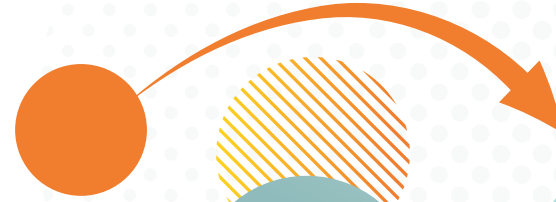


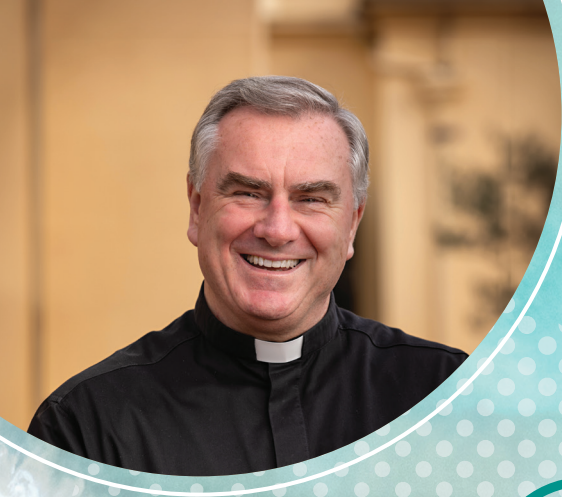
CHRIST IN YOU



LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

# 2024 & BEYOND





Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

**“Grace to you and peace from God our Father.”**  
(Colossians 1.2)

These gracious words from St Paul, the great missionary of our early Christian family, were first addressed to the Christian disciples of Colossae, a city of the Roman province of Asia in modern western Turkey. **But the offering of God’s grace and peace are for every person because God is present with saving love at all times, in every place and to everyone.** God’s grace and peace are for the people of our own time, for our own families, our own dear friends, our work colleagues, all the fellow members of our Australian society, and anyone in need of our love and acceptance.

By presenting to you *The Christ in You Pastoral Plan* and its Goals, our Pastoral and Finance Councils hope to encourage a deeper reflection on who we are as God’s People in Lumen Christi Parish and how we are called to live for others according to the grace and peace of God. What initiatives can we take to communicate this love and peace to each other and the world around us?

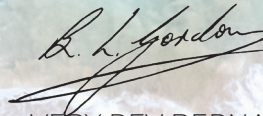
As a part of our reflection on the mystery of Christ and how we can reflect his truth and love in our lives, please

take up your copy of the Bible and read St Paul's Letter to the Colossians. You will read about St Paul's vision of how we are called to cooperate with Christ's saving work for everyone by ...

- ✓ Reconciling people with God and each other
- ✓ Making fully known the Word of God and revealing the mystery of Christ's presence
- ✓ Helping others to more deeply understand Christ and mature to the fullness of life in him
- ✓ Being knit together in love and teaching moderation and true devotion
- ✓ Loving our families and being dedicated workers
- ✓ Speaking graciously to all words that build them up in goodness and hope

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In making our own the mystery of Christ's presence in us through prayer, worship and service that bears witness to the love of God, may the Holy Spirit give us words and deeds that make known to everyone the riches of glory in Christ.



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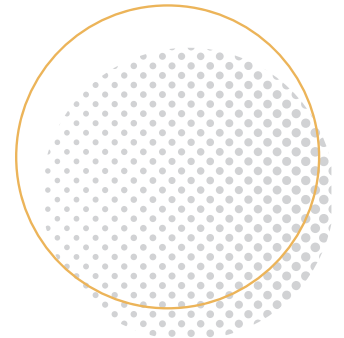
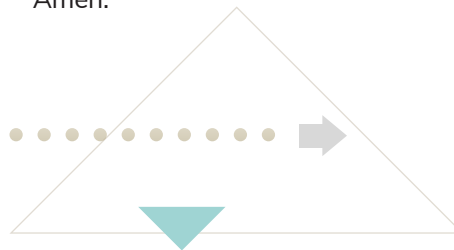
## OUR PRAYER VISION

We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world.

