



The Parish of
St Anne & St Bede

Kew East | Balwyn North

Parish Directory



Our Mission:

Celebrate, Educate and Live out our Faith in Jesus

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Introduction to the Parish of St Anne and St Bede

Welcome to the Parish of St Anne and St Bede. We trust that this Directory will provide you with a useful tool to navigate and familiarise yourself with the many opportunities to engage in our faith community. Our Parish includes the suburbs of Kew East, Kew North and Balwyn North in the inner eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

We appreciate that people's lives have changed greatly in recent decades and we invite you to see how you can connect with our Parish community. We realise that many people living in the area may have actually grown up elsewhere and many outside the Catholic tradition. Reflecting the hospitality of Jesus we welcome you. Our doors are open, please come in!

In this part of Melbourne we have strong foundations and numerous well-supported opportunities for education in faith and faith formation. This happens through our schools, programmes the Parish offers and regular Sunday worship.

We suggest that you keep this Directory at home as a ready reference for you, your family, friends and neighbours. Our lives of faith are organic, they are continually changing and growing. We, the Parish, are here to support and encourage you.

Please keep visiting our Parish Website where you will be informed by our local and global faith community. You will find information and links to mission work, study opportunities and social events both locally and globally. You can access the Parish Directory online and also download our Weekly Parish Bulletin every Friday from 5pm.

You are most welcome to attend Mass at any of our Parish churches: St Anne's (Kew East), St Joachim's (Kew North) or St Bede's (Balwyn North). Please introduce yourself to the Priest before or after Mass.

You can contact our Parish Office by phone on 9859 2272, by email: balwynnorthkeweast@cam.org.au, or drop in to 1 Severn Street, Balwyn North, to the left of St Bede's Church.

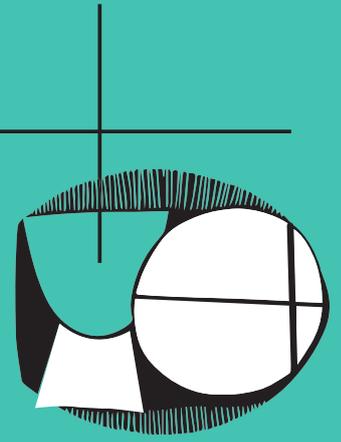
Perhaps you have ideas or experience that will help us work together to fulfil our Parish mission: 'Celebrate, educate and live out our faith in Jesus'. Whichever way, we look forward to welcoming you!

With every blessing,

Father Werner Utri and the Parish Pastoral Council



Church addresses and Mass times



- **St Anne's:** Cnr Beresford St & Windella Avenue, Kew East 3102
- **St Bede's:** 1 Severn St, Balwyn North 3104
- **St Joachim's:** Cnr Barnard Grv & Peel St, Kew North 3101

* Please refer to our Parish Website for current mass times and reconciliation at each church.

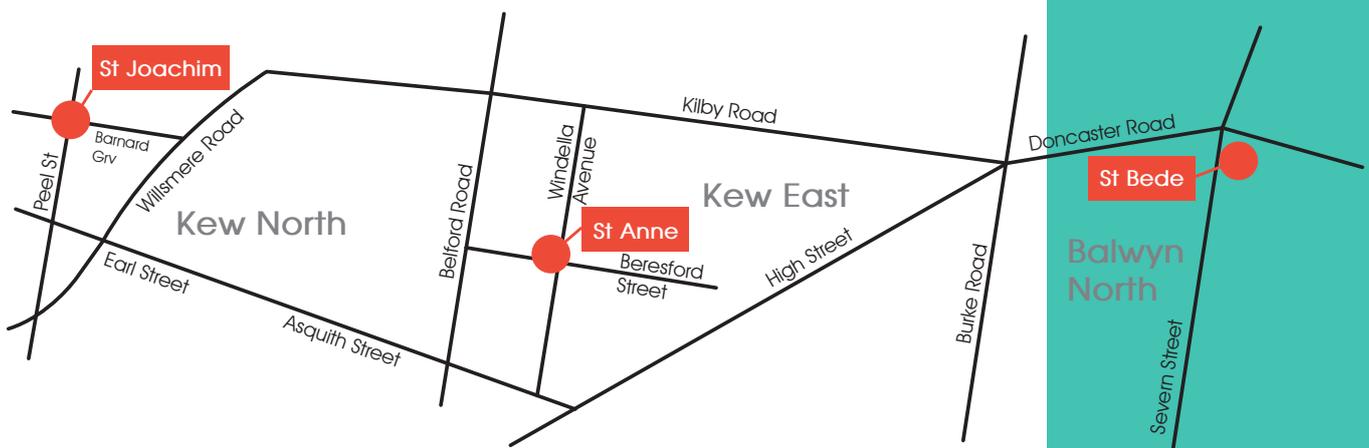
Communion Services or Mass at Eva Tilley Memorial Home weekly on Wednesdays.

