**Report to Plenary Writing Group: Theme 5**

**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 Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community. Through prayer, listening and conversation the group felt the Spirit is calling us to:**

* **Be of genuine service and support to the most vulnerable in our community through appropriate agencies as exemplified by our St Vincent de Paul Conference and all the social justice and outreach agencies in the community.**
* **Support, and participate in the planning of the Parish Intergenerational Outreach projects for 2020.**
* **Encourage and actively participate in the Parish Intergenerational Outreach projects, as a concrete way of being a joyful, hope-filled and servant community in Bulleen.**
* **Continue in the education of social, economic, political and justice issues with the aim of understanding their intrinsic connection and thus attempt to develop the appropriate Christian response and call to an ethic of life. In practical ways, the challenge is to live up to the Parish’s own commitment to being a Dementia Aware and Friendly Parish.**
* **Provide, encourage and motivate greater involvement in pastoral visitation to the ill and homebound by bringing communion in order to keep and strengthen communal ties with the isolated and vulnerable.**
* **Audit and review all Parish policies and programmes vis-à-vis the findings of the Royal Commission into aging with the aim of creating a safe, healthy and welcoming community to all in need.**
* **Ongoing development and education of servant leadership in all organizational structures and governance, with transparency and accountability being the guiding principles.**
* **Establish and build links with local agencies and other bodies to help meet the needs of members of the community.**
* **A greater involvement in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue.**

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

**St Clement of Rome Parish**

**19 December 2019**