

Deanery South

Agenda

- 1 Welcome and Prayer**
- 2 Apologies for absence**
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting**
Matters arising not elsewhere on agenda
- 4 Report from Working Group (Resources Group)**
Report to Archdiocese by 30 November
- 5 Approaches to evangelisation**
Establishing a Working Group
- 6 Any Other Business**
- 7 Date of next meeting**

Without new life and an authentic evangelical spirit , without the Church's 'fidelity to her own calling', any new structure will soon prove ineffective.

Evangelii Gaudium 26

Thinking as a Deanery



Sketch the **Pathway to Change** in your deanery taking into account the resources that are available.

- How many parishes are needed to serve the mission of Evangelisation?
- How should the allocated number of priests be distributed across these parishes?
- How many buildings are needed to serve the Church's mission of evangelisation?

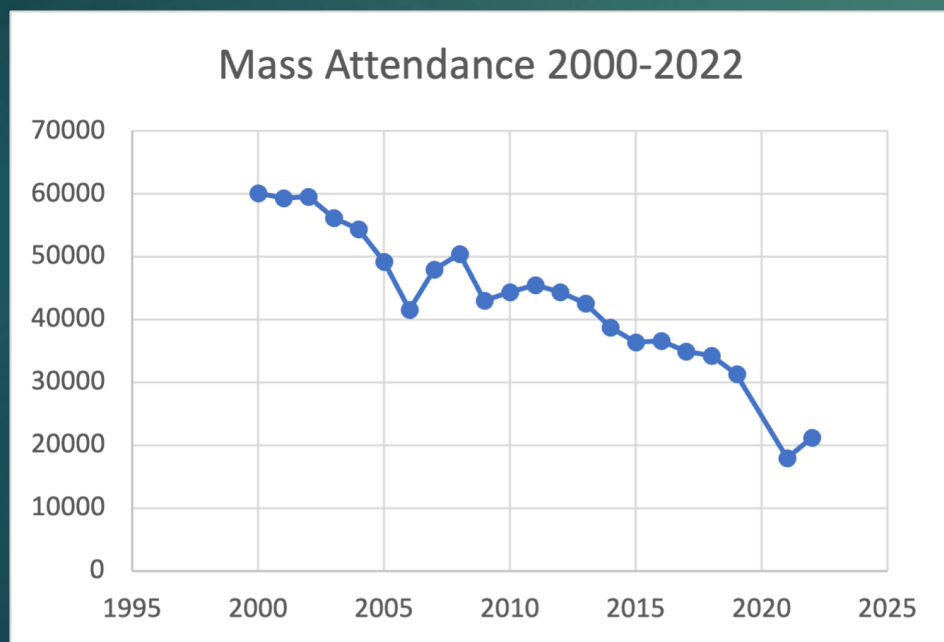


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The goal of this next stage in our *Looking to the Future* process is to create **Pathways to Change** across the Archdiocese. It should be noted that this process will **not** lead to the immediate closure of a large number of parishes. You are being invited to create a pathway that will lead to change in your deanery in the fullness of time.



For some time, it has become clear that the current arrangement of parishes within the Archdiocese of Glasgow will be difficult to sustain into the future.



