

Our Vision & Mission



Ministry



Pastoral Outreach



Liturgy

*Let us ask the Lord for the grace
not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us
to take a step forward.*

*Let us ask for the apostolic courage
to share the Gospel with others
and stop trying to make our Christian life a
museum of memories.*

*In every situation,
may the Holy Spirit cause us
to contemplate history
in the light of the risen Jesus.*

*In this way,
may our Church not stand still,
but constantly welcome
the Lord's surprises.*

Pope Francis



St Martin de Porres

**St Martin de Porres
Catholic Community
Hallett Cove**

Living Our Mission

Strategic Plan 2025 - 2028



*This plan was formulated through a process of
renewal and reflection undertaken by our
Parishioners, School Community and PPC with input
from the wider Hallett Cove community, which also
shaped the Parish responses to the Diocesan
Strategic Planning process.*

*This is a living plan and will be continuously updated
as progress is made on the initiatives.*

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Ministry

We proclaim the Good News, strengthened within our community by being an active people of God.

Deepen our relationships with Jesus, our Creator and the life-giving Spirit. Grow and develop our spirituality, faith and convictions

Initiatives

- Encourage and develop prayer groups such as the rosary group and regular Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist.
- Continue to develop reflection and discussion groups building on initiatives already in place such as *Scripture Reflection*, *The Meaning of Christmas* and *Exploring our Faith*.
- Provide opportunities for people to share their faith stories through Parish publications and/or at Mass.
- Recognise and encourage variety in the ways in which people live and express their faith, including: Education (the school and its part in sharing our faith), Vinnies, Choir, Knights of the Southern Cross and Marriage Encounter etc.
- Reaching out to parishioners who are home bound through pastoral care. Take the Eucharist to the sick.



Pastoral Outreach

A faith filled community that is welcoming, inclusive, caring, empowering and outreaching.

Build stronger relationships among Parishioners and stronger relationships between the Parish and the School and the wider Hallett Cove community.

Initiatives

- Introduce and celebrate Masses/Liturgies linked to community events, where Parish & School Communities join together(both in the church and at the school).
- Continue and increase hospitality before/after Mass, social events, multicultural brunches / lunches, a Seniors group, family groups etc.
- Explore opportunities for involving young people (in their teens) to encourage social activities and include music from young people at our Masses or at a separate Mass.
- Increase our involvement in and hosting of Ecumenical gatherings and activities in our area.



Liturgy

We celebrate our Catholic faith through involvement in the Sacraments and Scripture, encouraging all to actively participate and respond by being members of Christ.

Encourage interaction, engagement and participation at Mass & Improve connection with Youth and Young Families.

Initiatives

- Form a liturgy group to develop liturgies that are meaningful to our parishioners, young families and youth.
- Increase opportunities for our parish and school communities to join together in Masses and community prayer, encourage more participation by children and families, hold more Masses dedicated to school children such as those linked to Sacramental programs and other special events, Extend Multi-Cultural and Indigenous Mass initiatives.
- Enrich our Children's Liturgy Program.
- Find opportunities to include prayers in 'plain English' in our Masses and other liturgies that contemporary Australians can relate to so that we can reflect on our Catholic heritage in the language of our everyday experiences starting with Prayers of the Faithful, Prayers before Mass etc.
- Invite people to explore alternative forms of liturgy, including lay-led liturgies eg. A youth liturgy or informal agape/communion service – this would be complimentary to other forms of liturgy/prayer such as the Mass, Rosary and Adoration, not in competition.
- Improve connection with Youth and Young Families eg. Through social activities, more varied liturgies, more involvement of children in Masses, having Baptisms during Mass, reflections by lay people