**Report to Plenary Writing Group: Theme 3**

**Plenary 2020:** **A group of parishioners from St. Clement of Rome Parish met to discuss the question for Phase 2: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic. Through prayer, listening and conversation the group felt the Spirit is calling us to:**

* **Understand that we carry the Word of God in us, and that is to be sustained through a consistent authentic individual and collective prayerful life;**
* **Educate ourselves about the religious, political, social and economic issues facing our communities and look at ways in which we can respond as Christians aware of our call and duty to live sacramentally;**
* **Support each other, through using our combined gifts in times of need and through more active involvement of different ministries offered to all;**
* **Take care of all creation, with particular emphasis on being responsible for the care of the earth and to establish real solutions that replenish and restore our physical environment;**
* **Build real friendship through fellowship, conversation and dialogue within the community, ecumenically, and inter-religiously.**

**Our Parish Challenge: How do we translate this into real, action? Please pray, reflect and participate. Some actions taken at the Parish level include:**

* **Connecting all the different ministries through focussing on the particular issue of Dementia and related issues as arising from the Royal Commission into aging and the call of 2020, to be a prayerful and Eucharistic people in Bulleen. Accordingly, the Parish including the school, is working in collaboration with the Manningham council to respond to this particular need. All aspects of Parish life, from our intergenerational outreach project, our Parish Education Programmes including ongoing education through our scripture programme, our RCIA process, our sacramental programmes, our pastoral visitation ministry, our social programmes and our liturgies, will dovetail towards emphasising this need and allow for the mission of Christ to reach out to those beyond the boundaries of the Parish. The hope is that as a community, we become prayerful and Eucharistic through taking the mission of Jesus out to the world, through communal worship that includes all, through becoming more loving and supportive to all we encounter.**

**St Clement of Rome Parish**

**5 December 2019**