

GEELONG DEANERY PARISH STRATEGY – QUESTIONNAIRE 2001

1. PLACES OF WORSHIP

PARISH	PLACE	SUNDAY MASS TIMES	CAPACITY	ATTENDANCE	CONDITION
BELL PARK	Holy Family Church, Bell Park	8.00am (English) 9.30am (English) 11.30am (Croatian) Monthly (Slovenian)	500	450	Minor repairs
	Ecumenical Chapel, Grace McKellar				Minor repairs
BELMONT	St. Bernard's Church, Belmont	6.30pm (Sat), 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm	650	1250	Sold
CORIO	St. Francis Xavier Church, Corio	7.00pm (Sat), 10.30am	350	260	Very good
	St. Anthony's Church, Lara	8.45am	350	180	Very good
DRYSDALE	St. Thomas' Church, Drysdale	7.45am, 11.00am	150-160	195	Good
	St. Patrick's Church, Portarlinton	9.30am	300-400	145	Good
	Lumen Christi, Leopold	10.00am	400-600	220	Good
	Ss. Phillip & James Church, St. Leonards	6.30pm (Sat)	300-400	130	
GEELONG	St. Mary's Church, Geelong	6.30pm (Sat), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.15am (Polish), 6.00pm	1000	1300	Minor repairs
	St. Robert's Church, Newtown	10.00am	150	120	Minor repairs
	St. John of God Hospital	10.00am			
GEELONG EAST	St. Margaret's Church, East Geelong	10.30am	300	100	Very good
	Christ the King Church, Newcomb	7.00pm (Sat), 9.00am	200	80	Very good
GEELONG WEST	Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Geelong	6.30pm (Sat), 10.30am, 5.00pm	350	430	Minor repairs
	St. Patrick's Chapel, Geelong West	9.30am (Italian)	220	80	Minor repairs
GROVEDALE	Nazareth Church, Grovedale	10.30am	300	160	Good
	St. Therese's Church, Torquay	7.00pm (Sat in Jan.), 9.00am	300	250	Good
	Rice Village, Marshall	5.30pm (Sat), 11.20am	75	110	Good

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MANIFOLD	Holy Spirit Church, Manifold Heights	6.00pm (Sat), 11.00am	350	300	Very good
	St. Anthony's Church, Hamlyn Heights	9.00am	200	160	Very good
MEREDITH	St. Joseph's Church, Meredith	11.00am (1,3,5 Sun) 8.00am (2,4 Sun)	100	45	Good
	St. John's Church, Bannockburn	9.30am	130	105	Good
	Sacred Heart Church, Inverleigh	6.00pm (Sat – before 2,4 Sun)	64	30	Good
	St. Brigid's Church, Anakie	8.00am (1,3,5, Sun) 11.00am (2,4, Sun)	75	45	Good
	St. Patrick's Church, Elaine	7.30pm (Sat – before 2,4,5 Sun)	70	35	Good
	St. Mary's Church, Lethbridge	6.00pm (Sat – before 1,3,5 Sun)	70	35	Good
NORLANE	St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane	6.00pm (Sat), 10.00am	500	250	Good
	St. John's Church, Geelong North	8.30am (English), 1.00pm (Latin)	200	120	Good
QUEENSCLIFF	Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff	10.30am	250	170	Major repairs
	Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove *	9.00am	350	250	Very good
	Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads	7.00pm (Sat)	180	100	Major repairs
	* New Church 2002		480		
WINCHELSEA	St. John's Church, Winchelsea	8.45am	150	80	Minor repairs
	St. Christopher's Church, Anglesea	10.30am	200	120	Very good
	St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Moriac	7.00pm (Sat)	100	30	Good

