if you have any questions about your contribution please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Kathy Lawson at the Parish Office. Please be assured that the details of your financial support are, of course, entirely confidential.

I thank you sincerely for your past and future generosity. May God bless you and your families.

Father Kym



OUR PARISH VISION

To build a community,
following the footprints of Jesus,
so that we become a united,
inclusive and welcoming parish
centred on God
and developing as a people of faith