Phone: 9859 9541

Address: 1100 Burke Rd, Balwyn North 3104

www.evatilley.com.au

Map



Contact Us

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Parish Primary Schools



St. Anne's School

Together in Knowledge and Faith

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Website www.sannkewe.catholic.edu.au
Year levels Foundation - 6
Telephone 9859 4116
Address 7-19 Beresford St, Kew East, 3102



**ST BEDE'S
SCHOOL**

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

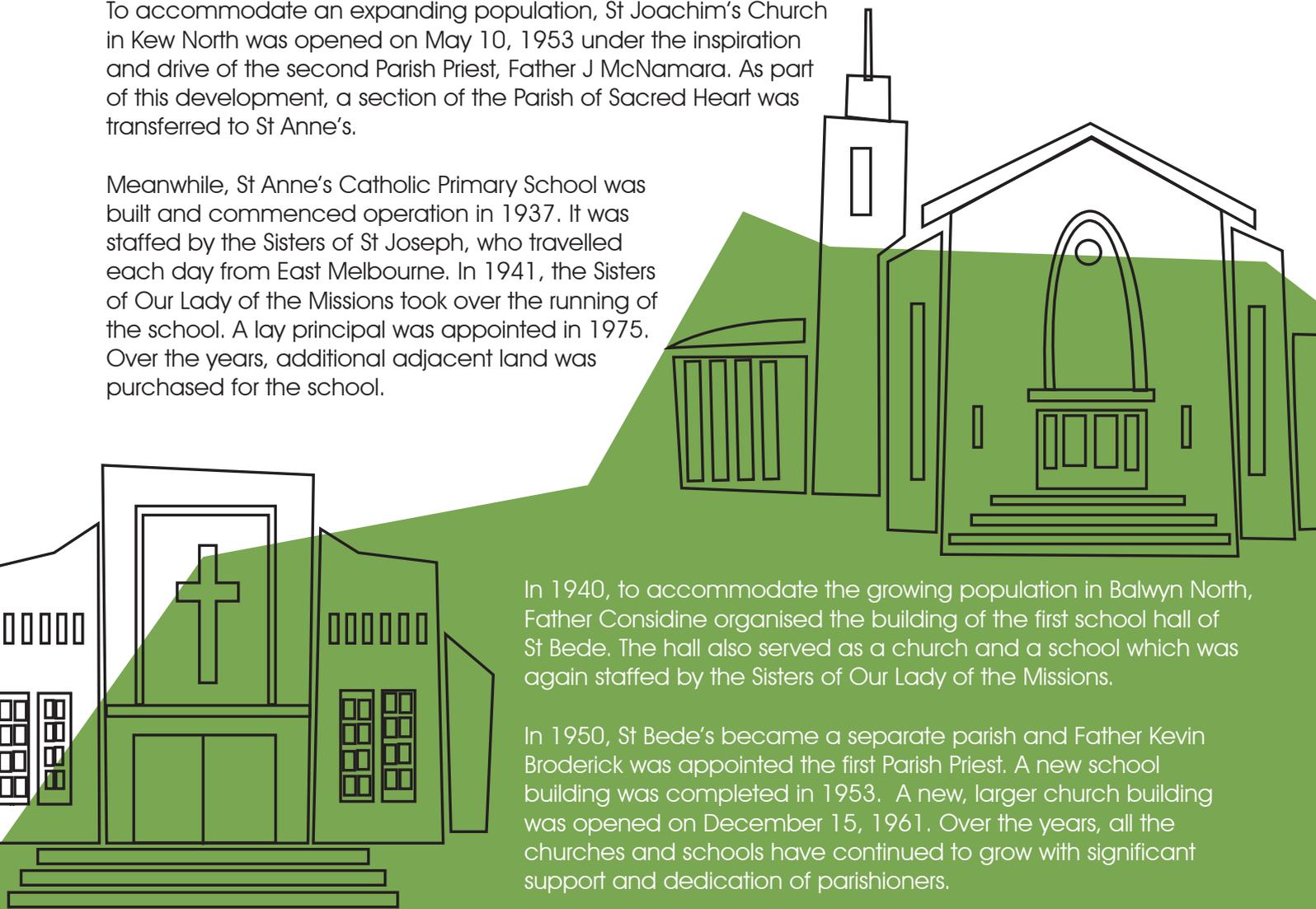
Website www.sbedesbn.catholic.edu.au
Year levels Prep - 6
Telephone 8851 4651
Address 2 Marwal Ave, Balwyn North, 3104

