



BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

Under the patronage of St John Paul II

An Update from the Working Group

Our Vision is to build on our combined histories, peoples and heritage and create a vibrant Catholic community. We will build God's kingdom by growing as disciples and making disciples through prayer, worship, and service.

'Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep'. St John Paul II

Bayside Catholic Mission Draft Vision Statement

Updates

The Working Group, comprising members of each community, has been meeting approximately fortnightly for a few months now.

A few months ago, we shared with you our draft Pastoral Priorities and our financial position.

A few weeks ago, we shared with you a draft Vision Statement and the plan for the new Mission Teams to replace our local teams. We are now seeking suggestions for membership of the new Mission Teams.

Last week we presented a 'Position Paper' about the proposal for the canonical amalgamation of our existing five parishes.

Proposed Amalgamation

The proposed amalgamation means that the existing parishes would cease to exist and one new parish would be established, giving us a unified platform for growth.

Our resources, people and histories would all be shared in a new entity.

We shared with you last week the steps that we have taken so far in this process, and we want to ensure that your voices are heard in this process very clearly. Thank you to those who have offered their opinions already.

So where to from here?

Next weekend (October 1 /2) there will be a representative of the Working Group at each Mass to hear from you personally, as well as one of the priests.

You are also welcome at any time to email us (Baysideoffice@cam.org.au) or call the Office (9593 1703, Mon-Fri 9.30-3.30) with any thoughts, or drop in your comments to the Bayside Office at 118 New St Brighton.

The Working Group will meet after this to collate your replies and to see if there is sufficient support to further proceed, which would mean writing to the Archbishop with a proposal.

East Hampton

As was announced last week, we will be welcoming the parish of Immaculate Heart, East Hampton to the family of the Bayside Mission in late October. Fr David Cartwright will be going to celebrate the Masses there on October 1/2 to meet the people. A representative of East Hampton has joined our Working Group and we will discern together how this will affect all of us in the coming weeks with Masses and sacraments. A subgroup has been formed for this purpose.

Thank you for your support and prayers. We understand this is a challenging time for all of us and our communities. There is a lot of information to digest as we are laying foundations for our future growth in Bayside. These foundations need to be deep and strong to support the building for the future. We continue to try to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as we work together for all of the communities of the Bayside Mission.

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