

Mission Team 2018

Listen - Pray - Respond

The role of the Mission Team in 2018 has been to translate all the opinions and feedback from parishioners of how best to develop the parish for its Mission. From this we are tasked to form a workable 10 year plan for change. Why change?

Chronology of the Mission Team

Nov 2017 – Bishop Richard outlined his desire to re-focus the Diocese on evangelisation as for over 40 years parishioners and parish priests numbers have been steadily declining. No simple fix will put this right as many have tried and failed. A concerted, structured approach over 10 years is our best hope of offsetting the otherwise inevitable decline and ultimate closure of churches.

Feb 2018 – We, along with the rest of the Deanery, present your parish feedback to Bishop Richard on the priorities you consider key in a mission focused parish of the future.

April 2018 – We ran workshops for the parish to help parishioners determine how to prioritise the many great ideas and opinions accumulated over the winter months.

Summer 2018 – We work to distil all the feedback received so far and define the Parish Vision, a single statement that embodies what we wish to stand for:

“Through our worship in prayer and liturgy we seek always to become a community of faith, hope and love, building inclusive relationships with people of faith and none, reaching out to those in need”.

Sep/Oct 2019 - We seek to create a model of how the parish will look in 2028 if our 10 year plan is successful.

Nov 2018 – Bishop Richard returns to present his Pastoral Plan, a plan born out of all the feedback he received from the Diocese.

Dec 2018 – We run a short presentation and longer Q&A session to unfold Bishop Richard’s Pastoral Plan.

Jan 2019 – We identify the key posts that will need to be recruited in order to deliver the Parish Plan.

Next Steps

Feb 2019 – Invite ideas and opinions from the parish one last time before the 10 year plan is presented in March.

Mar 2019 – Present the Parish Plan to the parish and listen to feedback. Incorporate feedback.

Apr-Jun 2019 – Recruit key roles from within the parish.

Engage - Be Patient - Be Active