History of the Parishes and their schools

On August 10, 1930, Archbishop Mannix laid the foundation stone for the original church/school of St Anne in Kew East. The Church was originally part of the Parish of Sacred Heart Kew. It was declared a separate parish in January 1937 when the first Parish Priest, Father Considine, was appointed.

To accommodate an expanding population, St Joachim's Church in Kew North was opened on May 10, 1953 under the inspiration and drive of the second Parish Priest, Father J McNamara. As part of this development, a section of the Parish of Sacred Heart was transferred to St Anne's.

Meanwhile, St Anne's Catholic Primary School was built and commenced operation in 1937. It was staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph, who travelled each day from East Melbourne. In 1941, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions took over the running of the school. A lay principal was appointed in 1975. Over the years, additional adjacent land was purchased for the school.



In 1940, to accommodate the growing population in Balwyn North, Father Considine organised the building of the first school hall of St Bede. The hall also served as a church and a school which was again staffed by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

In 1950, St Bede's became a separate parish and Father Kevin Broderick was appointed the first Parish Priest. A new school building was completed in 1953. A new, larger church building was opened on December 15, 1961. Over the years, all the churches and schools have continued to grow with significant support and dedication of parishioners.

A 'reunification' after 65 years

From the beginning of 2013, St Anne's Parish, including the churches of St Anne in Kew East and St Joachim in Kew North, was partnered with St Bede's Parish in Balwyn North. This historic 'reunification' after some 65 years provides great opportunity for parishioners across both areas to benefit from a larger community. The combined Parish and its Parish Pastoral Council can now more effectively use resources to meet the pastoral needs of its parishioners in a rapidly changing local community.

To date more than 8000 people, including some 1600 families, engage in Parish life through our churches and Parish primary schools. As a combined Parish we have embraced a joint mission to:

"Celebrate, Educate and Live out our Faith in Jesus."

Celebrating our Faith:

The Eucharist is central to the Catholic tradition. It is the way that we gather to celebrate. We welcome parishioners and visitors to attend any Mass at our three churches. Below are a number of ways that you can be involved further in Parish life. Contact the Parish Office for more information on any of these ministries.

Liturgy Group

This group plans and co-ordinates the weekend liturgy and special occasions such as feast days throughout the year. Training and formation are provided.

