



Archdiocese of Glasgow

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Southern Deanery

Deanery Council Meeting


5 September 2023



WELCOME

and

PRAYER



The vision of the Deanery has to be consistent with that of the Archdiocese and is the local expression of the Archdiocesan vision.

This is a major initiative on Evangelisation. This will include approaches to evangelisation, strategic planning of Deaneries, etc

The developments in the Deanery should be consistent with a synodal way of working. Essentially this implies the laity being collaborators with the clergy in all relevant matters, and a requirement to listen to what is being discerned.



EXAMPLES OF LEVELS OF ORGANISATION and RESPONSIBILITY

Deanery

Ecclesial Leadership and Adult Education -

Retreats (eg Advent and Lent)

Preparation for Marriage + Newly Married Support

“New Ministries” ...eg *How can I serve others?* ; *Renewing my faith etc* Pilgrimages, Supporting those with difficulties accessing “Church”

Cluster / Pastoral Area

Co-ordinate Mass times (and possibly other liturgical practices)

First Confessions; First Communion; Confirmation

Ministries – Youth; Music; RCIA; Secondary School Chaplaincy, Hospital Chaplaincy; Homes for the Elderly and Infirm, etc



Parish

Liturgical events and Sacraments

Mass, Confessions, Benediction, Prayer Groups and local action eg in relation to the poor (eg SVDP), the bereaved, single parents, divorce, etc

***Ministries* – Children's liturgy; The Sick; The House-bound; Primary School Chaplaincy, the bereaved, etc**

***Serving the poor and disadvantaged* eg**

Foodbanks

Choir



SUGGESTION:

Consider forming in each Pastoral Area:

A Church and Liturgy Group (including dealing with co-ordination of Masses and services)

A Schools and Youth Group (to consider how some structures can be created to involve schools and parishes)

A Group for "Reaching Out" (to consider how we engage the marginalised, the "unchurched", divorced, etc)



Thinking as a Pastoral Area (KWTM)

- **Where are the opportunities for evangelisation?**
- **Are there some initiatives on evangelisation that could be taken forward very soon?**

- **What would a revised Mass schedule look like in your Pastoral Area?**

- **Where might your Pastoral Area increase collaboration?**
- **What might we do better if we collaborated more closely?**

- **What is your vision for Collaboration and Evangelisation?**
- **Are there practical steps you might consider that might bring this about?**

Deaneries should send a short report on this discussion to the Steering Group by October 9th.



Purposes of Pastoral Areas

- a) To act as a forum for discussion on enhancing coordination among parishes;**
- b) To establish appropriate patterns and timings of Masses across the area;**
- c) To facilitate discussion on matters of mutual interest, e.g., in relation to programmes such as RCIA, Church ministries (e.g., music); etc.**
- d) To facilitate inter-church dialogue in the local area.**
- e) To act as local support groups for priests, religious and laity in areas such as hospital chaplaincy, future needs of the Church locally.**

