



Northcote &
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Catholic Parishes



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT
AND ST ANTHONY'S

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Parish amalgamation - is the process by which two or more existing parishes are canonically united to form one new parish.

The focus is on creating a stronger, more vibrant, viable, vital and more sustainable parish community for the future.

This means:

- one Parish Finance Committee
- one Parish Pastoral Council
- one set of governance and administrative structures
- one shared mission and vision

Amalgamation is not:

- erasing local history or traditions
- taking something away from parishioners
- a judgement on the success or failure of a parish
- solely a financial exercise

Amalgamation is an opportunity to:

- strengthen mission
- share resource
- reduce duplication
- build leadership capacity
- create sustainable structures for future generations

Benefits of Amalgamation are:

- stronger mission
- shared leadership
- better stewardship
- support for priests
- long-term sustainability

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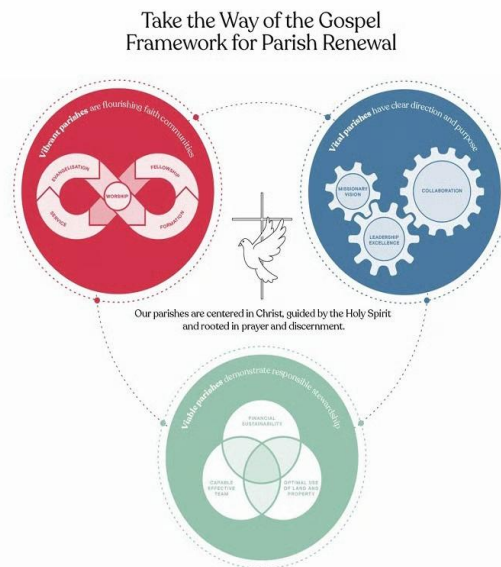
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Take the Way of the Gospel: a framework and process for renewal. Take the Way of the Gospel is the Archdiocese of Melbourne's response to Pope Francis' dream of a 'missionary option'. For parishes, it is an invitation to come together in prayer to discern how they might grow as vibrant, vital, and viable communities of faith, so that fresh energy and vigour can animate us well into the future.

Our parishes are centered in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer and discernment. The framework of becoming a **Vibrant, Vital and Viable Parish** will help us explore the characteristics and qualities that we want for our faith community.



Vibrant parishes are flourishing faith communities actively nurturing a culture of worship, Evangelisation, formation, fellowship and service.

Vital parishes have clear direction and purpose. They have a shared missionary vision, display leadership excellence, and work collaboratively to purpose their vision.

Viable parishes demonstrate responsible stewardship. They make land, property, financial and personnel decisions that reflect a clear missionary vision.



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