

BODY OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Some forty or more years ago a small prayer group was commenced at St. Anne's Park Orchards, by the then Parish Priest and several men in the Parish. Over subsequent years this group grew and changed to Whitefriars Monastery, private homes and then to Mitcham parish. For many years the group met at St. James, Vermont and then at Our Lady's in Ringwood. Many members died and some left and the group was going to close, but the few people left then felt the Lord was calling us back to where it started so we returned to St. Anne's early 2017. When winter arrived the chapel at St. Anne's, which has no heating, was too cold so Father Joe suggested we move to Holy Spirit chapel where the heating is very good.

We are a charismatic prayer group and meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm - 9.30pm from February until mid December. We begin each meeting with some time of praise and worship which is lead by Lyle Hofer playing his guitar. Each week we share some time of prayer/inspired teaching/sharing. Our group is friendly and very welcoming as we love to have new members join us. We conclude the evening with a cuppa and supper for those who wish to share in a time of fellowship.

Recently our group invited members from the Melbourne Catholic School of Evangelisation to lead us in a course entitled "The Road to Emmaus" A number of parishioners joined in and we had approximately 20 sharing the seven weeks. We were invited to travel on our own road to Emmaus, reflecting on the relevant scriptures and allowing the Lord to speak to us through His Word and our final celebration of the Eucharist which Fr. Jose very kindly lead on his first day in the parish. A full description of this excellent course will be in the next copy of the Spirit magazine. Our thanks to Maryann Street for writing this up.

The group also intends to invite speakers from outside our parish to come and share with us occasionally throughout the year.

With thanks and gratitude, Ann Serong