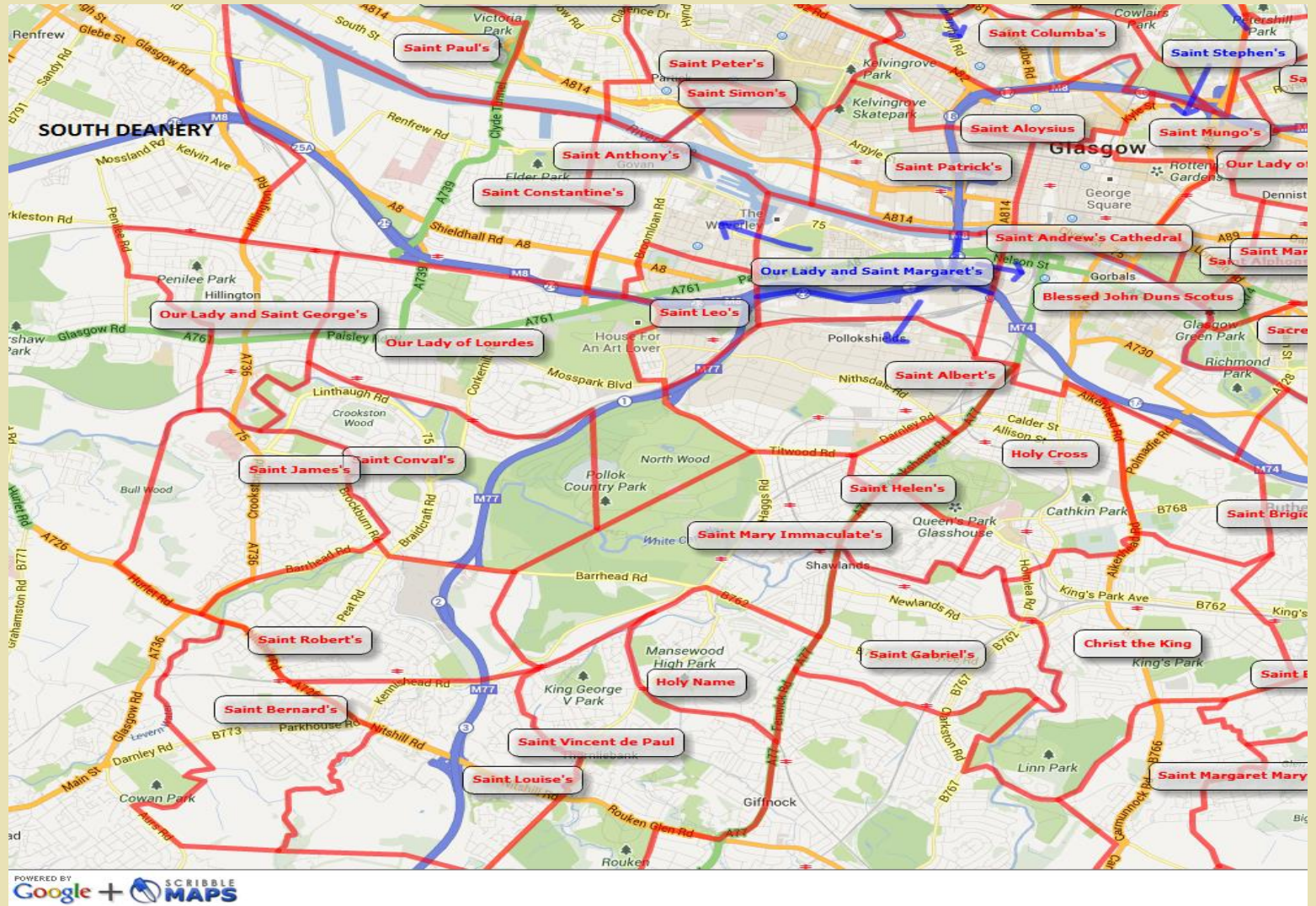


- f) To advise the Deanery and the Archdiocese on the needs of the church. This will take account of the functions of the Church in relation to Mass centres, buildings, priest numbers, etc.**

- g) To support the Archdiocese in appropriate leadership and management of church matters within the resources available.**

- h) To undertake any other such duties or responsibilities which will advance the mission of the Church in the area.**

Deanery South





Model One – Current Model

Area 1 Holy Cross, Bl Duns Scotus, St Brigid's St Helen's

Area 2 Christ the King, St Margaret Mary's, St Bartholomew's, St Gabriel's

Area 3 St Albert's, OL & St George's, OL of Lourdes, St Constantine's, St Anthony's, St Leo's

Area 4 St Robert's, St Bernard's, St Conval's, St James, Mill Hill, (Syro-Malabar) Mission, Holy Name, St Mary Immaculate, St Vincent's

Model Two

Area 1 Holy Cross, Bl Duns Scotus, St Brigid's, St Helen's

Area 2 Christ the King, St Margaret Mary's, St Bartholomew's

Area 3 St Albert's, OL & St George's, OL of Lourdes, St Constantine's, St Anthony's, St Leo's

Area 4 St Robert's, St Bernard's, St Conval's, St James, Mill Hill, (Syro-Malabar) Mission

Area 5 St Mary Immaculate, Holy Name, St Gabriel's, St Vincent's

Model Three

Area 1 Holy Cross, Bl Duns Scotus, St Brigid's, St Mary Immaculate, Holy Name, St Vincent's, St Helen's, St Leo's

Area 2 Christ the King, St Margaret Mary's, St Bartholomew's, St Gabriel's,

Area 3 OL of Lourdes, St Albert's, OL & St George's, St Constantine's, St Anthony's, St Robert's, St Bernard's, St Conval's, St James, Mill Hill, (Syro-Malabar) Mission,



Thinking as a Deanery (KWTM)

- **Each deanery should form a working subgroup (Dean, Co Chair(s) one person from each Pastoral Area) to examine the distribution of resources (priests, buildings, parishes) across the deanery.**
- **This group should be made up of equal numbers of priests and lay people.**

- **How many parishes are needed to serve the mission of Evangelisation?**
- **How should the allocated number of priests be distributed across these parishes? This discussion needs to reflect the distribution of priests as suggested previously.**

- **How many buildings are needed to serve the Church's mission of evangelisation?**

Working groups should prepare to present draft proposals to the Deanery and to the Archdiocesan Steering Group for further discussion by 30th November.



THANK YOU