Mass Coordinators - Sacristans

Our Mass coordinators, also known as Sacristans, open up and prepare the church for weekend and daily services.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is offered on a Sunday during the school term: 10.30am at St Anne, 9.00am at St Bede. A Parent is required to attend with their child if they are pre-school age. The children experience simple messages and practical insights in a friendly, encouraging environment. If you have young children it is a great way for them to experience the liturgy at their level. Children's liturgy leaders have current Working with Children Checks.

Music Ministry

All weekend masses are celebrated with music. Regular cantors and musicians lead the music each week with a Parish choir occasionally leading the music.

Ministers of the Word

Ministers of the Word read the first and second readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. Training is provided.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest in administering Communion during Mass. Some also provide Communion to the Sick for parishioners who can no longer travel to Mass including those who are residents in aged care. Training is held throughout the year. Contact the Parish Office if you know someone who would like to receive communion or if you would like to be included in the Communion to the Sick roster, either as a short or long-term arrangement.

Altar Servers

Children who have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist are able to assist as altar servers. Recruitment and training takes place every year.

Mass Welcomers - at St Anne's Church

These parishioners welcome everyone into the church before Mass and hand out the Weekly Bulletin. We encourage families to volunteer as it is a great way to engage people of all ages.

Mass Transporters – at St Bede's Church

Our Mass transport team assists those who are not able to make their own way to Mass on Sundays or to various Parish activities. This includes the transportation of Parishioners who reside at Eva Tilley Memorial Home. for the 11am Sunday Mass at St Bede's. Casual and ongoing support is always needed. If you need transport, or would like to provide transport, contact the Parish Office.

Counters

These teams count the money collected at weekend masses. This usually happens on a Sunday morning at both St Anne and St Bede.

Church Flowers

The flower arranging teams, in consultation with the liturgy team, arrange flowers each week for the church to complement special events and feast days. Occasionally the team arrange flowers for special occasions such as weddings. Contact the Parish Office to discuss your needs and associated costs.

Church Cleaners

A team of volunteers supplement the work of professional cleaners. This work is highly valued as it enables a clean and welcoming environment. In general, volunteers are rostered monthly.



Sacraments:

Note : All enquiries to be made via the Parish office.

Sacraments and Liturgy are signs of God's presence in our lives. They are highlights of an individual's journey in faith and are celebrated within the Parish faith community.

The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, lay the foundations of every human life. We become part of the Christian Community through Baptism, receive the food of eternal life with the Eucharist which in turn is reinforced and strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism

Baptism signifies welcome and membership into the Catholic Church. The Sacrament is normally celebrated during any weekend Mass on the fourth Saturday/Sunday of the month. Families generally come to Mass the weekend before the Baptism for the Welcome Rite. A slightly different program is arranged for Baptism of older children and adults, where a catechetical preparation over a period of time takes place. (Refer: Rite of Christian Initiation)

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also known as Confession. This Sacrament celebrates God as forgiving and healing. Preparation is usually completed as part of the Parish school curriculum.

If your child attends an alternative school but would like to receive catechesis through the Parish, contact the Parish office.

First Eucharist

First Eucharist is also known as First Holy Communion. The word 'Eucharist' is from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving' and the word 'communion' means to be 'united with'. In the Catholic tradition we regularly come together for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is not a private devotion but rather a communal gathering much like a family meal. Preparation is usually completed as part of the Parish school curriculum.

If your child attends an alternative school but would like to receive catechesis through the Parish, contact the Parish office.



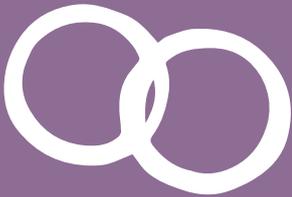
Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually celebrated around the age of 12 when children are making more personal choices and moving into young adulthood. Preparation helps candidates to take responsibility for living out their faith life. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation begun at Baptism. Preparation is usually completed as part of the Parish school curriculum.

If your child attends an alternative school but would like to receive catechesis through the Parish, contact the Parish office.

