

**Takapuna – Bayswater - Milford
Property Planning Workshops**

October-November 2019

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APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
EVANGELII GAUDIUM
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS
TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY,
CONSECRATED PERSONS
AND THE LAY FAITHFUL
ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL
IN TODAY'S WORLD

*I dream of a “missionary option,”
that is, a missionary impulse capable
of transforming everything, so that
the Church’s customs, ways of doing
things, times and schedules, language
and structures can be suitably channeled
for the evangelization of today’s world
rather than for her self-preservation.*

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Centenary prayer to St Joseph

We gather under our patron,
St Joseph, husband of Mary,
guardian of Jesus, and patron of the
universal Church.

We thank you for the many blessings
you have given to our parish
throughout the years.

Bless us with the grace to build on
this rich heritage, developing our
community of faith, and serving you
as missionary disciples of your Son
on Auckland's North Shore.

Watch over our parish, our schools,
and all who need your care.

Inspire our vision for the future, as we
work together for Your greater glory.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

St Joseph, you heard God's call and
responded with faith.

Pray for us

St Luke, you proclaimed to us the good
news of Jesus' compassion.

Pray for us

St Vincent de Paul, you devoted
yourself to service of the poor.

Pray for us

Our Journey so far...

Background

The Catholic Parish of St Joseph (comprising Takapuna, Milford, and Bayswater) seek to review their property needs and plan toward the future.

Approach

The approach I recommended was first to define and articulate your pastoral priorities and then look at how your property can best align and support the Parish's mission.

Workshop 1 over 20 & 22 October:

1. Looked at trends facing our church locally, nationally, globally
2. Identified the most important mission priorities for our Parish

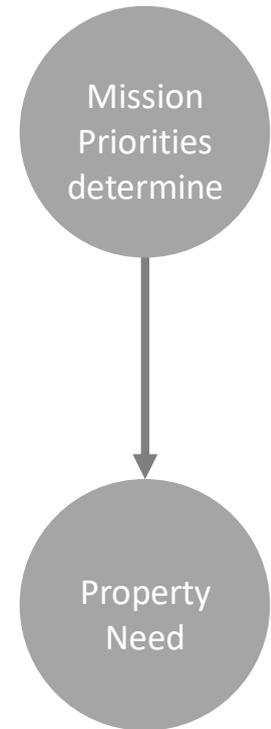
Workshop 2 on 26 Nov: Understand how the property and resources of the parish be best aligned to support your mission priorities

Scope

My role in the development of this strategy is to facilitate the workshops and map the priorities and actions. I am not a decision maker in this process.

Status

This draft report is provided to the Parish Leadership for reflection and discernment.



Mission

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Who are we?

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Our Mission: *Our Parish* is dedicated to making the presence of Jesus Christ a living reality, through our shared celebration of the sacraments, prayer and service to others. We are committed to be a welcoming community that supports one another as we journey through life. A community that encourages others to a deeper understanding of God's love and challenges us to reach out to the wider community.

EDUCATION

St Joseph's Primary School
Rosmini Catholic College
Carmel Catholic College

PASTORAL

St Joseph's Takapuna
St Luke's Bayswater
St Vincent de Paul Milford

Apostolates

De Paul House – St Vincent de Paul – Legion of Mary -
Catholic Women's League



Opportunities and Challenges – what are we trying to address

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Opportunities to build on our strength

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1. Continue to strengthen and build our community
2. Faith formation
3. Multicultural Parish
4. Strong clergy
5. Supportive groups inclusive to all
6. Strong sense of belonging to simple and welcoming faith community
7. Strong focus on youth ministry, support from Parish
8. Engaged young people
9. Relationship between Parish and school
10. Diversity of community

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Challenges holding us back

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1. Engaging/encouraging families from our schools to be active in our Parish
2. Keeping our youth involved and engaged
3. Evangelising into the wider community
4. Encouraging diversity in our groups – i.e. Parish Council, Finance Group
5. Clergy shortage
6. Lack of engagement outside of Mass
7. Lack of space for young people
8. Parish as community of communities
9. Managing a large Parish
10. Lack of vocations



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Five key mission priorities

Evangelisation carried through a range of responses

- ▶ “Re-evangelise” was the most valued priority on 20 Oct
- ▶ “Missionary coordinator for outreach to new parishioners” was the most valued priority on 22 Oct . “Modernisation of evangelization was also mentioned on 22 Oct.
- ▶ Both these pieces of feedback have a strong focus on evangelization.

Youth and vocation

- ▶ “Involve youth in all activities” and vocations were both supported on 20 October
- ▶ “Integration of youth ministry into the parish life and leadership” was the second most valued priority on 22 October.

