



# **BRIGHTON CATHOLIC PARISH**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To be a people of God working together to build a caring,  
faith filled community.

AIMS:

### **TO BE CHRIST CENTERED**

By using a sign of Christ's presence in the world,  
living the teachings, values and example of Jesus.

### **TO BE A COMMUNITY**

That is welcoming, compassionate and encouraging.

### **TO BE FOCUSED ON LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

Which are alive and involving, with special emphasis on the Eucharist.

### **TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY AND UNIQUENESS OF ALL**

By accepting each person as a member of the Body of Christ.

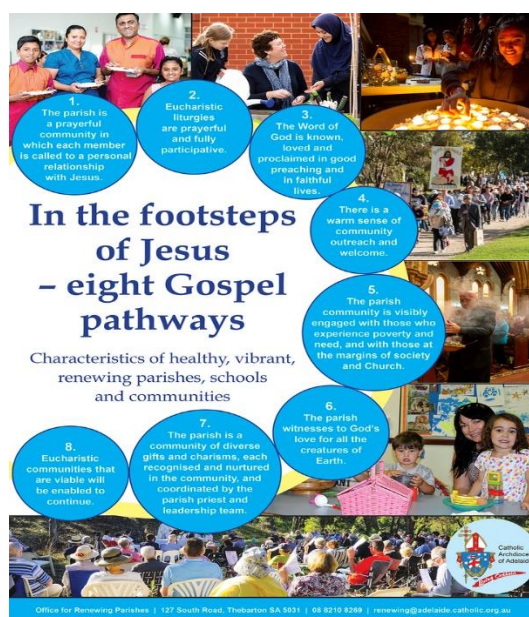
### **TO ENABLE AND EMPOWER ALL**

Through collaborative leadership.

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## Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025

Building on the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis calls us to the renewal of our parishes and communities. In 2015 the Archdiocese responded to this call by outlining eight characteristics of a healthy, vibrant and renewing parish and began a program of parish visitation to support the renewal of each parish in the Archdiocese.



In 2016 the Archdiocesan-Renewing taskforce met with Brighton Parish Pastoral Council to encourage us to discern what the eight Gospel pathways document was calling us to do in the Brighton Parish. During 2016 and 2017 the PPC devoted time at each meeting to one or two of the eight characteristics and planning began.

Over 2018 and 2019 the PPC engaged the broader Parish community with eight characteristics and sought ideas and reflections from parishioners to guide the planning. Many parishioners contributed their thoughts and ideas at a parish assembly, through PPC engagement with parish groups, via reflection sheets circulated at weekend masses and other opportunities.

The phases of active listening, dialogue and planning have continued, and it is now time to present the draft strategic planning to the parish so that together we can enliven and enact this vision to ensure a vibrant, sustainable, faith filled community into the future.

Your feedback and ideas will assist the PPC to prioritise actions, identify any gaps and plan for action over the next 5 years. You are invited to assist the Pastoral Council to priorities the actions that support each goal and identify anything that is missing from the plan.

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### **Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025**

The Brighton Parish Strategic Plan is the result of consultation with the parish using the Adelaide Archdiocesan eight pathways of Parish renewal. The consultation has identified seven strategic Focus areas for Brighton Parish renewal and development over the next five years. Each focus area has three main goals with actions that support each goal.

#### **WORSHIP**

*An inclusive, dynamic worshipping community where the Word of God is known, loved and proclaimed in good preaching and in faithful lives.*

**Goal 1: Eucharistic liturgies include diverse and engaging music**

**Goal 2: Eucharistic liturgies are prayerful and fully participative**

**Goal 3: The Word of God is proclaimed and broken open in ways that connect with the congregation**

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

*High quality faith formation opportunities are offered to all*

**Goal 1: Retreat and reflection opportunities are provided for parish members**

**Goal 2: Intentional Faith Formation opportunities are provided for the whole family**

**Goal 3: Knowledge and understanding about Scripture is developed and promoted in the community**

#### **HOSPITALITY, COMMUNITY and OUTREACH**

*A warm sense of community outreach and welcome and visible engagement with those who experience poverty, sickness and need, and with those at the margins of society and church.*

**Goal 1: to be a community who reaches out to those in our community who experience poverty, sickness and need**

**Goal 2: Build community through social activities and community recognition**

**Goal 3: to show welcome and hospitality**

## **YOUTH, CHILDREN and FAMILIES**

*A warm sense of community and welcome and particular attention to the needs of children, young people and families.*

**Goal 1: To be a place where young people can explore their faith with other young people within an inclusive and welcoming community.**

**Goal 2: To regularly involve young people on Sunday Eucharistic celebrations (music, reading, eucharistic ministers)**

**Goal 3: To include facilities and spaces for children, young people and families within the parish grounds.**

## **LEADERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP and MINISTRY**

*Witnesses to God's love for all the creatures of Earth and a community of diverse gifts and charisms, each recognised and nurtured in the community.*

**Goal 1: To be a community where ecological conversion and action is integral to the life of the parish.**

**Goal 2: To be community where everybody's gifts and contributions are welcomed, and all are invited to build the community through their actions.**

**Goal 3: To be a community that invites, expands and supports ministry within community and liturgy.**

## **FINANCE and FACILITIES**

*Effective and sustainable development and management of Parish finances and facilities to service the needs of the community.*

**Goal 1: To ensure that Parish finances and facilities can adequately serve the needs of parish groups now and into the future.**

**Goal 2: To ensure sustainable finance management and investment to maintain and enhance facilities and human resources at the service of parish life.**

**Goal 3: To maintain and improve key parish facilities including the Church, parish office and activity centre.**