

Group Notes

All parishes have a Good Starting point as all parishes in the black

Clergy

- Say masses in each others parishes so that parishes become familiar with the clergy, this will send a powerful message to the parishes that clergy want pastoral area to work and that they are working together. le lead by **example.**

Communication is paramount to the process

- Communicate regularly to all parishes in the pastoral area the outcomes of todays meeting and future meetings . All parishes to be given the same information at the same time and regularly
- Ultimately create one website for the pastoral area with masses and activities taking place in the pastoral area.
- Key members of the finance team to liaise and work together.
- Set up meetings for parish groups to liase with each other eg safeguarding teams, catechetical teams, cafod **etc etc sharing what they do.**

Catechetical Programmes

Try and bring programmes in line with each other so that parents no matter which parish they go to have the same thing offered and just have a choice of venue. Training together

Each parish to create a document that celebrates

- strengths of their parish
- areas to further develop
- areas of weakness/ absence
- Opportunities that the pastoral area presents
- Threats that are felt

Data /information

- Create a matrix of key roles / people in each parish (Mary said that there is a living document called “Parish Life” that for our parish was started by Mary)
- Schools – How many catholic children in each school
Which schools do our children go to
Moving forward create a chaplaincy team as it was agreed there is too much work for ultimately one priest to do.

Youth – engagement of our youth is essential

- what parish tasks are child friendly
- Involvement of youth in liturgy
- What do youth want

Barriers

Maintaining momentum and enthusiasm,

People who don't like change

Time

Transport needed

Faculty jurisdiction needs to be extended to the pastoral area and not just parish location. This would empower people to move across the pastoral area.

Recruitment of volunteers this is a difficulty experienced by all parishes.

Parity of technology across the pastoral area/.

