



Our Lady of Pentecost

Balwyn, Camberwell, Deepdene, Surrey Hills and Wattle Park



**Building Hope For Our Future
Belong, Pray, Serve**

Parish Stewardship Renewal Program

Dear friends,

We have an opportunity to respond to the challenge of Pope Francis to be a welcoming place, where we are “animated by a missionary spirit, where faith is communicated, and charity is seen”. This is a time for us to reflect on the importance of the new parish in our lives, both as individuals and as a community.

Our vision is “United, we welcome all to join us as we journey in faith with God’s grace.”

We must work together to achieve this vision. We need to draw on both human and financial resources to build on the efforts of those who have come before us in order to become an even more outward looking church which welcomes all.

You are invited to become engaged in our activities of worship, outreach and the authentic connections of our community, the work of formation and our stewardship.

In our worship we want to continue to provide meaningful and reverent liturgies in our Sunday and weekday Masses. In developing our worshipping communities, we need to ensure all lay liturgical ministries are filled across our parish to support our two appointed parish clergy.

We celebrate our parish as a community of faith – where people are welcomed, known and loved – with care, support and outreach.

Stewardship is more than the concept of giving of our financial resources; it is recognising that everything we have is a gift from God. Becoming involved in parish life is a wonderful opportunity to use our God-given gifts in praise of God and in service to our neighbour.

Your involvement provides support to members of our community in need,



but it also gives us the opportunity to get to know and to build relationships with other members of the parish community.

I hope you will take up the opportunity to become engaged in the activities of our parish.

Fr Sang Ho
Parish Priest



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Our parish has a rich and complex history, which began in 1889. Our parishes grew with the establishment of churches and schools.

While our communities have been separate parishes over the years, we now have renewed strength in being back together.

Our parish community provides continuity with the past and a new vision for the future.



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Our parish community needs the commitment and involvement of our parishioners. We are asking for your involvement in our different parish groups which are the expression of our missionary activities and our outreach to those in need.

Our five missionary activities are:

Worship: These communities include liturgical ministries such as Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers/Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of Communion to the Sick.

Formation: This mission includes groups that provide learning opportunities to enrich your faith, as well as Scripture Groups.

Community: The parish has a number of friendship communities such as Welcome and Hospitality, Encompass Youth, Social Groups and Parish Life Teams.

Stewardship: These are the communities responsible for the stewardship of the parish resources and include the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance & Investment Committee.





Outreach: Our Lady of Pentecost has a number of partnerships in outreach: the St Vincent de Paul Conference, CatholicCare, Victoria and the Brigidine Asylum Seeking Project. In 2025 we look to furthering our association with CRISP, (Community Refugee Integration and Resettlement Project).





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All these communities and groups depend on the contribution and involvement of parishioners, and we ask that you consider sharing your time and talent by joining a ministry or group and using your skills and abilities for the good of our community.

We are always looking for new initiatives and the renewal of current activities providing opportunities and reasons for people to become engaged and to welcome new people to our community.

We welcome new ideas from our parishioners, especially in relation to the youth of the parish and social justice activities.



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Why should I contribute financially to the Parish of Our Lady of Pentecost?

Our Lady of Pentecost is a community of Catholics who care for each other and for the wider community. Your financial support underpins the mission of our parish and our services and programs.

Your financial support funds two aspects of our parish:

The Presbytery: this provides for the stipends and living expenses for the priests.

The Parish: this enables us to pay for pastoral and sacramental programs and Church operating expenses, including the salaries of the parish staff.



You may contribute to the parish via:

- A weekly envelope – which is a dual envelope; each side clearly marked for “Stewardship Offering” and the other “Presbytery Offering”. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket at any Mass at any of our five churches.
- Direct Debit and Credit Card: we are able to set up your giving with regular donations to the presbytery and the parish on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, bi-annual or annual basis. Alternately, you may like to create your own recurrent payment via internet banking.
- Bequests: Remembering the Church in your will is a wonderful way to give thanks for your faith and support the future work of the Church.



The prudent management of our financial resources is critical to ensure our parish can fund the activities we wish to engage in.

Managing the financial future of the parish is an important aspect of ensuring our parish remains vital, vibrant and viable. We need to maintain our core physical assets, such as churches, halls, presbyteries and the parish office while also growing our mission and outreach activities.

The sound governance of our financial resources is a key aspect of stewardship as is the maintenance of future parishioner support.