TOTAL SUNDAY MASS CENTRES = 34

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2. PRESBYTERY

PARSH	IS THERE A PRESBYTERY?	HOW MANY PRIESTS COULD IT ACCOMMODATE?	COMMENTS
BELL PARK	Yes	1 (as is now)	Original presbytery now serves as a community centre. Would be possible to house 2-3 priests.
BELMONT	Yes		Property sold
CORIO	Yes	2	
DRYSDALE	Yes	2	
GEELONG	Yes	5	Will always be there. Possibly could accommodate priests working in parishes other than St. Mary's.
GEELONG EAST	Yes	2	
GEELONG WEST	Yes		To be sold
GROVEDALE	Yes	1	Also used for meetings and administration
MANIFOLD	Yes	2	
MEREDITH	Yes	1	
NORLANE	Yes	2	
QUEENSCLIFF	Yes	1	
WINCHELSEA	Yes	1	

3. SCHOOLS

PARISH	SCHOOL	NO. OF PUPILS	NO. OF FAMILIES	% CATHOLIC
BELL PARK	Holy Family, Bell Park	253	163	91
BELMONT	Clairvaux, Belmont	500	320	94
CORIO	St. Francis Xavier, Corio	246	118	80
DRYSDALE	St. Thomas', Drysdale	326	197	89
GEELONG	St. Mary's, Geelong	134	99	80
	St. Robert's, Newtown	316	217	95
GEELONG EAST	St. Margaret's, East Geelong	198	130	80
	Christ the King, Newcomb	274	178	80
GEELONG WEST	St. Patrick's, Geelong West	176	112	90
GROVEDALE	Nazareth, Grovedale	149	91	90
	St. Therese's, Torquay	270	175	80
MANIFOLD	Our Lady's, Manifold Heights	200	137	90
	St. Anthony's, Hamlyn Heights	65	49	100
MEREDITH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NORLANE	St. Thomas', Norlane	116	78	49

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PARISH	SCHOOL	NO. OF PUPILS	NO. OF FAMILIES	% CATHOLIC
QUEENSCLIFF	Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove	331	220	81
	St. Aloysius, Queenscliff	67	46	68
WINCHELSEA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. ASSETS

PARISH	DO YOU HAVE A HALL?	CAPACITY - AUDITORIUM STYLE	CONDITION	OTHER ASSETS
BELL PARK	No			
BELMONT	Yes	800	Very good	
CORIO	No			Both churches are Church/Hall arrangements. Rental property in Lara (one house).
DRYSDALE	Yes – 2	300 ; 200	Good; Minor repairs	Land and Church at Curlewis; Land at Drysdale, Portarlinton, Leopold and Curlewis.
GEELONG	Yes	600	Minor repairs	4 tennis courts; 5 properties – 4 in Geelong, 1 in Drysdale
GEELONG EAST	Yes	150	Very good	Private rental property
GEELONG WEST	Yes	300	Minor repairs	
GROVEDALE	Yes	200	Good	Youth centre which incorporates pre-school (Montessori and other parish meetings).
MANIFOLD	Yes	100	Very good	2 schools
MEREDITH	Yes	100	Good	5 acres of land at Meredith; social room at Lethbridge; spare land at Elaine & Anakie
NORLANE	No			
QUEENSCLIFF	Yes	300	Minor repairs	
WINCHELSEA	Yes	80-100	Good	St. Christopher's Community Meeting Room, Anglesea

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5. FAMILIES

PARISH	NO. OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES IN PARISH	GROWING / STEADY / DECLINING	AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE	GROWING / STEADY / DECLINING
BELL PARK	1600	Steady	789	Declining
BELMONT	2500	Growing		
CORIO	1400	Growing	400-450	Steady
DRYSDALE		Growing		Steady
GEELONG	1700	Steady	1420	Growing
GEELONG EAST	1350	Steady	250	Declining
GEELONG WEST	550+	Steady	482 (May 2001)	Declining
GROVEDALE	1500	Growing	520	Steady
MANIFOLD		Steady	470	Steady
MEREDITH	200	Growing	205	Growing
NORLANE	890	Steady		
QUEENSCLIFF	980	Growing slowly	510	Steady
WINCHELSEA	500	Steady	230	Growing slowly