Marriage



The Sacrament of Marriage is the celebration of a couple's lifelong commitment of faithful love to each other with God's blessing. For enquiries contact the Parish office.

Note: Contact must be made at least 6 months prior to your intended wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, are able to do so through the RCIA. The RCIA process usually commences with Enquiry sessions in August leading to becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

Children who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, are able to do so through the RCIC. The RCIC process usually commences with Enquiry sessions in August leading to becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Rite of Reception

Those who have been baptised in another Christian faith tradition are able to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or Rite of Christian Initiation of Children process.



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament offers strength and support in the face of sickness. Anointing unites those who are suffering with the healing power of Christ. Anointing Masses are held from time to time as per the Parish Calendar on the parish website.

For all enquiries, including home visits, contact the Parish office.

Funerals

The Funeral Rite provides consolation to the bereaved, support for family and friends and an opportunity, in the midst of one's grief, to celebrate the life of a person. The family and community are strengthened with messages of hope, believing that the person is now in God's care.

Arrangements are usually made in collaboration with the family, Parish Priest and Funeral Director.

For enquiries contact the Parish office.



Living out our Faith:

There are many ways that each of us live out our faith every day and the following initiatives within our Parish enable us to connect, develop our faith and help others do the same.

Parish Preschool Groups

The St Anne and St Bede Preschool Groups meet during school term at St Anne's Catholic Primary School - Multipurpose Hall, Cnr Beresford St & Windella Ave, Kew East, 3102 and St Bede's Catholic Primary School - School Hall, 2 Marwal Ave, Balwyn North, 3104.

These gatherings provide wonderful opportunities for children, ages 0 – 5 years old, and parents/carers to have fun, build friendships and support each other. The sessions include free play, snack time, music and varied activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome. Days and times are detailed on the Parish Website.

Prayer and Faith Sharing Groups

These groups are formed within the Parish at various times during the year to provide opportunities for parishioners to meet one another, share their insights about life, read the Gospel and pray together.

Lenten Groups

Lenten Groups focus on the Sunday Gospel readings leading to Easter.
Contact Jo Ryan 9859 2272

Meditation Groups

Meditation Groups meet at St Bede's Church on Monday night at 8pm; Tuesday afternoons at 4pm; and Wednesday mornings at 7am. Contact Jo Ryan 9859 2272

Friday Afternoon Prayer Group

This gathering commences in St Bede's Church on Fridays at 4pm for prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Contact Stephen Despard 9859 2272

Italian Prayer Group

Italian Prayer Group is organised monthly by Italian Parishioners. The Rosary is prayed, followed by Mass and refreshments, hosted at the Sisters of the Holy Spirit Convent on the corner of Strathalbyn and Cadow Streets, Kew East. There is also an Italian Prayer group at St Bede's who meet in the homes of people followed by coffee and cakes.
Contact Bianca and Peter Costanza for St Anne's 9853 6973
Contact Stella Minnelli for St Bede's 9859 2487

Local Mission:

Contact the Parish Office for more information regarding the following initiatives:

St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies)

Parishioners are involved in the local mission work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The support services include:

- Material assistance: furniture, clothing or food vouchers.
Contact the Society's Welfare Enquiries Help Line 1300 305 330 (Mon – Fri 10am – 3pm)
- The Annual Christmas Toy and Gift Appeal distributed to those in need.
- Mini Vinnies initiatives organised by the Parish Primary schools

For all general information including employment information, contact the Head Office in Box Hill. 9895 5800.

If interested in volunteering at the Vinnies store at 735 High Street Kew East, contact 9859 8685 or at an alternative location/initiative, 1300 736 933. Donations are welcome. www.vinnies.org.au

Social Justice Group

This Parish group initiates various projects for local and international causes. Projects include:

- Fundraising social events for the outreach of Our Lady of The Missions Sisters. This includes a Human Anti-trafficking Project on the Thai-Burma border, a Computer Centre Project in Timor Leste and Open Doors Aboriginal Education Project.
- Asylum Seeker Foodbank Project.

