

Evangelisation: How can each deanery best evangelise in this current time bringing renewal to parish life?

- special liturgical and spiritual events such as missions, retreats and novenas. Encouraging people to attend
- sufficient opportunities for people to attend Mass
- More advertising posters and banners
- proactive in welcoming people.
- Encouraging more family participation
- Communicate better, integrate.
- Sharing of resources
- Opportunities for Catechesis/ Children's liturgy of the Word/ Participation (enhanced) at Sunday Mass. Parental involvement.
- Witness, example, collaboration, faith development.
- Register update
- Social events
- Before evangelising, strengthen on our own foundations.
- We also need to understand why so many Catholics are not practicing and reach out to them/Covid fallout.
- More social activities.
- We should prioritise the feeling of connection between the community and the church.
- prioritise outreach initiatives svdp etc
- Prayer will be a firm foundation.
- Teachers and schools to be more involved in parish life.
- Knock doors with a purpose.....personal invitation.
- World Youth Day
- joint RCIA groups
- Sacramental preparation for children
- Adult catechesis
- Post covid- it is now time to re-energise our parish
- obtain a good baseline of activity after the summer break
- Catechist supporting preparation for sacraments.
- Working through primary school – relationship with parish

Collaboration: How can deanery parishes work together in new ways to support each other?

- Cluster is well suited to collaboration.
- best use of catechists and youth workers and volunteers.
 - RCIA
 - Circle Club/sacramental preparation
 - Youth Groups
- **outreach** activities could be better coordinated.
 - Foodbanks
 - SVDP

Visiting the sick and housebound

We need to learn this

Targeted visiting of other parishes to see what's working well

Increased lay involvement

Find opportunities to evangelise

Pull resources

More Mass, not less.

As for buildings, it would be beneficial to assess the existing facilities and determine if they meet the evolving needs of our community.

- Develop a positive vision for the future.
- Further Coordinate Mass times as the future will dictate.
- Additional support for parishes needing help
- Shared youth and community workers

Resources: What resources of people, finance and buildings does your deanery need to best serve these plans for evangelisation and collaboration?

- Clusters can ensure that there is a reasonable spread of Masses
- cluster pastoral council to coordinate best use of resources.
- Lack of awareness of deanery.
- We need fewer parishes.
- Is there too much duplication of Mass times?
- Sharing of local Mass times (poster)
- Sacramental preparation might be shared?
- More lay involvement Collaboration.
- Extended deanery meeting (from cluster groups) Hearing where other parishes are at.
- Para liturgies
- Greater lay involvement/responsibility
- Greater support to young families
- Instead of house visits, 'surgeries' could be held
- Free priests from administration roles, introduce roles/ jobs (paid or unpaid) to co-ordinate / manage deaneries
- The finances of parishes should be managed by properly constituted and efficient Finance Committees.
- consider developing working groups or committees focused on specific areas, such as evangelisation, youth ministry, or social outreach,

There are three main areas of parish life, all of which needs to be collaborative:

- Spiritual
- Pastoral
- Social

Some reorganisation required e.g.

- For holiday cover
- Eucharistic Services may become necessary.
- Active Parish Pastoral councils collaborating with existing parishes will strengthen each other.

- Could we learn from our brothers and sisters in the wider world where churches are flourishing – could we twin with a parish in Africa or similar?
- Young adult evenings – it was suggested we have various seasons in the church, and these could inform mission /retreat days/evenings e.g., Lent, Pentecost, Advent
- Teachers; Catechists; Religious Sisters; laity with any useful skill and a desire to participate in the mission of the Church.
- Out-reach to youth; schools; visiting of the housebound and sick; JPIC issues; use our church facilities to young mothers and babies; the bereaved and for other social activities and events. Opportunities can arise to evangelize within a relaxed and friendly environment.
- Good opportunities would include RCIA and Working with the secondary school and outreach to young people
- There needs to be increased outreach to re-engage with people who have stopped, or are now unable to attend mass, after the pandemic.
- The parishes need to re-energise and rebuild after the pandemic – deanery can play a part in kickstarting and supporting this.