There was interest across both sessions in being formed

- ▶ “training for mission in a secular society” 20 Oct
- ▶ “Faith formation/growth, including for those in ministry forums”. 22 Oct

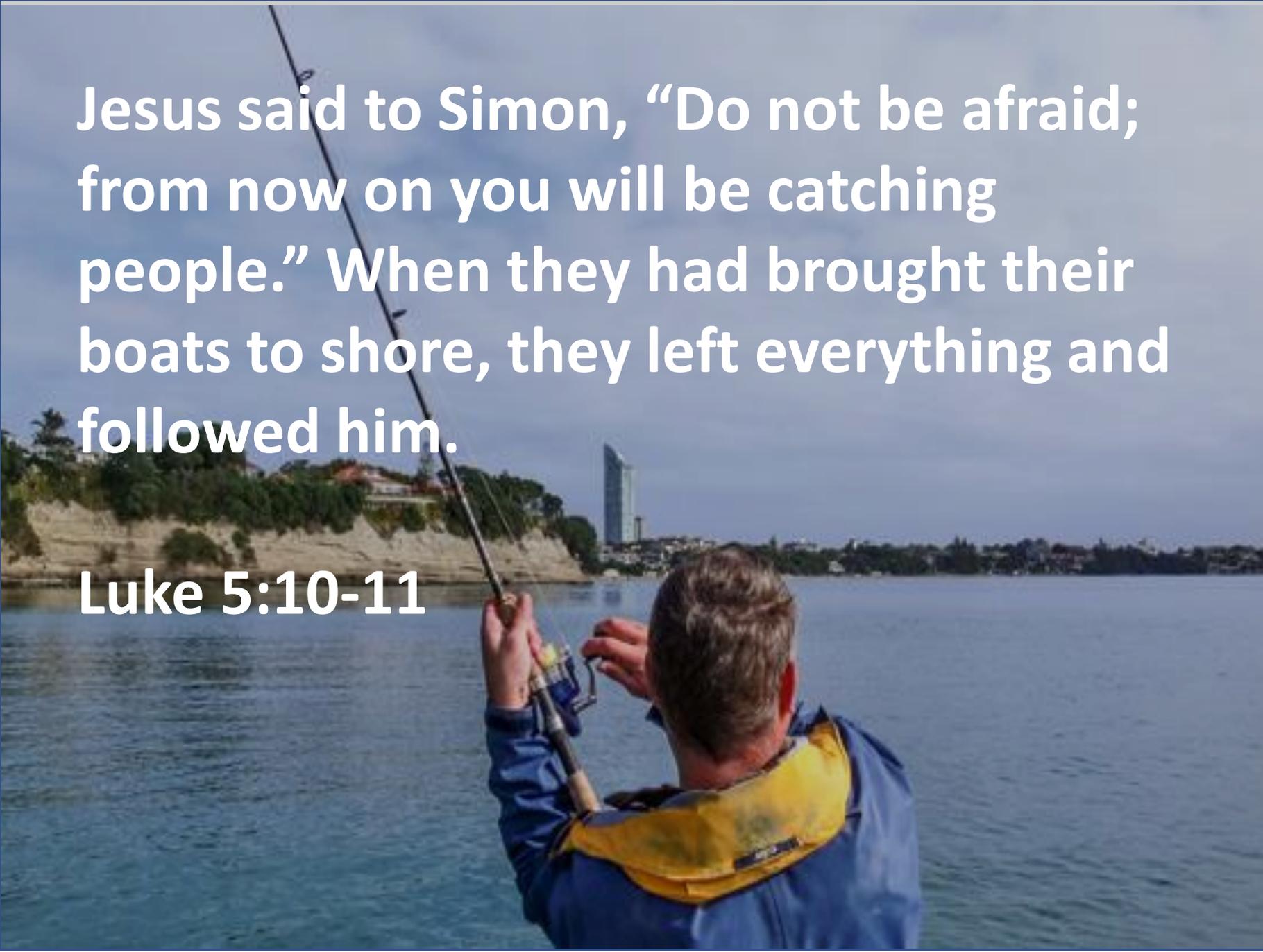
Reaching within and going out

- ▶ “Social outreach” 20 Oct
- ▶ “Service to the wider community” 22 Oct
- ▶ “Identifying those in need in our community” 22 Oct

Families are the foundation

- ▶ “Faith growth in families” 20 Oct
- ▶ “Encourage school participation” 20 Oct
- ▶ “Events which are fun and family oriented and not just Mass” 22 Oct