Bread Run

The Parish Bread Run Group has been operating for over a decade gathering unsold bread from Bakers Delight in Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, every Wednesday night at 7pm and delivering it by private transport to a few local charities. New volunteers are invited to join the roster to do the run every couple of months. Parents are encouraged to bring their children with them so that they experience first hand community outreach. Contact Loretta and John Barbuto on 9853 8797.

Father Kevin Broderick Memorial Trust

This charitable trust was established in 1979 to honour the longstanding pastoral leadership of the first Parish Priest of St Bede's Church, Father Kevin Broderick. The Trust provides relief and assistance to programs and initiatives that aid vulnerable people, including the provision of temporary accommodation. Annual reports are issued detailing distributions made during the year. Requests for support are considered by the Trustees under the terms of the Trust. A memorial board indicating the work of the Trust may be viewed on the left transept wall of St Bede's Church.

Social Activities:

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office at 9859 2272.

Events Group

This group exists to plan and organise large parish events and gatherings. The Parish holds at least two annual events including:

- Parish Picnic, a highlight of the year that brings together many Parishioners of all ages.
- A fundraising event to assist the parish support its major charities, in particular the Our Lady of The Missions Sisters' Anti-trafficking Project on the Thai- Burma border and the Asylum Seekers Resources Centre.

Hospitality Group

Hospitality is central to the parish of St Anne and St Bede. Refreshments are provided after each Mass on the third weekend of the month. The Holy Spirit Sisters, Parishioners and the school communities support this ministry.

Tennis Club

The Parish Tennis Club, based at St Bede's, has operated for many years and provides opportunity for learning and playing tennis and caters for all ages and skill levels. All enquiries can be made to stannestbedes.ptc@gmail.com.



Broader connections - Catholic, Ecumenical and Interfaith:

Our Parish is part of Boroondara Deanery which is a geographical cluster of Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We are involved with Inter-Church Councils, Ecumenical meetings and Interfaith initiatives in the area. We encourage parishioners of all ages to become involved and to regularly check bulletin notices and publications we provide or recommend.

Ecumenical Celebrations

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in Ecumenical celebrations throughout the year. The key events are the Stations of the Cross prior to Easter and Christmas Carols in Macleay Park North Balwyn or Petrie Gardens Kew prior to Christmas.



Parish Administration:

The Parish of St Anne & St Bede has a Parish Pastoral Council, a Finance Committee and supporting subcommittees.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council seeks to:

- cultivate and nurture a Catholic community where prayer, Eucharist and liturgy are central to who we are and what we do;
- be creative, imaginative and daring in its reflection and response to faith and life issues of the day;
- foster a Christian community where all are made welcome and are valued, known, formed, supported and accepted in living their faith;
- communicate with, listen and respond to and engage with Parish groups and individuals and the wider community;
- provide a framework for effective governance, decision-making and management of Parish affairs; and
- provide support for our Parish Priest, working collaboratively with him and each other.

Membership is generally 13 individuals, including the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, Pastoral Associate, two school Principals and eight parishioners. Length of tenure is three years with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Council meets at least six times a year.

Parish Education Board (PEB)

The Parish Education Board is the way that we, as a Parish Community, seek to live out our mission of Educating in Faith. It is an advisory board to the Parish Priest in regards to matters of Education and Faith Formation. The PEB includes our two Primary Schools of St Anne and St Bede as well as Ministry Groups in the Parish involved in the broader areas of Education in Faith and Faith Formation, for example: Baptism Team, RCIA, Sacramental Programs in the schools and the Parish and Children's Liturgy.

The PEB membership includes the two school Advisory Boards including the Principals, a staff member and four parent representatives from each of our school communities.

These come together for a common time of prayer, reflection and shared discussion and then separate to meet regarding specific issues and needs pertaining to each school or group. Contact either school for more information.





Archives

A group of volunteers meet on an as needs basis to maintain and update Parish archives and history.

