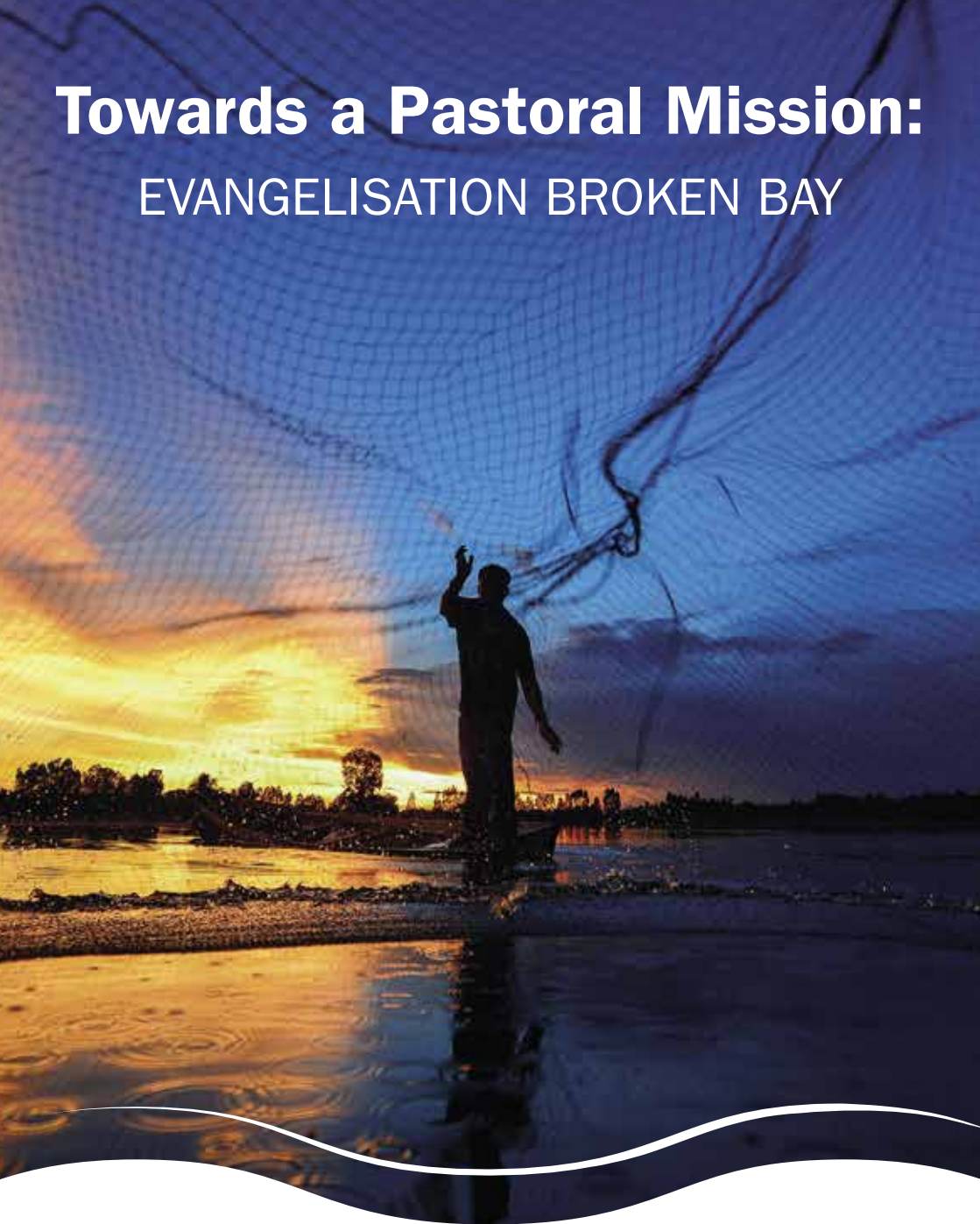


Towards a Pastoral Mission:

EVANGELISATION BROKEN BAY



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Introduction by Bishop Anthony Randazzo

