

Parish Pastoral Visitation



A formal process of parish pastoral visitation throughout the Archdiocese was presented late last year as one of the next steps in the Renewal process and following the highly successful Diocesan Spring Gathering.

The visitation team will include Administrator Delegate Fr Philip Marshall, and Teresa Lynch, Jill Gallio and Tim Grauel from the Office for Renewing Parishes. Following the October 2017 gathering, the Archdiocese felt committed to continue building the renewal on the foundation of the eight Gospel characteristics of a healthy, vibrant, renewing parish.

Speaking about the parish visitations, Fr Marshall said *“the visits would be focussed on supporting and deepening the Gospel mission. We will learn how each parish, school and community is developing in some or all of these areas, reflect on obstacles, talk about the resources and supports required, and explore the ways we can work more effectively together in our common mission of serving the reign of God.”*



16th - 24th March 2019

Weekend 16/17th March 2019

Saturday 16th March - 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass.

Fr Philip will celebrate and speak during mass followed with cuppa and chat.

Sunday 17th March - 8.30a.m. Mass at Lobethal.

Fr Philip will celebrate and speak during mass followed with morning tea and chat.

He will meet especially with the Filipino community.

10.30a.m. Mass at Bridgewater.

Fr Philip will celebrate Mass and speak during mass followed with morning tea and chat.

5.30p.m. Mass at the OLOR Stirling.

Fr Philip will celebrate Mass and speak during mass followed with cuppa and chat.

(Fr. Fred will concelebrate with Fr Philip in all the masses)

Tuesday 19th March

8.00a.m. St Catherine's Catholic School

- Welcome prayer and meet staff/welcome parents and students.
- Whole school mass at 9.00a.m.
- Coffee break.
- Tour of the school.

11.00a.m. St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater

Meet with the Catechists of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

12.00p.m. Mary O'Dea Community Centre Birdwood.

Meet with the Northern End communities of Birdwood and Lobethal followed by Lunch.

The Visitation Team will meet with the following groups at the Parish house meeting room.

1.40p.m. Meeting with the Catholic Women's league Stirling.

The Visitation Team will continue to meet with the following groups at the Parish house meeting room.

- 2.15p.m. The parish staff and volunteers.
Renee Johnston, Theresa Franco, Judy McPhee, Kay Leverington
- 3.00p.m. Child Safe Contact Person.
Therese Hudson
- 3.30p.m. The Bridge Team.
Paul Robinson (Editor), Estee Briggs, Elizabeth Anderson.
- 4.00p.m. Fr Philip will visit the sick and the elderly at the Hillside Aged Care, Heathfield. Imelda Grubel

The Visitation Team will continue to meet with the following groups at the Parish house meeting room/Our Lady of Rosary, Stirling.

- 5.00p.m. Liturgy, Social Justice. Children's Liturgy and Baptism Teams.
(Representatives from each group)
- 5.30p.m. Fraternal conversation - Fr Philip and Fr Fred.
- 6.00p.m. The Visitation Team will meet with Our Lady of the Rosary Community.

The Visitation Team will meet with the following groups at St Catherine's Catholic School.

- 6.30p.m. Youth Group leaders.
Peter Bierer from the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will join the Visitation Team.
- 7.00p.m. Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Pastoral Council and School Board with supper.
- 8.45p.m. Good night sleep.