6. SACRAMENTS & LITURGY

PARISH	BAPTISMS – 2000	MARRIAGES – 2000	FUNERALS – 2000
BELL PARK	68	2	35
BELMONT	120	30	49
CORIO	82 (+ 2 welcomes)	5	10
DRYSDALE	50-60	5	10-15
GEELONG	154	78	91
GEELONG EAST	35	3	3
GEELONG WEST	63	43	33
GROVEDALE	59	4 (+12 in outside churches)	19
MANIFOLD	50	10	23
MEREDITH	30	1	6
NORLANE	25	6	10
QUEENSCLIFF	52	13	12
WINCHELSEA	13	5	5
Totals	647-657	127	215-220

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7. FINANCE

7.1

PARISH	NO. OF ACTIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME	IS PRESBYTERY COLLECTION SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT PRIESTS OF PARISH WITHOUT CLAIMING ON PRIESTS' REMUNERATION FUND?	HOW EFFECTIVELY IS THE THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME CURRENTLY MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PARISH?
BELL PARK	255	Yes – within the cluster	Not providing enough to pay proper wage to Pastoral Associates.
BELMONT	300	Yes	Need another \$500.00 weekly.
CORIO	220	No	Just managing.
DRYSDALE	250	Yes	
GEELONG	400	Yes	Would be struggling without other means of income e.g. fund-raising, bequests.
GEELONG EAST	240	No	
GEELONG WEST	194	Yes	Not enough to employ Pastoral Associate – hence move to sell presbytery.
GROVEDALE	261	No	Now finally meeting needs of the Parish.
MANIFOLD	250	Yes	
MEREDITH	68	No	Meets “normal” running expenses.
NORLANE	60	Yes	Meets needs.
QUEENSCLIFF	330	Yes	Has improved dramatically since campaign in Nov. 2000 and is holding well to meet current needs.
WINCHELSEA		No	Sufficient

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7.2

PARISH	ANY SIGNIFICANT PARISH DEBTS?	MANAGEMENT OF REPAYMENTS?	ANY SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL DEBTS?	MANAGEMENT OF REPAYMENTS?	DOES SCHOOL REQUIRE SUBSIDY FROM PARISH?
BELL PARK	No		No		No
BELMONT	No (will be in 2002)	Just managing	Yes	Just managing – feel get better support from CEO	Yes
CORIO	No	Just managing	Corio – Yes Lara – Yes	Just managing	Yes
DRYSDALE	No	Very well	Yes	Just managing	No
GEELONG	Yes	Just managing because of extra means of income	No	Very well	No
GEELONG EAST	Yes	Very well	Yes	Very well	No
GEELONG WEST	Yes	Very well	Yes	Very well	Yes
GROVEDALE	Yes	Just managing	Yes	Just managing	No
MANIFOLD	No		Yes	Very well	Yes
MEREDITH	No		N/A	N/A	N/A
NORLANE	No		No		No
QUEENSCLIFF	Yes	Just managing	Yes	Very well	Yes
WINCHELSEA	Yes	Just managing	N/A	N/A	N/A