A man in a blue jacket and yellow life vest is seen from behind, holding a fishing rod. He is on a boat on a body of water. In the background, there is a shoreline with a tall, modern building and other structures. The sky is overcast.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:10-11

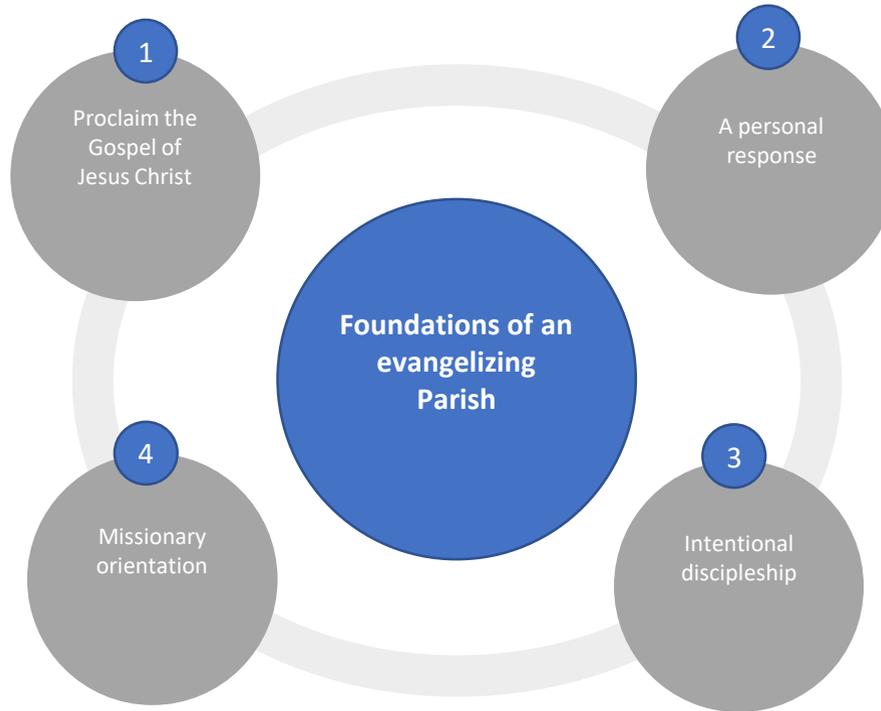
5 Path forward for further consultation

Recommendation	Timeframe	Leader
1. Establish deliberate annual plan with achievable and meaningful action focused on pastoral priorities	30 April 2020	Pastoral Council and Parish staff
2. Publish financial results and complete condition assessment of buildings (where this does not exist)	31 May 2020	Finance Committee
3. Re-purpose Bayswater Church and land	31 December 2020	Parish and Diocesan Leadership
4. Prioritize building needs at St Joseph's Takapuna	2020	Finance Committee and / or Project Group
5. Dialogue with St Francis de Sales Parish, Devonport about becoming a single Parish	2020-2021	Parish and Diocesan Leadership

1. Establish deliberate annual plan

Proclaim the name, teaching, promises, Kingdom, life death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.

All of the above in service of a missionary orientation beyond ourselves



Cultivate and nourish a personal response to this Good News

Foster discipleship in the midst of the Church as gift and challenge

Source: D Ang 2019 Pastoral Leadership Conference



2. Publish financial results and state of buildings

- Summarise your 2019 financial results and highlight how this compares with previous 5 years.
- Scope the condition and work required across your parish owned and controlled assets along with an estimated costs of these liabilities.
- Publish this information and invite parishioners to assist with these costs in their regular giving and legacies.
- Encourage conversation about our expectations as parishioner – how else can I contribute (time and talent)



3. Re-purpose St Luke's Bayswater Church

- The Parish and wider Diocese cannot sustain the high number of churches given trends and changes looked at in this review.
- The Parish honors the history of faith at St Luke's and if possible retain ownership of the land for income producing activity which could assist the mission priorities.
- Retain St Vincent de Paul – Develop an outreach plan.



4. Prioritize the building needs of St Joseph's Takapuna

- Takapuna remains the key pastoral Centre for the Parish.
- Full remediation of St Vincent de Paul should not go ahead unless fully funded i.e. no new Parish debt raised.
- Priority should be given for accumulated funds to remediation projects at St Joseph's Takapuna.



5. Dialogue with Devonport

- The Parish and wider Diocese cannot sustain the high number of churches given trends and changes looked at in this review.
- St Joseph's Parish and St Francis de Sales should be canonically merged into a single Parish – one community of communities.
- Develop and build a collaborative Catholic outreach for the lower north shore.
- Create the scale to employ operational and management support for Parish clergy.