As members of the Body of Jesus Christ, we are called to holiness and to mission. My hope is to see missionary disciples throughout our Diocese, on fire for the faith, and full of zeal for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. The call to missionary discipleship is not for those who have reached a particular level of holiness, or who are gifted in particular ways; it is a calling for all who are baptised. This means that we are to live a life marked by the fruits of the Holy Spirit, a life set apart. Fundamental to this is an encounter with the person of Jesus and responding to His call to live in relationship with Him. May we come to share in the Divine Life of Christ allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire us; may we be given the power to be witnesses to Christ, and become His missionary disciples. God does not expect or want us to do this by our own strength, but asks us to be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us so that ultimately, God may be glorified in us.

While this mission might seem daunting, we are not called to go it alone, but as members of Christ's Body, the Church. God calls us to community. Our parish communities are there to support us in living out this call to holiness and missionary discipleship. With the love of Christ forming the foundation of parish life, every community is to be a home of prayer and worship, a centre for sacramental life, a hub of authentic Catholic formation, a place of joy-filled gathering, and a

launchpad for mission so that Jesus Christ rightly becomes our beginning and our end. The parish community is one that should be abounding with life – the fire of the Holy Spirit – so that people looking in want nothing more than to experience what they see in our community: the burning love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remembering that we are called to invite all people to participate in the communion we share as members of the Body of Christ, we must especially place the poor and vulnerable at the heart of this mission, emanating God's love. May the love that we share with others overflow from a continuous and intimate relationship with Jesus centred on prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments. Only then will our efforts be fruitful and will we truly be Church, the Body of Christ, the living disciples of our Saviour.

It is my hope and prayer that through the development of a Pastoral Mission, we may serve and be an ever-greater support to the community of the Church of Broken Bay in living out the call and mission of Jesus Christ.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay
March 2022

The Development of a Pastoral Mission

This document outlines the six key considerations of Evangelisation Broken Bay (EBB): how we intend to support and serve the community of the Church of Broken Bay in its mission of evangelisation. They are based on the six mission priorities highlighted in Bishop Anthony's 2020 Pastoral Letter *Jesus Christ, Our Beginning and End*.

We are releasing this document as a precursor to the 2022-2025 pastoral mission entitled *One in Christ*. Our invitation to you as you read this document is to prayerfully discern what you and your community need in order to work together towards these goals. Your input is essential so that we at EBB can ensure the strategies that will come from our pastoral mission are aligned to the needs of the communities and individuals we serve.

You will notice that each of the six intended outcomes in this document have a question below them. This question is quite broad and is linked to the Synod of Bishops 2023 synodal process. By answering these six questions through our online form, you will be contributing to the development of the diocesan pastoral mission, as well as providing feedback for the Synod of Bishops 2023 process. Please visit **bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralmission** for more information on this process or to access the online submission form. Submissions close 31 March 2022.