## OUR PARISH PRAYER

Merciful God,  
you have called us out of darkness  
into the Light of Christ.  
We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.  
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.  
In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth  
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.  
We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.  
May our gifts always contribute to  
building up the Body of Christ.  
Help us to reveal Christ's love  
to the world through all we say and do.

Amen.





# COMMUNITY LIFE

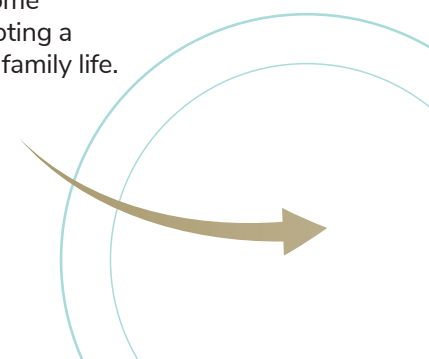
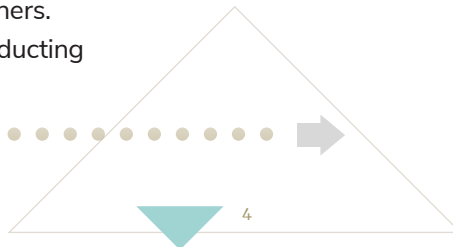
**“And over all these put on love” - Colossians 3:14**

*Nourishing each other in Christ's compassion, kindness and patience, appreciating our differences and being bound together in perfect unity, reaching out to others in welcome.*

**Action Plan - Establish a Community Life Leadership Group.**

**Suggested Strategies to take us forward:**

- ✓ Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build community life.
- ✓ Review, appreciate and expand our welcoming and hospitality practices.
- ✓ Develop practical initiatives to foster a greater sense of belonging to the parish community.
- ✓ Create a culture of including others in parish reflection and action.
- ✓ Adopt individual and collective habits of welcome and communication with others.
- ✓ Offer opportunities for inviting and inducting new volunteers.
- ✓ Encourage our congregations to welcome fellow parishioners and visitors at all parish gatherings.
- ✓ Encourage parishioners to confidently work together for the flourishing of our parish community life, mission and service.
- ✓ Developing a culture of joyful welcome for families with children and promoting a positive understanding of Christian family life.





# WORSHIP

**“Let the Word of God dwell in you in all its richness” - Colossians 3:16**

*Celebrating prayerful liturgies that praise God, lifting our hearts and singing with thankfulness, expressing our faith and enriching our understanding of God’s love for us.*

**Action Plan - Establish a Worship Leadership Group.**

**Suggested Strategies to take us forward:**

- ✓ Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently enrich worship.
- ✓ Gather information and feedback to enhance the quality of sung liturgy and the engagement of the worshippers.
- ✓ Review the impact of homilies and liturgies so that they challenge and enrich reflective and mature thinking about faith and commitment.
- ✓ Enhance parishioners’ liturgical and spiritual life through active participation.
- ✓ Review and refine initiatives for the ongoing formation of a range of liturgical ministries.
- ✓ Provide initiatives for adults to renew and deepen their understanding of and be enriched by the life and prayer of the Church.
- ✓ Draw the community into participating in the Sacramental life and liturgical cycle of the Parish.





# MISSION

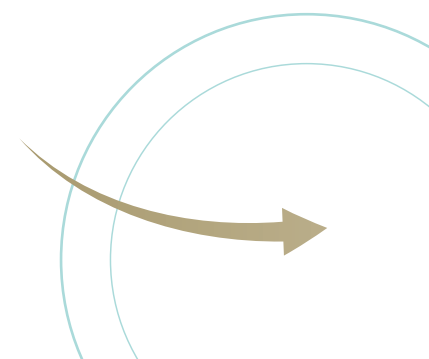
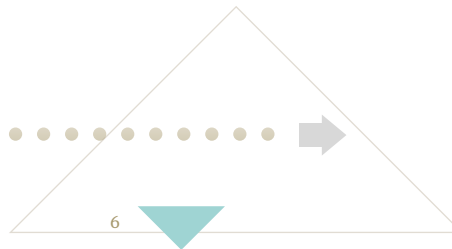
## “It is Christ whom we preach” - Colossians 1:28

Actively witnessing to Christ in generous service of others, responding wholeheartedly to the needs of the wider community, making known the heart of Christ to those we meet.