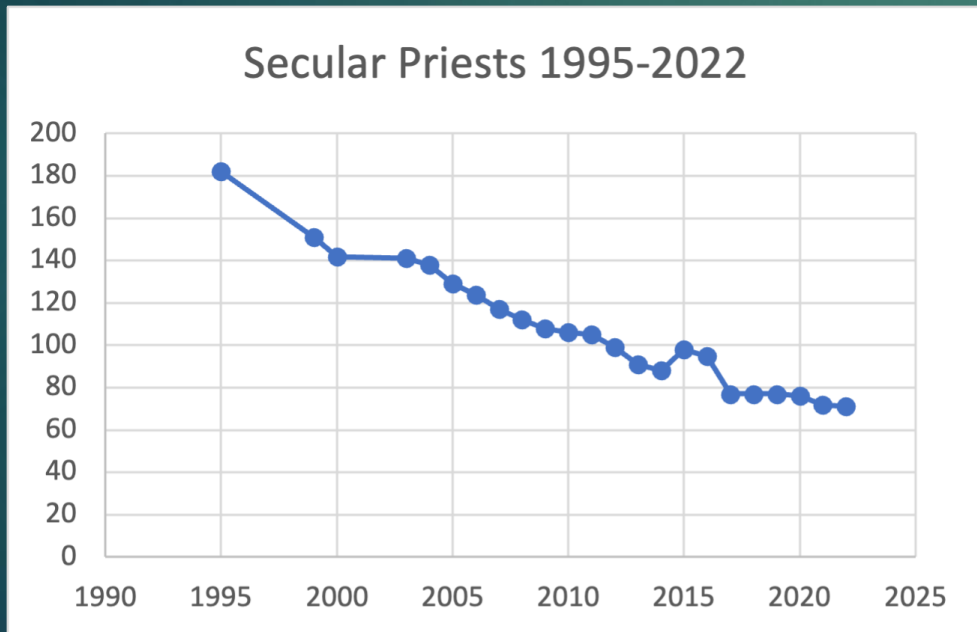
We need to leave safe harbours behind and cast off into the deep.

We need to collaborate to build a strong pastoral response to the challenges we face today.



“Pastoral ministry as a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: “We have always done it this way”. I invite everyone to be **bold and creative** in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters, and especially under the leadership of the bishops, in a wise and realistic pastoral discernment.”

(Evangelii Gaudium 33)



Parish Assessment

- **Parishioner Volumes** - confirm the actual attendance numbers at each Mass
- **Church Buildings** – assess the condition of the buildings & rank it's condition – poor condition (in need of work) to good condition (general maintenance only required)
- **Building Projects** – are there any outstanding projects associated with that building? What costs would this incur to complete?
- **Finances** – is the parish able to meet the costs of your current utility bills? Also confirm that the parish is able to meet their contributions as set by the Archdiocese
- **Miscellaneous** – any other factors to be considered

Statistics

Total number of clergy for South Deanery Today	19	
Total Projected Number (2028)	12	-36%
Total Number of Parishes	21	
Total Projected Number of Parishes (2028)	14	-36%

Deanery South	Masses	Est Cath	Census	Census
Parishes		Popul'n	2022	2019
Totals (21 parishes)	55	60200	5363	8659

Pastoral Areas

1. St Helen's, Holy Cross, Blessed Duns Scotus, St Bridgid's
2. Christ the King, St Bartholomew's or St Margaret Mary's
3. Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady and St George's, St Leo's, St Alberts, St Anthony's, St Constantine's
4. St James's, St Conval's, St Bernard's, St Robert's St Mary
5. Immaculate, St Gabriel's, St Vincent's, Holy Name

On which parishes should close

- There is an important distinction to be made between the closure of a church building and the merger or realignment of a parish. In most cases parish boundaries will be realigned so that the pastoral care of the community is maintained. Parish buildings will be dealt with separately.
- The assessment of which parishes should close should be based on the provision of pastoral care, rather than the history of a particular church or the listing of the property.
- The listing of a given church should not be taken to mean that a particular building should be considered as outside the scope of this discussion.

Evangelisation: 12 Examples

- ▶ Nightfever
- ▶ Alpha Course
- ▶ Genesis Mission
- ▶ WYD & other pilgrimages
- ▶ Bishop Phonsie
- ▶ Legion of Mary
- ▶ Theology on Tap
- ▶ Plymouth Street Evangelisation
- ▶ Spirit in The City
- ▶ Local Media
- ▶ Visionary Philanthropy
- ▶ Zion Parish Missions

Evangelisation Working Group

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