

Mission ~~im~~Possible

A Monthly Update on the preparations for the Parish Mission:

8th - 24th October 2024

Mission Prayer Meeting

We have decided to experiment with a different day and time in the hope that more people will be able to join us. We are going to move the Mission Prayer Meeting to the 1st Saturday of the month at 11 am but still at 82 Dunedin Road. So the next meeting will be on: Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 11 am.

Extending the Mission to our schools

We can now confirm that the Mission will now be extended both to Cardinal Wiseman and Maryvale Primary School.

Meet a Missionary

Next month we will be hearing from Geraldine Ranahan. Here are Rebecca Vu's answers if you have not already seen them.

- How does a busy working Mother find time to join the Mission Working Party? *There is a lot of juggling going on but I'm very blessed to be able to work flexibly and I have amazing support from my husband with the children.*
- Why is being a member of the Mission Working Party important to you? *It's important to be able to share my personal relationship with God to others and especially represent young families of the parish as I understand the challenges we face getting to and being involved in the Church.*
- What do you most hope will be a fruit of the Mission? *Part of the mission would be to equip others to be more faithful but also look at barriers and how can we remove these. I am hoping we can achieve this for at least one person.*
- What would you say to encourage everyone to take an active part in the Mission? *The mission needs all sorts of people, we all have gifts/skills that can be used to serve God.*
- When you are not helping the Mission Working Party to plan the Mission, what do you do to relax? *I enjoy gardening and growing vegetables. I would eventually like some chickens or ducks and maybe even a wormery for composting!*

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REFLECTION

This month's reflection is drawn from a document from Rome entitled:
"The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the service of
the evangelising mission of the Church".

- The Church is the community gathered around the Table of the Word and the Eucharist. The Parish is a portion of that community. It is the House from which the Word of God and the Sacraments are brought to a particular territory at a particular time.



In order for the journey of the Word to continue, the Christian community must make a determined missionary decision "capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.

Istruzione "La conversione pastorale della comunità parrocchiale al servizio della missione evangelizzatrice della Chiesa" a cura della Congregazione per il Clero (vatican.va)



- However, it is no longer the primary gathering place that it once was. Parishes must adapt both to greater use of technology and to greater mobility. This involves renewal with the evangelising mission as its guiding principle.
- The parish must evolve into a community of communities. We have to convert ourselves before we can be properly equipped to convert others.
- This can only be done by a sustained reflection on the Scriptures particularly the Acts of the Apostles [which we read at Mass in the Easter Season] and by an understanding that we are energised and led by the Holy Spirit.

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