

PARISH SURVEY: YOUR FEEDBACK !

**St. Mary's, Bellaghy
St. Joseph's, Ballyscullion**



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

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OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

- ❖ So you could have YOUR say - To understand and communicate the views, needs and aspirations of parishioners.
- ❖ Outreach - to both active and inactive members of our church/parish. An opportunity to provide everyone with a voice to help shape our parish for the future.
- ❖ To provide the opportunity for individuals to increase their involvement in the parish through volunteering.
- ❖ Engage with parish to develop a (pastoral) plan based on your feedback to be actioned over the next 5 year period

Have Your Say in Shaping Your Parish

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We as a parish are called to be a community, which strives to show the visible face of the invisible father. Where everyone feels sought after, cared for and feels the compassion of a loving and merciful God. Whether you, a church goer or not your feedback is important to us.

1. YOUR FAITH

2. YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

3. TIME FOR OTHERS

4. PARISH LIFE AND YOU

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My Faith

- Do you find your faith helps you in difficult times?
 - ☐ A Lot ☐ Sometimes ☐ Not at all
- Does your faith influence your everyday life?
 - ☐ A Lot ☐ Sometimes ☐ Not at all
- Would you like help exploring and sharing your faith?
 - ☐ At Mass ☐ Church teachings ☐ Prayer/Reflection
 - ☐ Scripture ☐ Confession ☐ Family Prayer
 - ☐ Wandering on the faith ☐ Other

You and Your Church

- What Mass do you normally attend at the weekend?
 - Saturday Vigil Mass: ☐ 8:30 pm
 - Sunday Masses: ☐ 8:00 am ☐ 9:00 am ☐ 11:00 am
- Which Church do you regularly attend?
 - ☐ St. Joseph's ☐ St. Mary's
 - Other _____
- Please tick your reason: ☐ Location ☐ Time ☐ Ambiance
- Have you thought about a shortage of priests in the future, and how it might affect the provision of masses in our parish?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If mass times were to change for St. Mary's - what time would you prefer? (Please tick a box for vigil and a box for Sunday Morning Mass)
 - Saturday Vigil Mass: ☐ 8pm ☐ 8:30 pm ☐ 9pm
 - Sunday Mass: ☐ 10am ☐ 10:30 am ☐ 11:00 am
- How could your prayer life be enhanced?
 - ☐ Additional periods of Eucharistic Adoration
 - ☐ Better reading material available in booklet
 - ☐ Tales Prayer Group (Prayer around the cross)
 - ☐ Advent/Lenten devotions
 - ☐ Parish Mission retreat Widowage
 - ☐ Guided Meditation ☐ Rosary Group
 - ☐ Devotions/Prayer ☐ Prayer/Faith Groups

Time For Others

- Are you willing to volunteer to help in outreach programmes St Vincent de Paul? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- What do you feel we should prioritise in the parish as we try to help and support others? (Please tick your top 3)
 - ☐ Home visitation ☐ Support to family life
 - ☐ Preparation for marriage ☐ Support on older people
 - ☐ Bereavement support ☐ Support positive mental health
 - ☐ Young People ☐ Special needs
 - ☐ Social Issues (e.g. Travellers and agencies)
 - ☐ Addictions - (alcohol/gambling/illegal or prescription drugs/pornography etc)
 - ☐ Promotion of Vocation life
- If you are willing to give of your time to help and support in our parish and have skills, experience or qualifications in any of the above areas, please list below: _____

Volunteering

- ☐ Money Counters
- ☐ Church Collectors
- ☐ Church cleaning
- ☐ Altar Society
- ☐ Finance Committee
- ☐ Car parking & Graveyard
- ☐ Distributing Knowledge
- ☐ Building Society

Careers for the Community

- ☐ St Vincent de Paul
- ☐ GAA
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Hospitality for Funerals
- ☐ Legion of Mary
- ☐ St. Joseph's Young Priest

Prayer Groups

- ☐ First Friday Adoration
- ☐ Prayer Group
- ☐ Piousness
- ☐ Sick and housebound
- ☐ Other _____

If you have indicated that you are interested in volunteering please give your contact details below.

