

To
The North Rockhampton Catholic Community

Dear Parishioners,

NET TEAM – 2018

Recently the National Evangelisation Team (NET Team) visited each of our weekend Mass communities (except 6.00pm Holy Family). They were a group of young people from across the nation and also as far away as Canada and America. They were what was called a '*National Team*' which means they travel all over Australia and visit parish and school communities spending time in each spreading the good news. It is a young person '*peer to peer*' ministry.

As shared in our bulletin in the past weeks we are looking to have a 'Parish Based Team' (12-month term) of NET Team members here in North Rockhampton.

In July, I spoke with the Parish Finance Council's about having a NET Team with us and there was a positive response from them to this suggestion. Parish and school members were very keen to explore what could be achieved. So, I left for them to look at some of the issues and they came back in early September looking for more information.

On the 14th September I called a joint meeting of the North Rocky, Parish Council and Finance Council's and invited from NET Brisbane, David George, to come and share with us more deeply what NET was about. His input and talk for me was inspiring and exciting. From that meeting there was **in principle agreement to say yes to having a NET Team**. There was some hesitation expressed by some members at '*why so quickly do we have to have them*' as the suggestion was to '*put it off until 2019*'. After listening again to the group gathered, there was excitement at the prospect of having a Team here in 2018 and again, the group, who represented all our faith and school communities affirmed and said yes to having a NET Team in 2018.

From that meeting I asked for the Finance Council members who had gathered to meet on **October 1st** to talk about what finances are needed for the project. There was general agreement that raising the funds was possible and that there would be enough reserves to call upon parish funds *if necessary*.

There are significant funds to raise and costs to be shared but I have no doubt that we as a community can do this. In the coming weeks members of the respective Finance Committee's will put to the parish what we can do to raise the necessary funds. It will be a whole community effort, but I believe we can do it.

I share this information with you as a way of letting you know that I have shared the vision, listened, let people in the community know and now, as leader of this community of North Rockhampton, a confirmed decision needs to be made.

After the above process has occurred, with prayer and advice from many members of the community I have ***discerned that there will be a 'Parish Based' NET Team for our North Rocky Catholic Community in 2018***. This decision is taken with great care and hope, for the future of all members of our community. It is important for our young people and important also that 2018 in the Australian Church, it is also the **Year of Youth**.

For your information on the back of this letter is part of the proposal which will be given to NET Office in Brisbane. It is comprehensive and I believe a very exciting proposal for all our communities of faith. We dedicate this coming year and our prayers once more to Our Lady as she leads us all to her Son Jesus, hope for the world.

Peace

Fr Matthew Moloney

NET TEAM INFORMATION

Following on from our message in the parish bulletin last weekend regarding the In Principle Agreement from our Parish Pastoral & Finance Council's, to put a submission to the NET Team Office for having a 'parish based team' in 2018, a sub-committee put together the following 4 areas where the Net Team would work and make a difference within the North Rockhampton Catholic Community (NRCC) in 2018. We offer this to our community as part of our submission for your information.

Identify the 'Mission Effect'

What would you like to achieve in evangelising the young people in your community over the course of NET's presence? Please identify the difference you would like to see NET teams make.

There are four areas that the team would work and make a difference:

Within the North Rockhampton Catholic Community

- Witness: highly visible young people of prayer inviting others to be witnesses of the good news
- Involvement in liturgical ministries within the NRCC on weekends and weekdays and the invitation and support of young people to do likewise
- Young people engaged and enthusiastic members of the parish community
- To see a greater/better connection with schools and parish – building bridges
- To join in and build upon existing opportunities and activities within the community
- Helping to grow our faith community

Within the three Catholic Primary Schools

- A ministry of young Catholics alive and delighted in their faith witnessing to the younger members of our community encouraging them to be involved and sharing the Gospel with them each week.
- To build stronger links as a community of faith with our primary schools and secondary college

Within our Catholic Secondary College - Emmaus

- Build upon existing opportunities and perhaps create new experiences within the college to help students to become more fully involved in celebrating their faith
- Support, train, invite students to become active members of the NRCC worshipping community
- To build stronger links as a community of faith with our primary schools and secondary college

Within the wider Church community and Diocesan family

- Involvement and witness at Diocesan gatherings or celebrations
- Encouragement of young people to serve the wider Church community positively
- Young people alive and well in our church

It is also noted that as it is the Year of Youth within our church during 2018, the promotion of and involvement in or organisation of activities within NRCC, the Diocese and national events is a high priority.