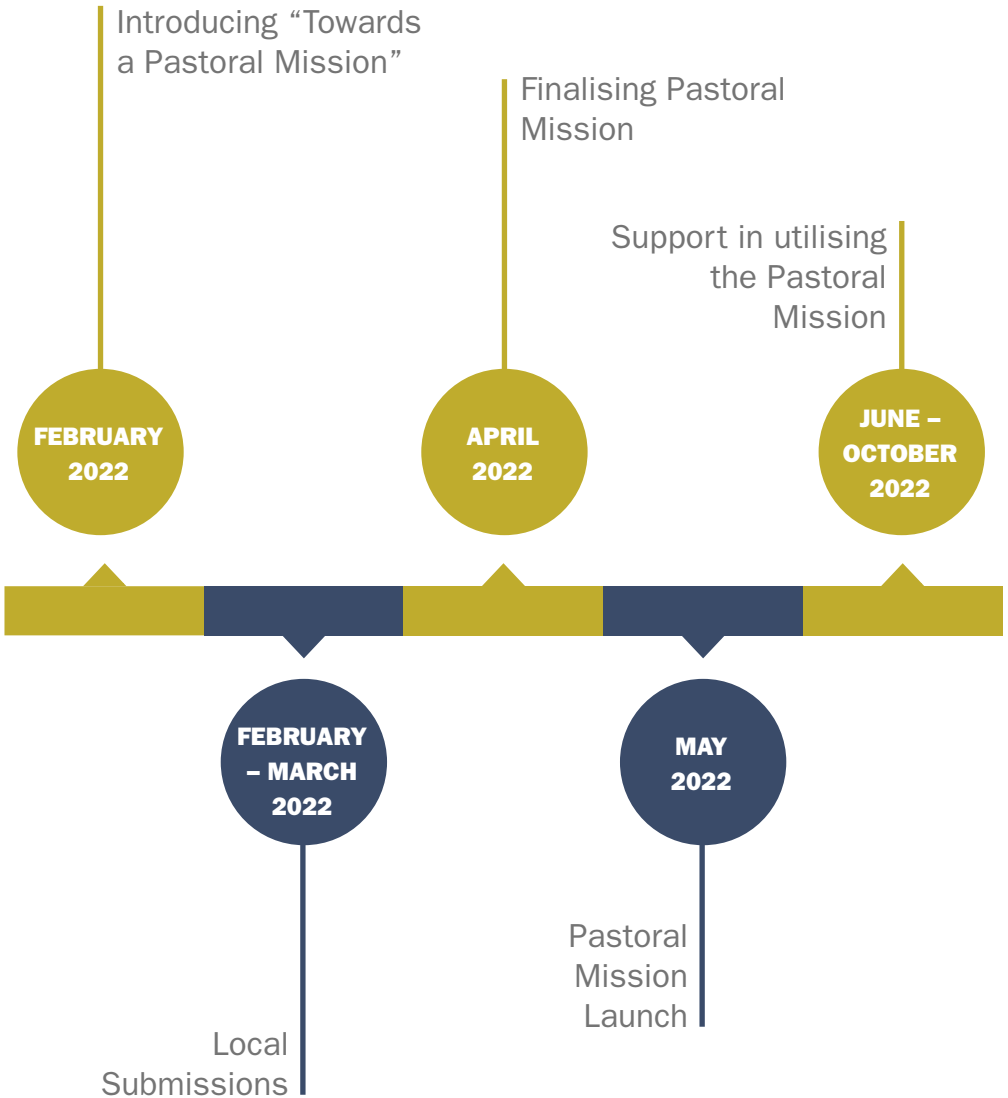
I encourage you to engage in, and pray for this process to help us more effectively support your evangelisation efforts.

Tomasz Juszcak

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Evangelisation Broken Bay

Timeline



In developing a Pastoral Mission we hope to:

Empower Communities for Evangelisation

Supporting parishes and communities to provide pathways of genuine encounter with the person of Jesus Christ

Q: How does our Church community identify its evangelisation objectives and the steps to achieving those objectives?

Form Disciples for Mission

Assisting parishes, clergy, and communities in forming disciples of Christ who are empowered for mission.

Q: How is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church as missionary disciples?

Build Community

Promoting unity within and among parishes, clergy, communities, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, CatholicCare Broken Bay, and individuals as one community of the Church of Broken Bay under the care of our Bishop.

Q: How do we promote collaboration with religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, schools, CatholicCare, neighbouring dioceses, etc., for the upbuilding of the Church, in faithfulness to our mission?

We invite you to consider these questions and to provide us your feedback. Your responses will be of significant assistance to us as we develop the Pastoral Mission and implement its aspirations. Please visit bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralmission.

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Promote our Vocational Call

Fostering a culture of vocation within the community of the Church of Broken Bay, encouraging a life centred on prayer, the Sacraments and discernment as a means of helping the faithful find their place in the Church community and live their baptismal call.

Q: How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?

Advance the Common Good

Aiding parishes and communities in advancing the common good for the flourishing of human life.

Q: What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?

Embrace the Poor and Vulnerable

Encouraging and equipping parishes, clergy and communities to keep the poor and vulnerable at the heart of the Church

Q: What groups and individuals are left on the margins in our Church community and how can we better walk together with them?

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