



A Concise Summary of Responses from Parish Meetings

1. *How can we promote the Gospel?*

Communication of the Gospel through asking directly, which leads to involvement, talking to people, sharing the faith we have.

See challenges as opportunities.

Engaging with young adults.

Consider the mindset of 'One day or day one - you decide!'

Modern Communication, Social Media etc.

Live streaming of Masses.

Whats App groups for different groups.

Sharing the Gospel through prayer, adoration. A sense of togetherness.

2. *How do we engage others?*

Communication through Hospitality (This as an umbrella covered lots of responses).

Social events and contacting parents to promote these.

Involving children in Parish events - choir and children's liturgy.

Establishing a Minnie Vinnies group.

Altar servers.

Links with schools.

3. *What are the barriers?*

Fear of commitment and the length of commitment.

What is a Parish?

Lack of confidence.

Pressures of free time.

Priests.

Family life centred around the weekend and not God.

Not knowing what is involved with participating in groups and activities.

Maybe change the language to ensure everyone understands what we are doing and why.

4. *What could be solutions to the things holding us back?*

Survey Parishioners asking what would you like to see in our Parish ?

Parish faith Sharing groups.

Youth faith sharing groups.

Church open days.

Hospitality (As Above).

Encouragement needed to support people to participate in events and parish life.

5. *What do you think the function of the Deanery Council to support us going forward?*

To promote the Gospel in action in the Deanery.

Provide forum for inter-parish activities such as adult formation etc.

Support with times of Masses etc.