

Report to Plenary Writing Group: Theme 4

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 **Humble, Healing and Merciful**. Through prayer, listening and conversation the group felt the Spirit is calling us to:

- **Compassionately, lovingly, and respectfully reach out to the poor, the vulnerable, the homeless, the refugees, and all people struggling with economic, systemic, physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual wounds.**
- **Acknowledge the structural, cultural, social and religious wrongs of the past, committed by persons in the Church or in Christ's name. Accordingly, we are called to effect just, merciful and concrete measures including suitable reparations to those who have been greatly wounded.**
- **Review and put in place processes to eliminate the re-occurrence of abuses, neglect or injustices in all Church agencies and parish communities for genuine transformation and witnessing of the Gospel.**
- **Foster communities based on friendship, honest dialogue, mutual support and forgiveness with the aim of developing ongoing meaningful communal relationships.**
- **A contemplative awareness to the Spirit's promptings in worship, prayer and life for a true acknowledgment of our God-given dignity and those of every child, woman or man.**
- **Be conscious of and responsible for the care of the earth and all creation through real and practical solutions for general healing of our earth and all God's creatures. A strong ethic of humble gratitude, a strong understanding and appreciation of the sacred inter-dependence of all life is vital for a Christ-centred Church.**

Our Parish Challenge: How do we translate these into real, action? Please pray, reflect and participate.

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