

Social Justice Team Annual Plan 2025

Mission 2022 - 2026

St James is a parish of accompaniment where we encounter and know Christ, deepen our faith, and serve the community.

Outcomes 2022 – 2026

1. There are strong connections and partnerships between the parish and local charities and social services.
2. Provision of resources, services, and care for (at risk) homeless persons as well as those affected by disaster/events.
3. The parish provides ways to actively respond to Catholic Social Teaching.

Strategies against details and deliverables

Strategy Identified	What part of the Parish vision statement could be realised if this happened?	What steps could you take to make this happen?	Potential roadblocks or challenges	Who else needs to know?	Team member (s) to drive this strategy
2b Provide direct support to parishioners and people at risk with food and clothing programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve the community • We dream to be a community from which God’s love cascades out to the broader community. • Bravely engage and supports each human at each stage of life, where all are invited to contribute their God-given gifts for a purpose which is greater than ourselves 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Run Quarterly Food Drive initiative: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jan - March - Romero Centre/other b. April - June - BCC Homeless Connect or Rosies c. July - Sep - Emmanuel City Mission d. Oct - Dec - SVDP (support existing initiative) <p>Organise ‘parish’ visit to one of the Charities before the commencement of the drive – pick one to trial.</p> 2. Act as a conduit to respond to those in need in our community as required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coorparoo Community Care b. Supported Living (Lade St) 3. Promote & support Refugee Sponsorship Initiative – parish group adopts a refugee family for a year (pending Archdiocesan support) (Jun-2025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of members in Social Justice group • PPC resistance • Lack of parish engagement • Lack of people resources (will to get involved) • Archdiocese support lacking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPC • Parishioners • Recipient Charities 	Trish Rashad
3a Coordinate response to Laudato Si so that we can be engaged in the care for our	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community of restless seekers who are always looking to be nourished and to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote Social Justice activities and teachings in Weekly Parish Bulletin insert 2. Continue sustainability initiatives set in place last year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No single-use items in parish office or events b. ‘Containers for Change’ collections. Funds raised for Social Justice initiatives. c. Monthly Plant & Produce share 3. New Sustainability initiatives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commercial dishwasher for parish hall b. Conduct energy audit, action recommendations c. Solar Panels (link in with Archdiocesan initiative) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of members in Social Justice group • Resistance from PPC, PFC and other parish ministry groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPC • PFC • Archdiocesan Ministries • External Resource? 	Dan Farrelly/ Fina Ingledew

<p>common home as a parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will present the beauty of the Church’s teachings in an irresistible way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Rainwater tanks 4. Organise special Laudato Si activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Laudato Si week (May) b. Season of creation (Sep – Oct) c. Movie Night x 1 d. Guest Speaker x 1 e. Contemplative Walk x 1 5. Host annual Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement launch 6. Promote learning about Social Justice issues within the group and the parish. Work through ‘Signs of our Times’ within Social Justice group meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of parish engagement Issues finding external resources Lack of funds 		
<p>3b Coordinate a Reconciliation Action Plan that is meaningful for the parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All experience welcome, safety, and a spirit of hospitality regardless of age, faith, gender or ethnicity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the parish RAP Working Group in the implementation of their RAP implementation plan activities for the year. This includes special masses, movie night and other activities. <p>(Note: the St James Parish RAP Implementation Plan is a separate document).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of member in RAP Working group Lack of members in Social Justice group PPC resistance Lack of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPC External Resource - EB 	<p>Dan Farrelly</p>