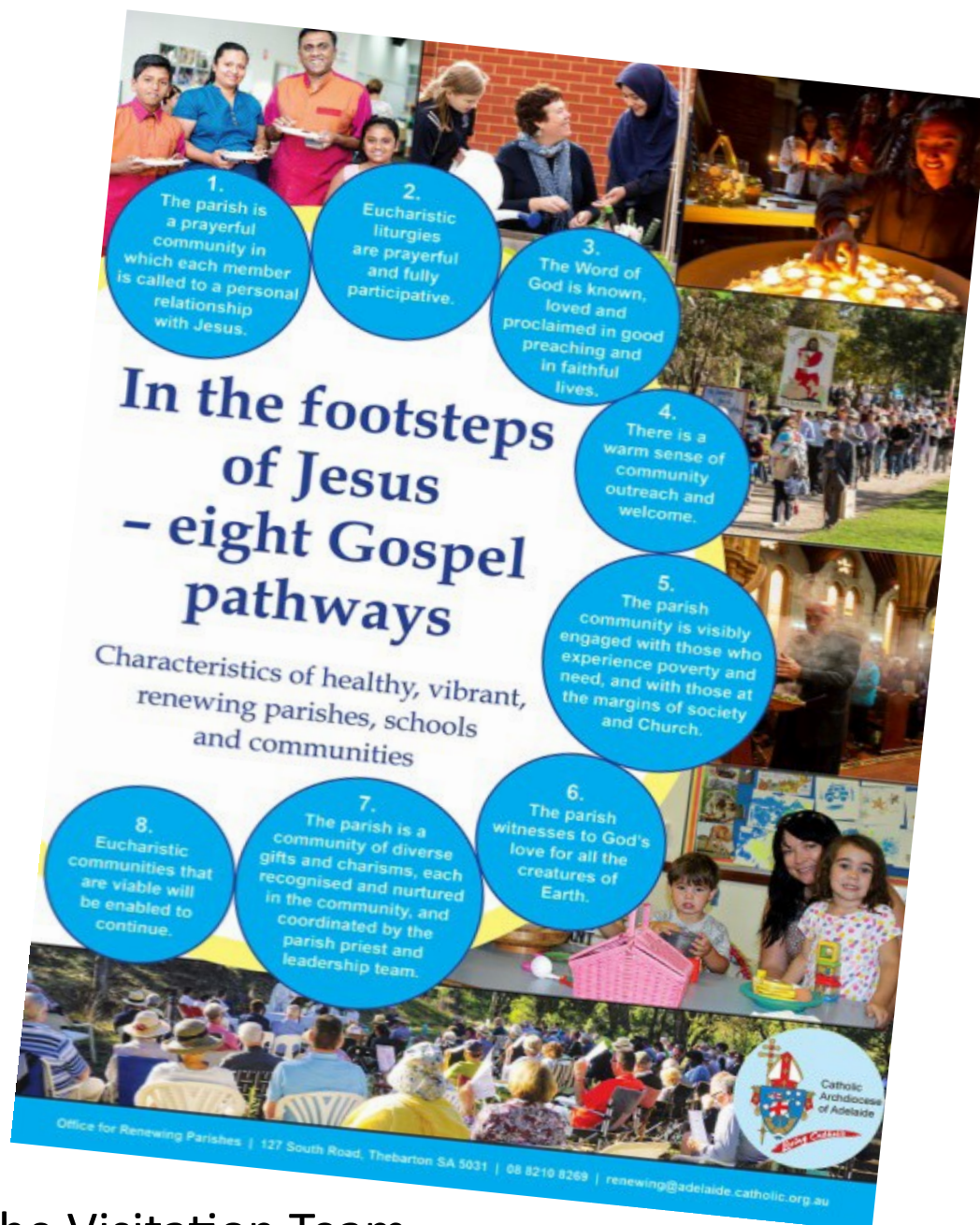
Sunday 24th March

Bridgewater 10.30a.m. Concluding Mass.
Mass concelebrated by Fr Philip Marshall and Fr Fred.

11.30a.m. Lunch outside, if weather permits (Sausage Sizzle, salads and fruits)

12.15p.m. Activity e.g. Q & A with the Visitation team.

This event will be coordinated by the Parish Pastoral Council and hopefully it will finish by 1.30p.m.



The Visitation Team

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| Fr Philip Marshall | Administrator Delegate |
| Jill Gallio | Office for Renewing Parishes |
| Tim Grauel (Deacon) | Office for Renewing Parishes |
| Teresa Lynch | Office for Renewing Parishes |

I wish to encourage all our parishioners to reflect on these inspiring words from Fr Philip outlining the importance of such visitations.

"This ongoing dialogue across the Archdiocese through visitation will deepen our sense of working together for God's kingdom, will invigorate our commitment to discipleship and build our life together as the Church in the world."

FR FRED