



Parish of
**St Gregory
the Great**

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2025–2027

A Vision for a Vibrant, Vital and Viable Parish Community

WHY THIS PLAN?

In November last year, your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), supported by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, prayerfully discerned and developed this Parish Pastoral Plan. Shaped through forums, assemblies, and ministry meetings, this plan reflects our shared desire for a parish that is not just active—but thriving—drawing people closer to Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

To be a vibrant and vital community that intentionally reaches out to bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

PARISH RENEWAL IN ACTION

VIBRANT

A parish full of life and faith where people are welcomed, discipleship is nurtured, and joy is shared. We aim to make Jesus known through warm relationships, inspiring liturgies, and spiritual growth.

VITAL

A community that listens, adapts and responds with hope. We seek to understand our world, reach out with compassion, and step boldly into our future with trust in God's plan.

VIABLE

A parish that stewards its gifts wisely—people, property and finances—ensuring we are sustainable and ready to serve both now and in the years to come.

OUR OBJECTIVES (2025–2027)

EVANGELISATION

Develop an Evangelisation plan that delivers intentional activities to build an invitational culture.

We want to be a place where people feel drawn into faith through invitation, witness and relationship—welcoming seekers into a journey with Christ.

WORSHIP

Enhance full, conscious and active participation and engagement in our worship and liturgy.

Liturgy is the heart of our parish life. We aim to foster deeply prayerful worship that nourishes the soul and invites all to participate—from music and environment to proclamation and silence.

FORMATION

Lead faith development programs.

Faith grows through learning and experience. We're committed to offering opportunities for children, youth, adults and families to grow in prayer, understanding, and discipleship.

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Explore what constitutes leadership excellence in a Christian context.

We aim to nurture leaders who reflect Christ's servant-hearted example—those who collaborate, listen and encourage others to step into their own gifts for the good of the community.

VIABILITY

Create a 5-year plan that optimises our financial, people and property resources.

Sustainability is key to our mission. We will steward our resources wisely to ensure our parish remains strong, future-ready and responsive to God's call.



2025 PARISH PRIORITIES

These are the focus areas we are inviting every parishioner to support, participate in, and share with others:

EVANGELISATION

This year we’re building an evangelising culture through ALPHA, speaker evenings, and youth outreach. Your invitation, presence or encouragement could help someone take a step toward Christ. Contact Margaret O’Donnell for more information or to get involved.

LITURGY

The new Liturgy Ministry Group aims to deepen the experience of our faith by enriching the quality and beauty of our liturgies, especially the Mass. Ensuring uplifting and appropriate music, in an intentionally prepared environment, and encouraging thoughtful participation by the celebrants and congregation will assist us all in drawing closer to God. Contact Mary Tonti-Filippini for more information or to get involved.

WELCOMING

We’re launching a Welcome Ministry, preparing new parishioner packs, and enhancing communication. A warm greeting, a kind word, or an invitation can help someone feel at home at St Greg’s. Contact Marcello Diamante for more information or to get involved.

OUR MINISTRIES

Here are the existing ministries of St Gregory the Great—each one offering opportunities for service, connection, and spiritual growth. These ministries reflect the richness of our parish life and actively complement the goals of the Parish Pastoral Plan. There’s already so much great work being done, and each ministry plays a part in building a vibrant, vital and viable parish:

Parish Finance Council	Liturgy
Care of the Church	Meditation
Choir	Money Counting
Children’s Liturgy	Morning Tea
Collectors	Piety Stall
Communion to the Sick	RCIA
Cornerstone Youth Group	Sacramental Program
Eucharistic Ministers	Sacristan
Evangelisation	Social Committee
Flowers	St Vincent de Paul
Hearts on Fire	Welcomers
Lectors/Readers	Young Adult Group

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your PPC is a group of committed parishioners who, together with our priests, help guide the spiritual and pastoral direction of the parish. We meet regularly to plan, listen, encourage, and review our shared vision—and we’re here for you.

Your current PPC:

Francis Yim, Yvonne Tan, Marcello Diamante, Mary Tonti-Filippini, Dot Haynes OAM, Margaret O’Donnell, Vera Arief (Secretary), David Hii (Business Manager), Natalie Ballinger (School Principal), Alfred Ablaza (PPC Chair), Fr. Anton Aseervathampillai (Asst. Parish Priest), Fr. Charles Balnaves (Parish Priest)

Feel free to approach any of us.

LET’S STEP FORWARD – TOGETHER

This plan is a heartfelt invitation. It reflects where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us. Each of us is called and needed.

Let us be a parish that brings people to Jesus—not only through words, but through welcome, worship, service, and shared faith.

Together, let’s make St Gregory the Great Parish more vibrant, vital and viable—so we can bring Christ’s light to our world.

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