Name: _____

**Thank you to everyone who provided feedback.
Your feedback and support is greatly
appreciated**

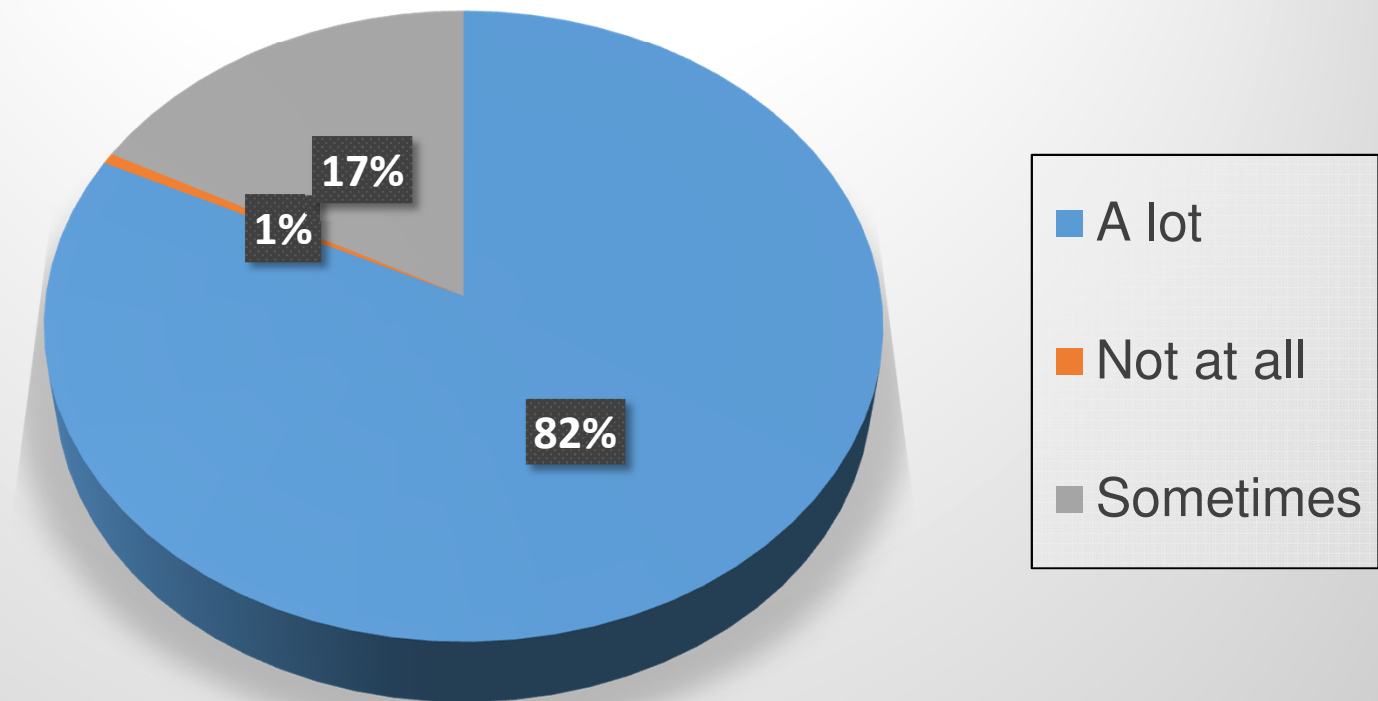


The Results



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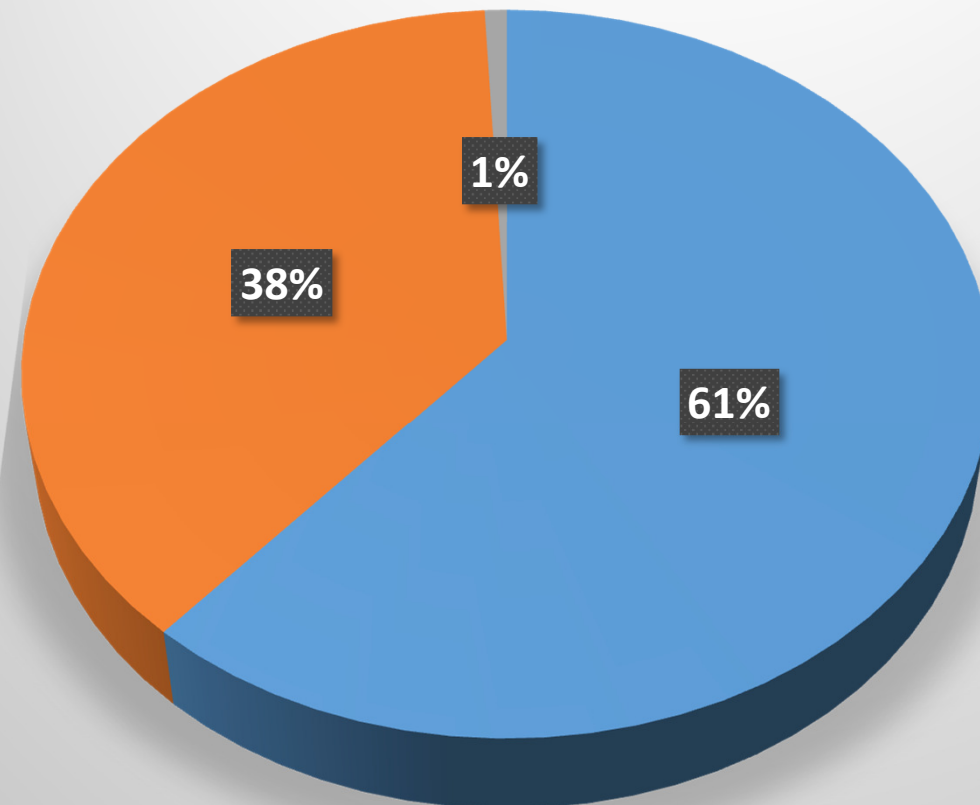
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YOUR FAITH



