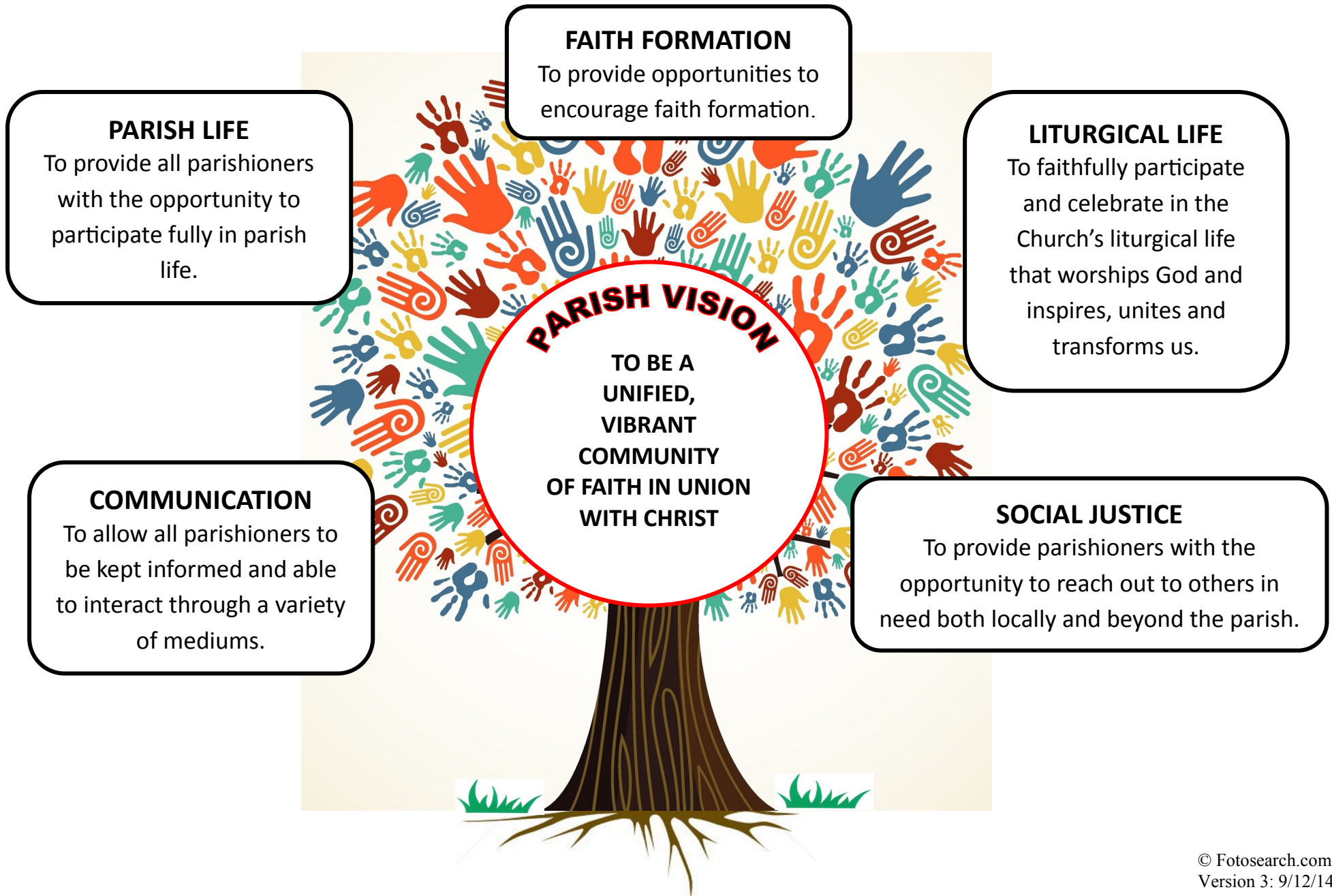


Nambucca Valley Catholic Parish

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN



GOALS & INDICATORS	PARISH ACTIONS 2014
<p>GOAL 1: FAITH FORMATION: <i>To provide opportunities to encourage faith formation by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. deepening a personal relationship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit 2. encouraging fellowship in ministry and worship 3. supporting the Church at Parish, Diocesan, National and International levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yarnups to prepare for Aboriginal Ministry changes • High tea with Anglican Bishop • Christian Meditation Group commenced at OLSS • Twilight Retreat with Fr Richard Leonard • Home Masses offered throughout parish • New look Lenten Program: Catholicism CD series with Fr Robert Barron • Adult Faith Education Bulletin Items eg 'A word from the Pope', Feast Day of the Week • Thursday Prayer Group at St Patrick's • Parish representation at Diocesan Family Forums • Sacrament of Confirmation for 53 candidates • Parish library established • Introduction of Daily Reflection Booklets for Easter and Advent • RCIA Program • World Day of Prayer participation • Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish community celebration prior to Christmas and Easter • First Eucharist initiation of children into the church community • Parish representative on Diocesan Pastoral Council • Free copy of Lismore Diocesan Catholic Life magazine provided to parishioners • Parish Prayer Group • Macksville Uniting Church Fellowship
<p>GOAL 2: LITURGICAL LIFE: <i>To faithfully participate and celebrate in the Church's liturgical life that worships God and inspires, unites and transforms us to carry out our baptismal mission to advance the peace and salvation of Christ to all the world by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. co-ordinating the liturgical activities of the parish 2. having dignified liturgical celebrations 3. providing reflective and functional liturgical spaces 4. monitoring the liturgical life 5. supporting Sacramental Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Liturgy at St Patrick's and OLSS • All Souls Week Masses Remembrance Ritual • Communal Rite of Reconciliation at St Patrick's and OLSS • Second Mass of the Angels at St Patrick's • Presentation of the Lord blessing and procession of candles • Parish representatives attended Wollongong National Liturgy Conference • Liturgical music weekend in-service conducted by Annette Griffin • Formation of Parish Choir • Parish Youth Mass • Youth participation in Reading at Mass • Youth music band • 12 hour overnight Prayer Vigil for Peace at OLSS • Upgrades to some churches • Training for Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers • Reflection time at Mass • Monthly Masses in Aged Care facilities • New screens and sound technology in churches • Baptism Preparation Program

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<p>GOAL 3: PARISH LIFE: <i>To provide all parishioners with the opportunity to participate fully in parish life by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. conducting social activities for the parish community 2. creating welcoming teams reflecting the spirit of Christ 3. understanding the history of parish life 4. promoting the parish as part of the universal church 5. supporting ongoing development of Parish Pastoral teams 6. supporting the partnership between the parish and the parish schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop’s