**Action Plan - Establish a Mission Leadership Group.**

**Suggested Strategies to take us forward:**

- ✓ Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build mission.
- ✓ Reflect upon and draw practical goals from Bishop Mascord’s Pastoral Vision as stated in the document “Come and See, Go and Make”
- ✓ Offer educational initiatives that provide a concrete understanding of our mission and how we live it.
- ✓ Promote, build and strengthen the connections between our school communities, families and parish communities.
- ✓ Recognise, promote and advertise all groups within the parish providing awareness of their ministry (ministry under the microscope).
- ✓ Create a culture of formation in faith and practice to enable parishioners to live in a missionary key according to their gifts, circumstances and season of life.
- ✓ Helping our young people to be effectively involved in our parish ministries of liturgy, mission, and service to those in need.







# STEWARDSHIP

**“Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly, working for the Lord” - Colossians 3:23**

Seeing the talents in others, encouraging each other to exercise our personal gifts, developing our resources for the wellbeing of our parish and wider community.

**Action Plan - Establish a Stewardship Leadership Group.**

**Suggested Strategies to take us forward:**

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- ✓ Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build stewardship.
    - ✓ Identify people with talent and skill within the parish and approach people to use their talents for the good of all.
    - ✓ Identify the needs of our parish community and parish groups and respond accordingly.
  - ✓ Engage the schools to train and develop talented lectors/cantors to participate in the liturgy.
  - ✓ Invite the children receiving Confirmation to the Chrism Mass.
  - ✓ Invite and acknowledge children from the Sacramental Program at the Easter and Christmas Masses.
  - ✓ Initiate a family parish group that unites and responds to the needs of families.
  - ✓ Acknowledge in the Sunday Eucharist the newly baptised and those who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony (sending a card of congratulations at a significant point of the year).
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# PARISH SUPPORT

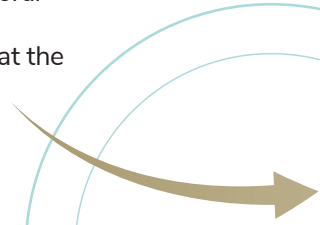
## “In Christ all things hold together” - Colossians 1:17

Promoting the ministries of our parish groups and schools, ensuring the continuing development of our parish staff, laying foundations for our parish to grow into the future.

**Action Plan - Establish a Parish Support Leadership Group.**

**Suggested Strategies to take us forward:**

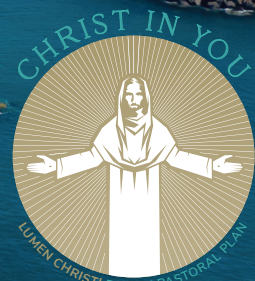
- ✓ Acknowledge and promote quality practices that currently build parish support.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for Adult Education in the areas of faith, worship, Christian life, and prayerfulness.
- ✓ Initiate and implement well-being practices across the community.
- ✓ Create a “Christ In You” celebration with the theme of thanksgiving and appreciation.
- ✓ Developing a winter celebration of the light shining through the darkness - a celebration of faith and hope.
- ✓ Schools invited to contribute “Good News” into parish bulletins.
- ✓ Publicise the role of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.
- ✓ Ensure that members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils understand their purpose, function, role and responsibilities.
- ✓ Review the current use of parish facilities and properties, and explore options for maximising usage to support the parish community.
- ✓ Twice a year the chair/deputy of the pastoral and finance council will report to and be available for response from parishioners at the Sunday Masses.



An aerial photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a white lighthouse stands on a rocky cliff overlooking the ocean. A road with many cars curves around a green area. A long, sandy beach stretches along the coast, with waves breaking on the shore. In the background, there is a large industrial area with many buildings and smokestacks, and a city skyline under a clear blue sky.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Christ in You Framework** has been developed by a team of parishioners who hold key roles of commitment and responsibility in our parish. We acknowledge the contribution of the parish principals, parish staff, parishioners and clergy who participated in the consultation process.





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