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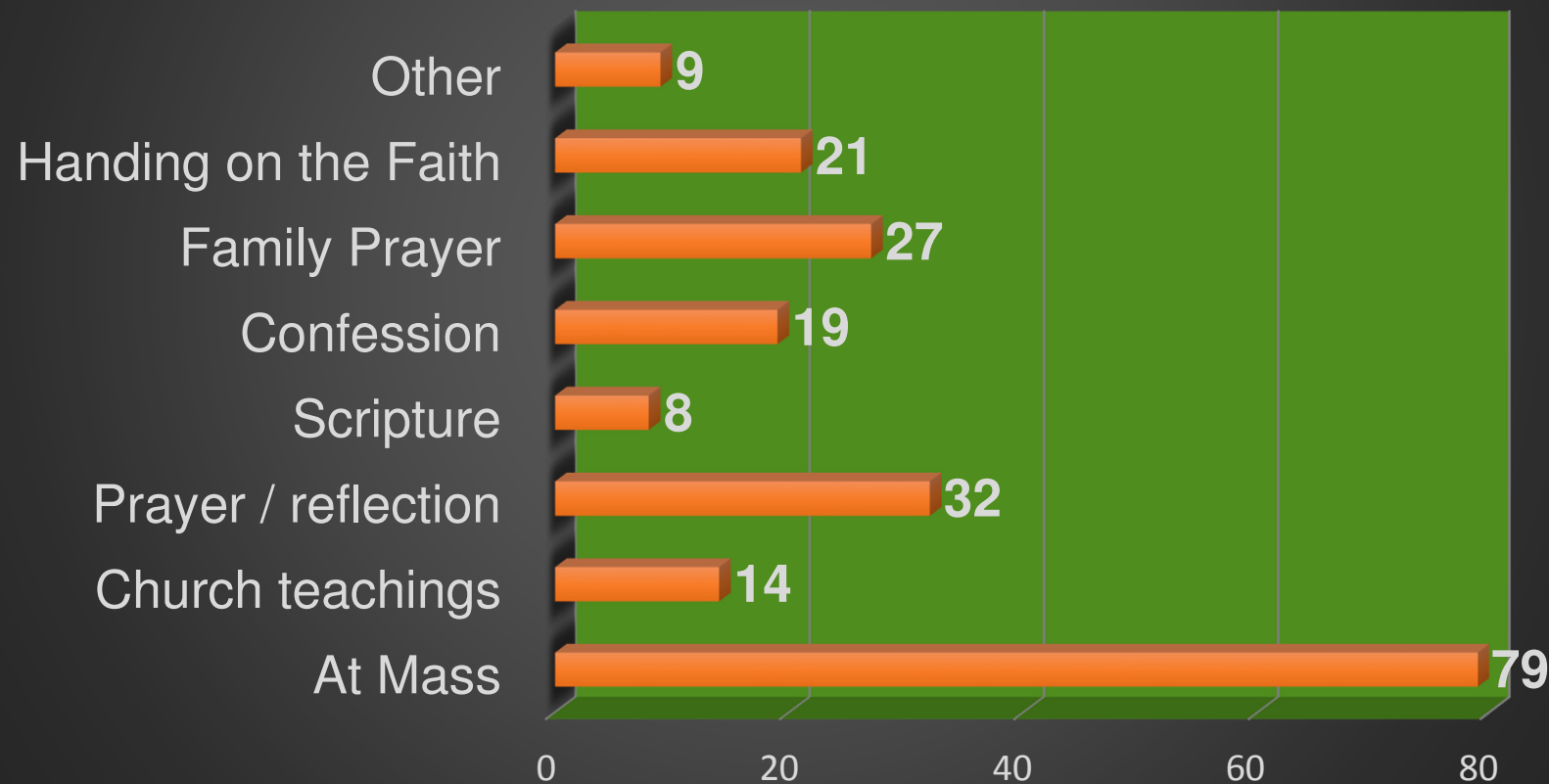
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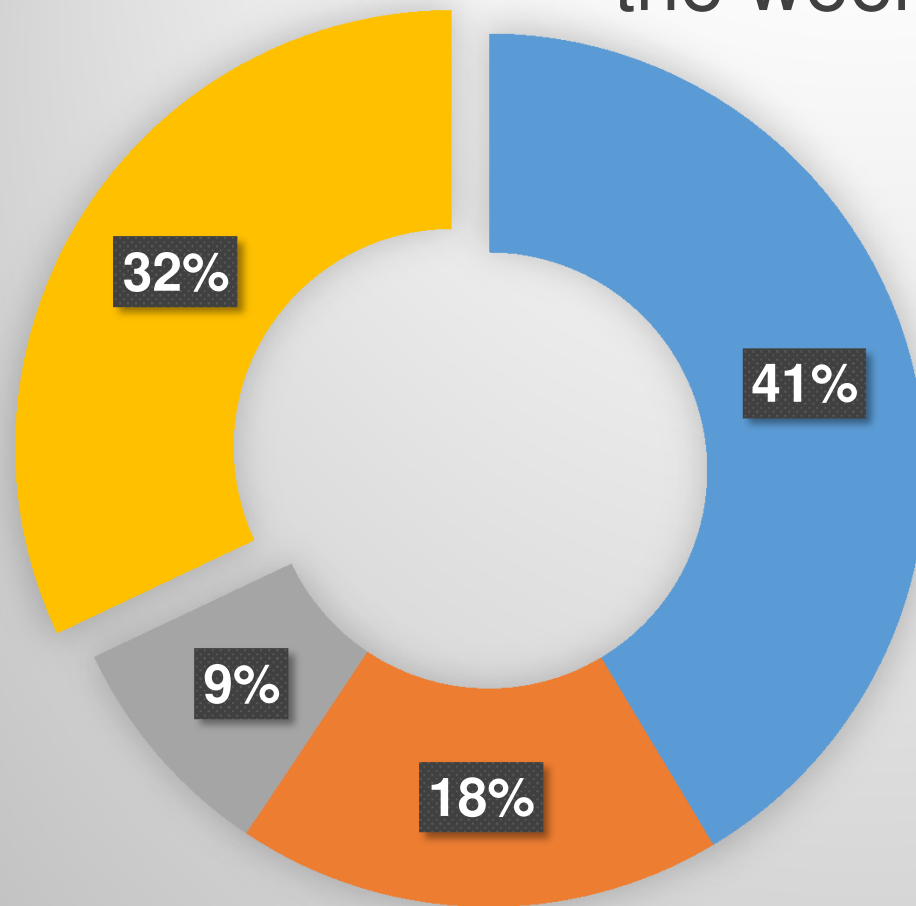
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2. YOU AND YOUR CHURCH