Parish Policies

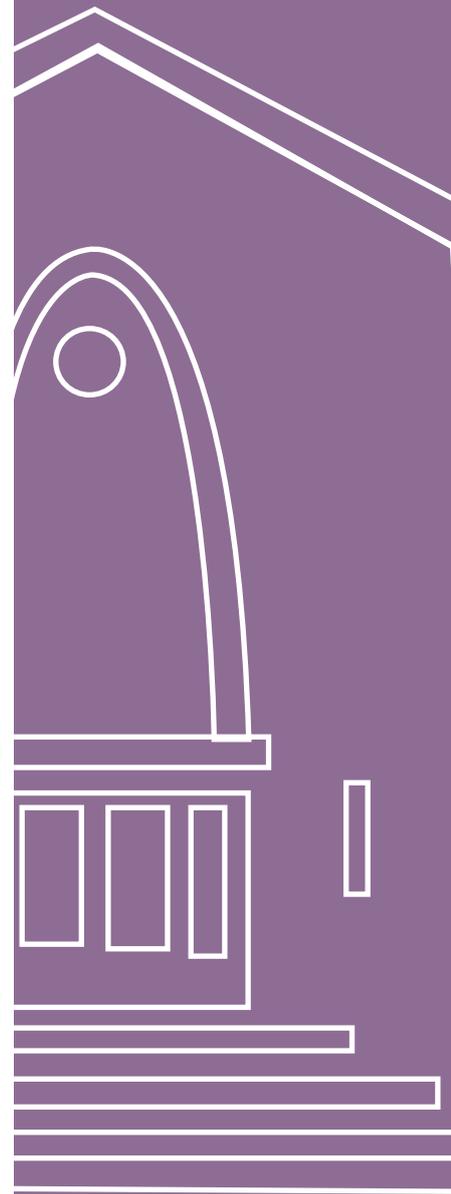
All parish policies are available on the parish website.

Weekly Parish Bulletin

The weekly Parish Bulletin lists Mass times, news, notices, liturgy reading references, prayers, diary of upcoming events, mission work as well as local contacts. Copies are uploaded to our website each Friday and distributed at all weekend Masses.

Boroondara Deanery Newsletter

The Boroondara Deanery newsletter is available and provides news and events in our Deanery. Copies are available at the back of the churches and online at www.cam.org.au/justice/Parishes/Boroondara-Deanery



Parish Finance:

Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee provides advice to the Parish Priest particularly for setting the budget to meet pastoral and temporal needs of the Parish. Responsibilities include monitoring Parish loans, fulfilment of diocesan guidelines, future capital planning needs and overall vision of the fundraising program. The committee generally meets four times each year.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee co-ordinates the Stewardship Program and is convened prior to a stewardship campaign. The Parish relies heavily on the financial commitment Parishioners make through the Stewardship Program. It helps fund capital works, daily operating expenses and Parish Pastoral works. Pledges can be made weekly, monthly or annually via direct debit, credit card or cash. Enquiries can be made at the Parish Office.

Financial Collections at Mass

At each weekend Mass there are two collections. Money donated in the first collection supports the priests of our Parish and other priests in need in parishes of the Melbourne Archdiocese. The second collection, the Stewardship collection, which includes envelopes, cheques and credit card donations, goes to support the work of our parish and our share in the mission of the wider Melbourne Church.

School Building Fund

A separate fund has been established to support the maintenance and continual development of our primary school buildings which Parishioners can contribute to. Contributions to our School Building Fund are tax deductible.



Bequests

There is opportunity for Parishioners to remember the Parish in their will. The generosity of Parishioners in the past through their bequests has been instrumental in making church building projects possible.

Tax deductibility

Tax deductibility applies to various donations such as School Building Fund, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas, etc.. All enquires can be made via the Parish Office.



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to connect with the Parish of St Anne and St Bede.
If you have any ideas to make this Directory more useful, please contact the Parish Office.



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