

## St Michael's Parish, Remuera

### REPORT FOR 2022

*A summary of activities and achievements of the Pastoral Council and its committees*

#### **Council**

- Retirement of the 2019 council, after an eventful and successful three year term.
- A new council with Mark Brightwell as chair, Anne Stevenson as deputy chair.
- A project aimed to strengthen the parish's ability to cope with future contingencies.
- Creation of a new three year pastoral plan, with priorities to encourage Sunday Mass attendance, stronger bonds with St Michael's School and greater opportunities to youth and young families of the parish to participate in parish life.
- Annual meeting attended by 60 parishioners with an address by Fr Justin Taylor sm.
- Publication of the 32 page fully illustrated *Guide to St Michael's Church*.
- A committee to plan the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in October 2023.

#### **Liturgy Committee**

- A project to define and document roles and standard procedures for sacristans.
- Recruitment and training of additional sacristans.
- James Ioelu succeeded Louise Porter as director of music.

#### **Religious Education Committee**

- Lenten Programme, *Blessed to be Family*, attended by 60 parishioners.
- Winter Programme, *The Sacraments*, based on the Bishop Barron video series.
- Prayer groups now meeting after morning Mass on Mondays and Saturdays.

#### **Caring and Support Committee**

- Extended the free social worker service to the school community.
- Home visits taking Holy Communion to sick, elderly and immobile parishioners.
- Collaborated with St Michael's School to expand the activity of the food bank and to direct the increased volume of donations to Monte Cecilia Housing Trust.
- Looking for new ministries to help the needy in the parish and local community.

#### **Community Committee**

- Organised a social event for parishioners after each Mass on 20 November.
- Provided the refreshments for *The Sacraments* meetings in August/September.
- Josephine Hazel succeeded Anna Lu as chair of an enlarged committee.

#### **Communications Committee**

- The upgraded parish register is a quick and cost-effective way to reach parishioners.
- The parish website was expanded as the primary information source for parishioners.
- The new St Michael's App gives parishioners easy access the parish website.

#### **Youth Committee**

- Arranged for St Vincent de Paul to promote their Christmas appeal at Sunday Masses.
- Sent parish teams to pack emergency food boxes at the SVdP packing operation.
- Held a pre-Christmas social event for parish youth.