



## Parish Mission Statement

Our parish is committed to walking the path of missionary discipleship (The Way of the Gospel) and addressing the missionary call of the Gospel, inviting all to the fullness of the Gospel of life, with a sense of vibrancy and vitality, so that:

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship, and outreach;
- Our local faith community is arranged to allow it to flourish; and
- We are effectively resourced – spiritually, ministerially, and materially.

## Parish Vision Statement

We, the people of the Catholic parish of South Yarra:

- Aspire to be a community one in mind and heart on the way to God;
- Sustained by the Gospel of Jesus through spirituality and celebration of the Eucharist;
- Sharing our gifts and talents in outreach to others in the wider community;
- Attentive to the wellbeing of the community. Committed to the mission renewal of our parish life.

# 1 COMMUNITY

*We aspire to be a community one in mind and heart on the way to God*

*We will do this by:*

- Communicating effectively with the community using the parish website, bulletins, and social media;
- Supporting existing ministries and encouraging new initiatives, such as Ignite The Light Ministry and the social committee;
- Promoting parish fellowship with regular social engagements, including the Annual Parish Barbecue and Regular Coffee Catch-ups;
- Providing spaces for gathering, worship, and support;
- Building strong relationships within and beyond the parish, through the development of lay leadership and collaboration with local Christian communities;
- Demonstrating a welcoming spirit to parishioners and new visitors.



# 2 SPIRITUALITY



*We are sustained by the Gospel of Jesus through spirituality and the celebration of the Eucharist.*

*We will do this by:*

- Maintaining a style of worship and liturgy that is effective, participative, and diverse;
- Offering opportunities for spiritual growth through meditation, Friends of Saint Augustine and retreats;
- Providing faith enrichment programs during Advent and Lent to deepen our spiritual journey;
- Supporting Sacramental programs such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy, and renewal programs for adult faith formation and catechism;
- Promoting awareness of the Augustinian charism and fostering a sense of unity within our worship communities;
- Engaging with the outcomes of the Australian Plenary Council, Synod of Bishops and the Holy Year 2025.

### 3 OUTREACH

*We share our gifts and talents in outreach to others in the wider community.*

*We will do this by:*

- Being attentive to the needs of parishioners;
- Hosting regular social events to encourage a sense of community and involvement;
- Promoting the use of our facilities by the local community, including social groups, non-profit organisations and businesses;
- Collaborating with St Joseph's Outreach Services (SJOS) to provide shelter and essential services to the disadvantaged;
- Considering the needs of residents in SJOS Transition Housing and The Haven (residential accommodation to those with significant mental and wellbeing concerns);
- Providing chaplaincy to local aged care facilities and the Alfred Hospital.



Get Involved

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### 4 WELLBEING

*We are attentive to the wellbeing of the community.*

*We will do this by:*

- Safeguarding the wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons, including promotion of Safeguarding Sunday;
- Ensuring safeguarding policies and compliance measures are in place, with regular training provided for all ministers and volunteers;
- Creating a safe environment for staff, visitors, and parishioners;
- Ensuring that buildings, contents, and surrounding grounds are in good repair and properly maintained;
- Promoting the Church's teaching on care for the environment and prudent stewardship of resources;
- Committing to the Laudato Si' Action Platform and caring for 'the earth as our common home'.



### 5 MISSION RENEWAL

*We are committed to the missionary renewal of our parish life.*

*We will do this by:*

- Engaging with the Archdiocesan Parish Mission Renewal (Take the Way of the Gospel);
- Looking for opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring parishes (e.g. RCIA and Sacramental Programs);
- Enhancing our ministry to the Korean Catholic Community through Augustinian chaplaincy and shared resourcing;
- Expanding cooperation between clergy and lay ministers, encouraging lay involvement in administrative and pastoral roles;
- Engaging young adults through Ignite The Light Ministry and the Augustinian Youth Encounter (November 2025).



Parish of South Yarra