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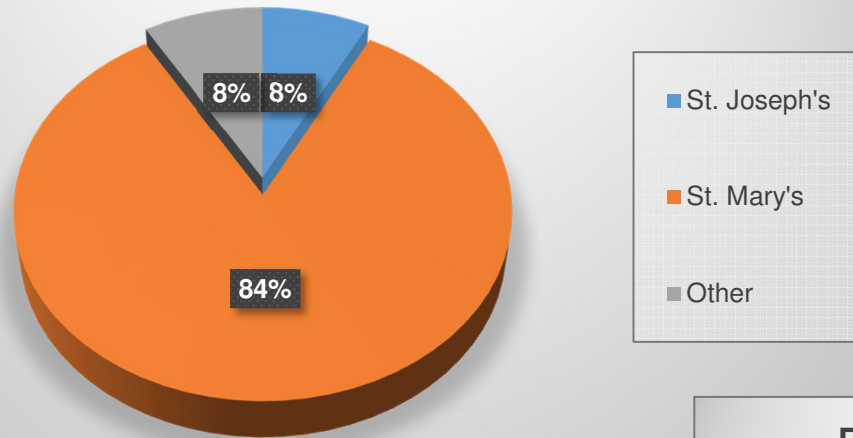


- Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:30pm
- Sunday Mass - 8:30am
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- Sunday Mass - 11:00am