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8. PARISH ORGANISATIONS

PARISH	EFFECTIVE PARISH ORGANISATIONS	MAJOR AREAS OF CURRENT LAY LEADERSHIP
BELL PARK	St. V de P, Parish Pastoral Team, Holy Family Women's Group, Legion of Mary, 2 Gospel Reflection Groups, Godstart, Baptism Preparation Team.	Pastoral Associates, Parish Team, Finance Committee, St. V de P, Choir.
BELMONT	Parish Team, Liturgy Committee, Future Planning Committee, Parish Council, Widow's Group, St. V de P.	Pastoral Associates, Parish Team, Parish Council, Future Planning Group.
CORIO	St. V de P, Baptism Preparation, RCIA, Music Ministry, St. Laurence Park (Lara).	Liturgy of the Word/Communion Services, Visitation, Ecumenical interest.
DRYSDALE	St. V de P	Special Ministers, Readers, Music Groups, Sunday R.E. teaching.
GEELONG	Parish Council, Fete Committee, St. V de P., Liturgy Committee.	Catechists, Parish Council, four new committees in formation, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, Youth Group.
GEELONG EAST	St. V de P, Choir & Musicians, Parish Visitation Group, Baptismal Preparation Team, Admin/Finance/Maintenance Team, Church Cleaning Groups.	St. V de P, Admin/Finance/Maintenance Committee, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly.
GEELONG WEST	Parish Pastoral Team, St. V de P, Baptism Preparation Team, Godstart, Bereavement Group, Senior Parishioners, Ministry to the Sick, Liturgy Team, Funeral Hospitality, Parish Education Board.	Parish Pastoral Team, Finance Committee, Senior Parishioners Group, St. V de P, Bereavement Group, Liturgy Committee.
GROVEDALE	Pastoral Teams, Liturgy Committees, Passionist Family Groups, Special Ministers to the Sick, Parish Finance Team.	Pastoral Teams, Education Boards, Special Ministers to the Sick, Care Groups, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy Groups, Parish Finance Team, St. V de P, Passionist Family Groups, Music Groups.
MANIFOLD	CWL, St. V de P, Widows/Widowers/Singles, Youth (incipient), Finance, Education Board.	Music, Support for Needy, Maintenance, Support for Elderly.
MEREDITH	Parish Team, Parish Liturgy Team, Parish Finance Committee, Lethbridge Community Group, Bannockburn Altar Society.	Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Team.
NORLANE	Couples for Christ, St. V de P, Legion of Mary, Prayer Groups, Scripture classes for state school children, Youth RCIA.	Special Ministers, Readers, Commentators, Parish Council, School Action Group (PF).
QUEENSCLIFF	Care & Concern, Special Ministers to Sick, Liturgy Team, St. V de P, Passionist Family Groups.	Liturgy Planning, Inter Church Connections, Parish Schools, Planning & Finance Team, Outreach to Needy Families.
WINCHELSEA	St. John's Ladies Guild, St. Christopher's Ladies Guild, Finance Committee – (Parish Committee to be reformed 2002).	

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9. STRENGTHS & DIFFICULTIES

PARISH	GREATEST STRENGTHS	PRESSING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	OPPORTUNITIES & INITIATIVES
BELL PARK	Community spirit, Loyalty, Strong family ties, Reliability of volunteers, Devotional faith, Good Choir.	Youth involvement, Adult education, Integration of various ethnic groups.	Resolution of the clustering situation, involvement of youth.
BELMONT	The people, Liturgical tradition.		To be able to re-establish Church and Parish Centre in 2002.
CORIO	The keenness of the people to become involved (the possibility of new groups, etc.)	Activities/groups for the older members, Youth, Adult education.	Adult education, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Young family interaction, Young mums, Education in Justice.
DRYSDALE	Individuals taking responsibility in each area.	Support of parish from younger people. Youth focus.	
GEELONG	Great tradition; some "awesome" buildings, good music at Mass, Eucharistic Chapel can be a "powerhouse" for the parish.	Most buildings are old and in need of major refurbishment. But they have great potential e.g. Hall. Need to reach out to more young families, give greater help to people in need.	More involvement by parishioners in a variety of parish activities.
GEELONG EAST	Care for the needy and the elderly.	Liturgy, Youth, RCIA, Adult Religious Education.	We need to develop small communities and Youth activities.
GEELONG WEST	Good community, People feel welcome, Reliable volunteers, School and Parish connection, Bereavement Group, Funeral Hospitality.	Youth involvement, Stronger lay leadership, Need for Pastoral Associate, People to own their talents, More creative liturgy.	To involve younger families more, Training of lay leaders, Visitation of homes.
GROVEDALE	Involvement of so many in different activities & organizations, Sense of vibrancy, Pastoral Teams starting to fire.	Not sending children to Catholic School, More Mass time flexibility, Decreasing numbers at Nazareth School, 10% of people who do not keep to their rosters.	Attract nominal Catholics back to Mass and involvement in Christian community.
MANIFOLD	Voluntary co-operation & support for Parish Priest.	Support by school parents in Parish life.	
MEREDITH	Sense of community, Enthusiasm, Openness, Involvement in Movement for a Better World.	Attract teenagers and young families, Reach out to unchurched, Retain contact with sacramental program families, Music Ministry.	Youth liturgy, Youth social, Care Groups.