visitation to parish • Fifth Sunday Mass and Cuppa at OLSS • Fifth Saturday evening Vigil Mass at Macksville • Parish Farewell Masses for Father Paul • Formation of Pastoral Team to respond to needs of the sick and elderly • Regular Cook and the Chef fund raising stalls at OLSS and St Patrick’s • Musicians and Choir social get- together • Parish Picnic at Bellwood Park • Celebration of Fr Paul Sullivan’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination • Parish financial report published in Bulletin • Out-of-hours opening of St Patrick’s and OLSS • Parish Christmas Luncheon • Parish Pastoral Council operational • Cuppa and catch-up after Mass at St Patrick’s • Combined Parish Masses • New Parishioners Welcome Package • Increased profile of church maintenance and safety • Altar Server’s Big Day Out • Parish Christmas Luncheon • Our Lady Star of the Sea fundraising stalls for church improvements • Recognition and blessing of Volunteers at Parish Masses • Nambucca Friday Friendship Group • Participation in Combined Churches Christmas Concert
<p>GOAL 4: COMMUNICATION: <i>To allow all parishioners to be kept informed and able to interact through a variety of mediums by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. updating and refining communication methods 2. promoting feedback 3. actively seeking consultation with parishioners through surveys, questioning and discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish insert to Catholic Life Magazine • Promotion of, and support to National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week activities • Promotion of events in nearby parishes and diocese eg Eucharistic Adoration at Coffs Harbour, Kempsey Prayer Group, Proclaim • Bulletin Item – What’s happening in our Diocese? • Regular community resources information in Bulletin and on church notice-boards • Introduction of parish website • New-look parish bulletin • Parish Survey • Weekly Bulletin message from Father Michael • Two way communication between parishioners and Parish Pastoral Council • New Parishioner Welcome Package

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<p>GOAL 5: SOCIAL JUSTICE: <i>To provide parishioners with the opportunity to reach out to others in need both locally and beyond the parish by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identifying gaps in social justice/welfare provision in the Nambucca Valley 2. forming a social justice committee to educate, develop awareness and co-ordinate fundraising for specific purposes. 3. acknowledging and promoting other community based groups and organisations to meet parishioner's needs 4. monitoring and responding to needs of sick and elderly parishioners 5. fostering alliances with Catholic and non-Catholic welfare groups to meet identified social justice needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of Pastoral Support Team to respond to the needs of the sick and elderly • St Vincent's De Paul Presentation at Parish Masses • Bowraville Singers Fundraiser concert 'Songs of Joy' for Fr Telesphor's Tanzanian parish of Mpitimbi -\$2,000 • Minnie Vinnies • Social Justice Sunday Statement distributed throughout parish • Support of St. Joseph's Cowper Children's Homes (\$380) • Support of Project Compassion (over \$3,000) • Support of St. Vincent de Paul • Volunteers visiting the sick • World Mission Sunday Collection (over \$1,700) • Liaison with Nambucca Valley Network of Community Agencies • Bishops of Australia Social Justice Statement for 2013/2014 distributed