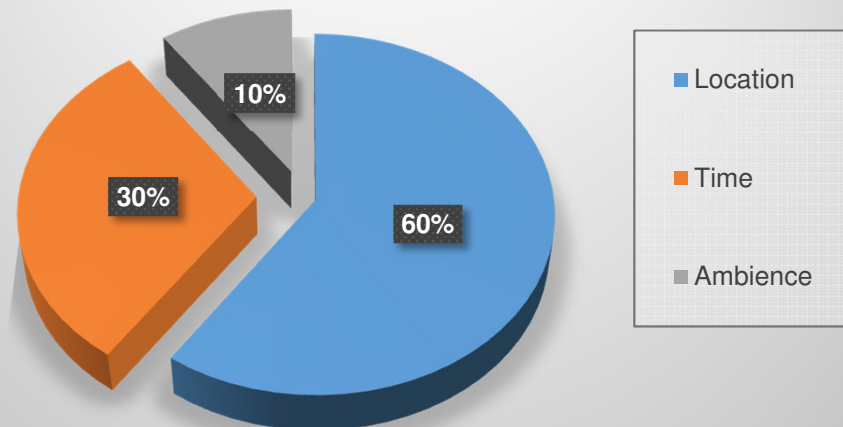


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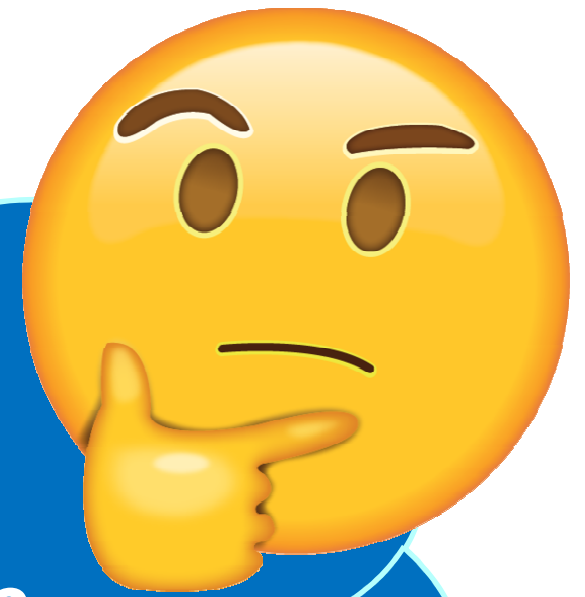


Reason for attending specified church regularly:



YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

85% *of parishioners
have thought about a shortage
of priests in the future and how
it might affect the provision of
masses
in our parish !*



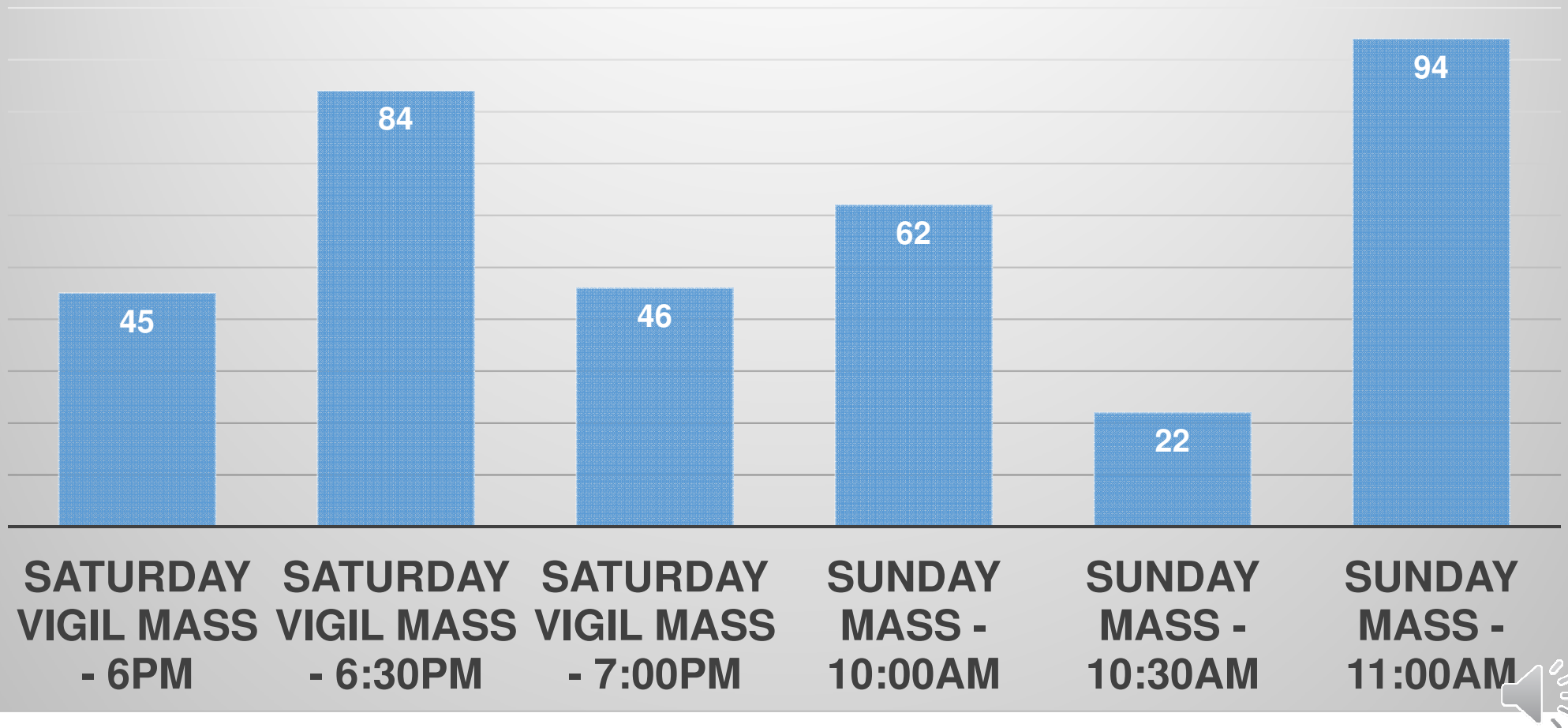
- 65No. priests in active ministry
covering 51No. Parishes

