



HOPE IN THE FUTURE



PARISH REVIEW

This Parish Review is designed to help your parish to 'take stock' and identify any gaps in groups and ministries. Once you have a clear picture of where the parish is currently this will help you to plan for the future and decide on short and long term priorities and areas for improvement using the Mission Action Plan. Please note this is for your parish community so there is no need to send back to the Diocese. This should be completed by the Hope in the Future Team along with the parish priest if possible.

Welcome

1. Are there welcomers/greeters? Are they clearly identifiable, warm and friendly? Are they trained in supporting new parishioners and providing them with more information?

2. Are the church buildings a welcoming environment?

3. Is there an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other after Mass/socially?

4. Is there a group for people who are new to the parish or from a different country or area?

5. How do we as a parish engage with other Christian churches and other faiths in our local area?

6. How do we support parishioners with disabilities (i.e. access and hearing needs)?

Engagement

7. Do you have a team to help with the administration of the parish?

8. Is there a team to help with the finance of the parish?

9. Do you have a team to help clean the Church buildings and grounds?

10. Does anyone manage the maintenance and development of Church buildings and grounds?

11. Is there a team who open and close the Church?

12. Is there a Sacristan?

13. Does anyone manage the maintenance and development of Church buildings and grounds?

14. Are there coordinators for readers and Eucharistic ministers? Are new volunteers regularly recruited and trained?

15. Is there a range of musical styles at your various Masses? Does the music enhance the liturgy? Are hymns chosen carefully to suit the season and readings? Does the parish join in?

16. Do you have a team of altar servers? Are new volunteers regularly recruited and trained?

17. Is there a team of catechists to help with the sacramental programme? Are new volunteers regularly recruited and trained?

18. Is there a safeguarding rep?

19. Is there a parish youth rep? Do they pass on information about diocesan youth events to the parish via the newsletter and noticeboard? Do they attend training days and deanery youth rep meetings? Do they have a network set up for fellowship and support with other young people in the parish?

20. Is there a children's liturgy? Do the sessions challenge the young people and reflect the seasons and scripture? Are new volunteers regularly recruited and trained?

21. Is there a parish prayer group? Are there regular opportunities for confession and Eucharistic Adoration?

22. Are there opportunities for ongoing formation such as a bible, book or catechism study group?

23. Is there a pastoral council/advisory group (or similar) to share the leadership of the parish?

24. Does everyone in the parish know about Hope in the Future and ways they can get involved to support the programme?

25. Are there opportunities for prayer and devotion outside of the Mass?

Outreach

26. Is there a parish Caritas rep? Do they pass on information about diocesan caritas events to the parish via the newsletter and noticeboard?

27. Is there a faith in action group supporting the local community through fundraising, hospitality and volunteering? Is there opportunity for new members to get involved?

28. Are there good links with the schools in the parish? Are there opportunities for the young people to contribute to the liturgy and life of the parish?

29. Is there a parish website? Is the information regularly updated? Is the newsletter available online each week?

30. Are there parish social media pages? Are these regularly updated?

31. Is there any missionary activity such as parish missions, alpha groups or street evangelisation?

Once you have completed this Parish Review please complete your parish Mission Action Plan.