

## Communication

- We can do better at communicating through various media and also personally through relationships with each other. This includes listening more.
- It was also mentioned how the changes to the newsletter are fantastic and have been a long time coming.
- Transparency and communication could be improved.
- It was felt that communications to those involved in Mass ministries could be improved. Roster for 2 months was ok but could this also go into the newsletter each week as a reminder? Also would some printed versions be available?
- Doing well in communicating events / happenings particularly in the amalgamation of the 3 parishes into 1
- The main take away from my group is how now that we are one parish (instead of three) we must consciously act as one parish instead of three with slightly better communication from the various groups and the schools - perhaps with a common directory close to the front door for our active groups and community notices in our newsletter. It was mentioned that there have been instances where new potential parishioners didn't feel welcomed when arriving so didn't return.
- Can do better in aligning information across the different communication mediums particularly the website the weekly newsletter
- Better way to communicate with groups – community directory
- Better communication with the school
- The group wants more, enjoyed the open dialogue that this hui provided and would appreciate more days like Sunday. Communication is paramount to moving forward and it would be nice to have members of various groups talk about their activities more often. It would be nice to have more interaction with the school communities as well.

## Physical Spaces

- We can feel the Spirit in the liturgy.
- Our meeting spaces and physical spaces need to support the needs of the community better. The other two churches may need to be utilised while redevelopment of our current site is happening.
- The church has good natural light that gives a fresh positive vibe.
- The Church has an austere feeling about it and is not welcoming from a building perspective. Some commented that Jesus should be behind the altar rather than St Francis. In addition there were comments on the positioning of the tabernacle although it was agreed that nearly every church has something different in that regard.
- Questions about what is happening with church property and the hope that notes have been kept from previous submissions during prior consultation.
- Spaces in our parish facilities that better serve the needs of the parish.

## Liturgy

- The main take away from my group was how they're enjoying having a vibrant mass that emphasises openness and connectivity, great music variety from a diverse range of musicians, and active community-minded priests.
- The topics that our fathers talk about during mass are challenging and informative. This is something they'd like to see continue.
- It is good and inspiring to see the youth participating in liturgy as proclaimers, ministers of communion and in the music team.
- We have a variety of gifts and a variety of styles (eg music) but all are people who are offering their gifts to the Lord and for the service of the community. We are grateful.
- We appreciate the commitment especially of those who have been in the parish for many decades. Still faithful and still serving. How do we inspire that same commitment in the younger generation so that the life of the parish continues and flourishes?
- We can do better in keeping our liturgy and activities supportive and attractive to children and youth. We would like them to participate more so we can pass on the life of our church to the next generation.
- A desire for some to have another Mass (9am suggested) for young families.
- A desire from some to start having a Mass at Newlands that would help engagement

## Participation and Inclusion

- As a community we are very good at looking after each other and reaching out to those in need.
- Having dedicated parish priests has helped in the healing of our parish communities.
- Grateful for the arrival of the priests and the stability that has brought.
- Gratitude that most are now moving on from the things that happened in the past
- Gratitude for the rich community we live and pray in.
- We have a welcoming parish with a place for everyone. We are friendly, diverse, inclusive and vibrant, with a lot of faith-nourishing activities to offer. The Social Justice Ministry is doing well in listening, helping and providing support to the needy members of the community
- A sense of gratitude for the faithfulness of the people of this parish. A desire to see the younger ones (and those in the middle) take up more roles.
- Having our priests take a more active roll within our community (e.g. gardening project and school masses) is meaningful and something we'd like to see continue and be amplified as long as they continue to have the time along with their other commitments as this will build a stronger, more unified catholic community.
- Gratitude for the generosity of many volunteers who offer their service. We don't own the ministry, it is for the sake of mission. Those of us who have been around for decades need to step out of an active role and take on a mentoring role for younger people.

- Doing well in welcoming new parishioners where individuals have a sense of belonging; people consider parish as their home
- People are enjoying hearing about topics that the church is involved with such as the garden project, school masses that parishioners are invited to attend, life affirming groups (book of life), and involvement with migrant communities.
- Look at ways of improving how we welcome and integrate new people in the community. Then find ways to include them in ministry.
- Potential new parishioners may not feel welcome
- We can do better in encouraging and providing opportunities for people to step up and be involved in parish activities. We hope to have more young people serving.
- We can do better in attracting new people to become part of our parish and keeping those who are already part of it.
- Making our parish more meaningful to young people.
- We continue to provide support and maintain a good relationship with our 2 schools, even with the closure of St Ben's church. This seems to be key in bringing families to the church
- We can do better in reaching out to those who help and support the parish (identify themselves as part of the parish) but who do not regularly attend mass.
- Consciously become 1 parish instead of 3
- Can do better in creating programs to evangelize those who have not heard of Jesus
- Any new change must come from a place of unconditional love and community

## **Small Groups**

- We appreciate each other's ministries, contributions and willingness to help and build our parish, especially those who have been doing them for years. We can do better to acknowledge them.
- We need to prepare for the future and build community via small groups.
- Small groups help us to know one another better so that we can understand the needs, anxieties, hopes and dreams of others.
- Small groups can connect people to the larger community, and serve as a way to support others into ministries