- Priests 70yrs+ 14no due to retire
in next 5 years.



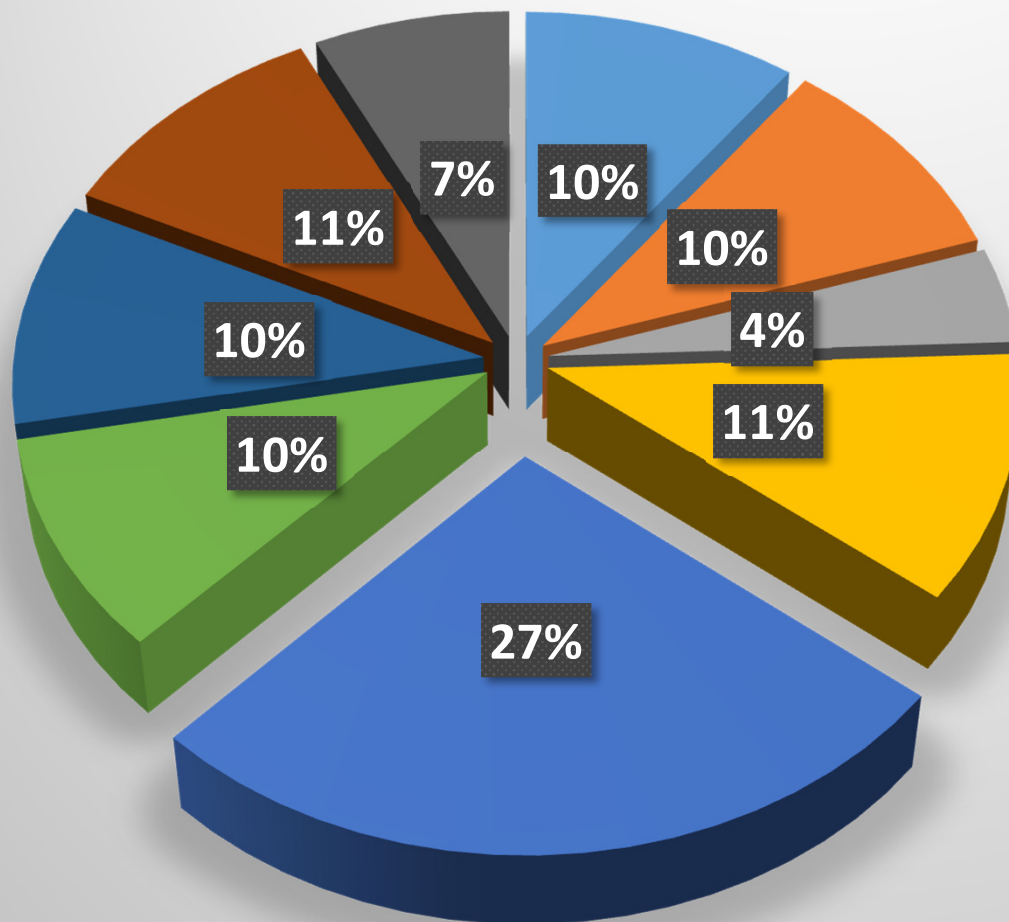
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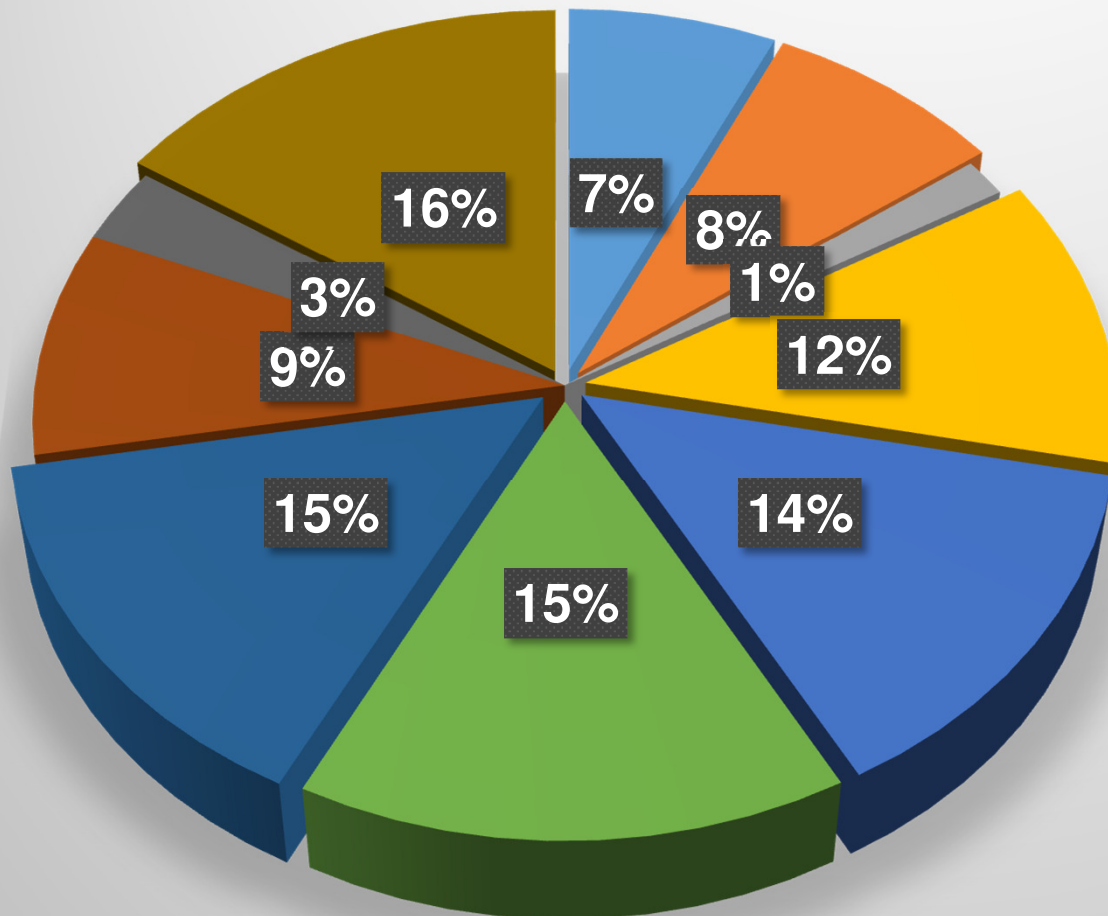


Only 5% of respondents are willing to Volunteer to help in outreach programmes such as St Vincent de Paul !



TIME FOR OTHERS

What do you feel we should prioritise in the parish as we try to help and support others?



- Home visitation
- Support to family life
- Preparation for marriage
- Focusing on older people
- Bereavement Support
- Support positive mental health
- Young People
- Special Needs
- Social Issues (eg Trócaire/aid agencies)
- Addictions



4. PARISH LIFE AND YOU



49% of parishioners
*have thought about Parishes
without Priests in relation to
their role in the Parish !*



