

In today's second reading we continue with the Letter of St James. As we heard in last week's reading, James challenges his community on what it means live out our faith. In the most simple of brush strokes, James defines faith as that which is lived out in action. He has no time for those in his community who boast of their faith in the Lord Jesus but do nothing to help their sisters and brothers in need. "What good is it my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?" (James 2.14).

In many ways we see this teaching lived out in our parish community through our concern for one another and of the wider needs of our community and world. St Vincent de Paul, the Refugee Resettlement Committee, the support for Caritas and other such agencies bringing about relief in much needed places of the world.



The Parish Pastoral Council is organizing the annual review of the Parish Pastoral Plan which will be held next Sunday. Our Pastoral Plan was launched in 2013 and will serve us to the end of 2016. The purpose of this annual review is to see if we are re-familiarized ourselves with the plan, to review what has been implemented so far, and discern what more needs to be done in order to carry out the pastoral initiatives of the plan. The outcome of this review will help us to gain a focus for the pastoral initiatives we wish to implement in 2016. All parishioners are therefore warmly invited and encouraged to attend this review.

*Peace & Blessings*

*Gerard*