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NORLANE		Youth involvement; School parents' involvement.	
QUEENSCLIFF	Community spirit.	Visitation by faithful, Youth needs, Prayer initiatives, Basic Christian community cells.	(See "improvements")
WINCHELSEA	Simple people with simple needs, Neighbourly.	Unity between areas, Involvement.	

10. PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH	DOES PARISH HAVE A PARISH COUNCIL (OR EQUIVALENT)?	IS IT WORKING EFFECTIVELY?			PARISH COMMITTEES CURRENTLY MEETING EFFECTIVELY.
		'Yes'	'Sort of'	'Not really'	
BELL PARK	Yes		Sort of		Parish Team, Finance Committee, St. V de P, Baptism Preparation Team.
BELMONT	Yes		Yes		Parish Team, Liturgy Committee, Future Planning Committee, Parish Council, Widow's Group, St. V de P.
CORIO	Yes		Sort of (only just formed)		Parish Finance Committee
DRYSDALE	Yes (combined meeting every 3 months)		Yes – Sort of		Portarlinton, St. Leonards, Drysdale
GEELONG	Yes		Yes		Finance, Liturgy, Fete, Educ. Board
GEELONG EAST	Yes		Yes		Admin / Finance / Maintenance Committee
GEELONG WEST	Yes		Sort of		Parish Education Board, Liturgy Committee, Bereavement Group, Finance Committee, Godstart, Baptism Preparation
GROVEDALE	Yes – 2 Grovedale & Torquay Pastoral Teams		Yes		Pastoral Teams, Education Boards, Special Ministers to the Sick, Care Groups, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy Groups, Parish Finance Team, St. V de P, Passionist Family Groups, Music Groups.
MANIFOLD	Yes		Sort of		CWL, St. V de P, Widows/Widowers/Singles, Youth (incipient), Finance, Education Board.

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MEREDITH	Yes	Yes (very)			Parish Team is "it" – finance, social, renewal, liturgy.
NORLANE	Yes				Parish Council, Finance Group.
QUEENSCLIFF	Yes	Sort of			Pastoral Team, School Boards, Liturgy Teams, P.F.A., Family Groups, St. V de P, Building & Finance.
WINCHELSEA	Being re-formed in 2002				St. John's & St. Christopher's Ladies Guild/Committee

11. ADMINISTRATION / PERSONNEL

PARISH	SECRETARIAL / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE?	HOURS PER WEEK	MAINTENANCE PERSON?	HOURS PER WEEK
BELL PARK	Yes	15 hrs	Yes – gardener, church cleaning	
BELMONT	Yes	Full time	No	-
CORIO	Yes	25 hrs	Yes	Linked to the school
DRYSDALE	No	-	No	-
GEELONG	Yes	50 hrs	Yes	15 hrs
GEELONG EAST	Yes	20 hrs	No	-
GEELONG WEST	Yes	3 hrs	Yes – gardener	10 hrs
GROVEDALE	Yes	16 hrs	Yes – 2 casual maintenance people	
MANIFOLD	Yes		Yes	
MEREDITH	No	-	No	-
NORLANE	Yes	10 hrs	No	-
QUEENSCLIFF	Yes	3 hrs	No	-
WINCHELSEA	No	-	No	-