

Four Key Dimensions Definitions

Faith

Eucharist references the quality of our celebrations and the life and energy that flows from this.

Prayer is about the many opportunities, apart from Mass, that we have to grow in deeper relationship with Jesus.

Liturgies are those times we celebrate e.g. baptisms, funerals, the service of light, penitential service, Taizé prayer and other things.

Faith Formation is about the opportunities we have to deepen our understanding of faith beyond school.

Sacramental Preparation is about preparing families to celebrate important moments that matter in their spiritual lives.

Servant Leadership

Affirmation - We are all called to serve, but how do we affirm the central role of the priest to enable this?

Co-responsibility - How are we embracing the fact that we are ALL responsible for the development of our parish life together?

Active Lay Ministry - What variety of lay ministries are in place?

Role of Women - How do we help women to fully take their place in service/in leadership?

Youth Involvement - Where are young people leading in the parish?

Pastoral Outreach - How are we reaching out beyond the gates of the parish to those who are in need?

Administration - How does administration serve the pastoral life of the parish?

Welcome

Evangelisation - Do we have any plans in place to pro-actively speak to others about Jesus and the difference he makes?

Inclusiveness - Who do we include and who feels excluded by us?

Community - In what way are we a welcoming community?

Hospitality - Have we made hospitality our special concern?

Communication - How are we communicating the Good News?

Social Justice

Advocacy means standing up for people's rights, how does our parish enable this?

Active Outreach - How do we actively reach out to those in most need and work together for change?

Solidarity - Whose stories matter to us? and Accompaniment - Who are we walking with?

Creation - In what way is the care of creation a key concern for us?

Or perhaps there is something else that comes to your mind?



The consultation process undertaken by the Building Hope Task Force in 2021 highlighted four key dimensions valued by people in their faith communities - Faith, Servant Leadership, Welcome and Social Justice.

Resulting from this consultation a '**Building Hope**' parish-based initiative was proposed. Its purpose is to initiate a conversation about the gifts and talents that we as a parish have available to us and to take notice of the education and formation that may be needed for the future. We are encouraged as a faith community to assess our pastoral strengths and resources and to consider with which of the other nine parishes in our deanery we might enter a more formal partnership. To assess the current pulse of our parish, you are invited to reflect on these four '**Building Hope**' dimensions.

If you require any further information please contact the parish animators Sr. Gertrude Mensah and Fiona Debtuch.

Four Key Dimensions

Looking at the **FAITH** dimension

What is working well in our parish?
Why?

What is in need of
development?
In what way?

Eucharist
Prayer
Liturgies
Faith Formation
**Sacramental
Preparation**

Faith

**Servant
Leadership**

**The person
of Jesus
Christ**

**Social
Justice**

Welcome

Advocacy
Active outreach
Solidarity
Accompaniment
Care of Creation

**Affirmation of priestly
ministry**
**Co-Responsibility of
Clergy and Lay Faithful**
Active Lay Ministries
Role of Women
Youth Involvement
Pastoral Outreach
Administration

Looking at the **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** dimension

What is working well in our parish?
Why?

What is in
need of
development?
In what way?

Looking at the
SOCIAL JUSTICE
dimension

What is working
well in our parish?
Why?

What is in need of development?
In what way?

Evangelisation
Inclusiveness
Community
Hospitality
Communication

Looking at the
WELCOME
dimension

What is
working well in
our parish?
Why?

What is in need of development?
In what way?