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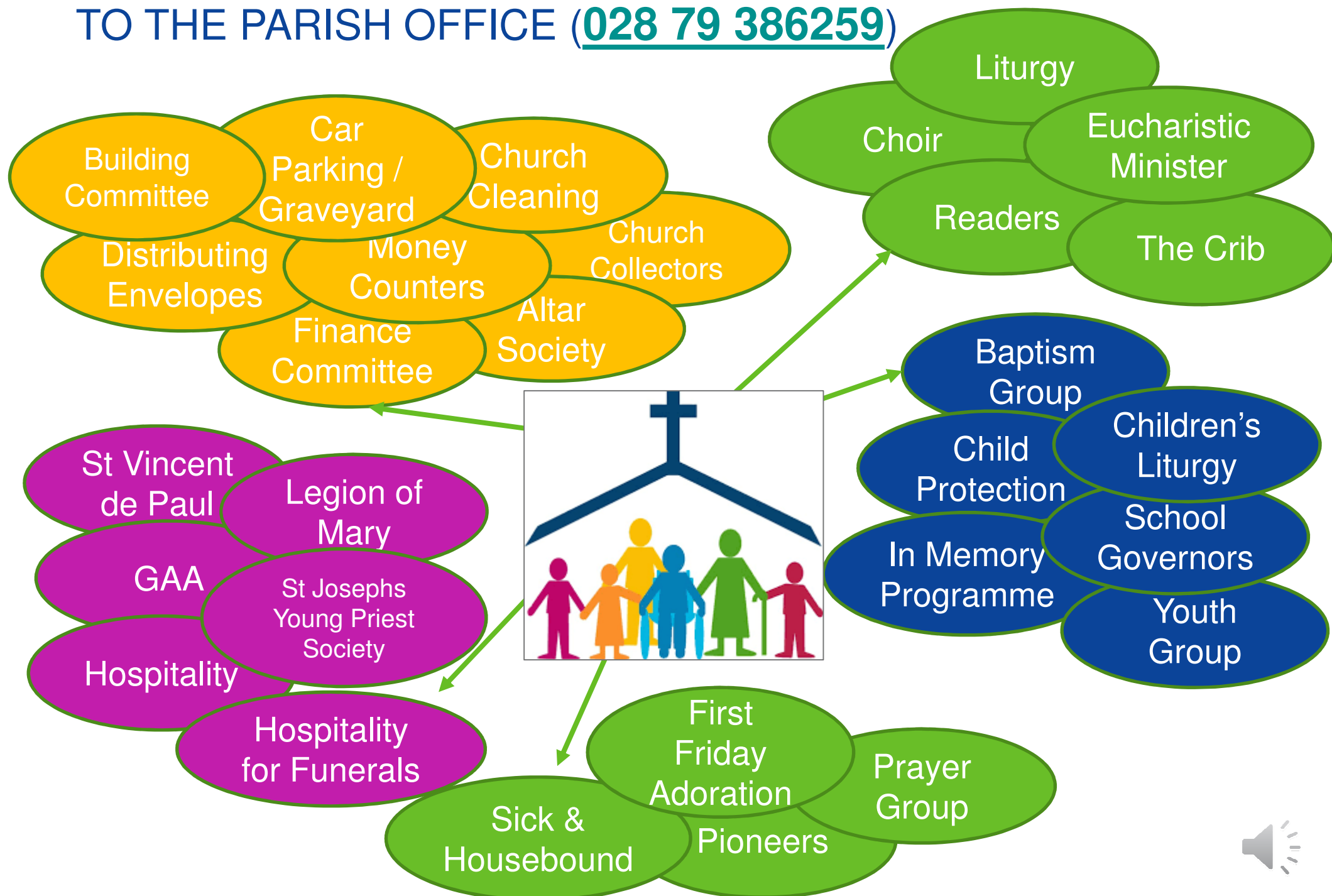
PARISH LIFE AND YOU - VOLUNTEERING

A massive Thank You to the 60 No. Parishioners who have provided contact details and are willing to Volunteer their time to help in the smooth running of our Parish.

To our existing Volunteers we value your continued support and efforts !



STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER !!! - GIVE YOUR DETAILS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ([028 79 386259](tel:02879386259))



CONCLUSION

Based on this consultation there have been four key areas of activity that have been identified as areas for particular pastoral development:

1. Exploring your faith: The Mass; Family Prayer; Handing on The Faith; Prayer & Reflection
2. Enhancing prayer life: Parish Mission / Retreat / Pilgrimage; Advent & Lenten Devotions; Additional material in Bookstalls & Guided Meditation.
3. Prioritisation of support from the Parish: Addictions; Young People; Mental Health and Bereavement
4. To further grow our Volunteer network and parishioner participation in our parish



ROADMAP: PARISH PASTORAL PLAN BASED ON YOUR FEEDBACK: 2017-2022

Theme	Area	Proposal / Objective	Priority Ranking	Timeframe (Indicative)
YOUR FAITH	Faith Formation - Understanding & Exploring our Faith	Teach the meaning and source of all parts of the Mass and sacrament (building on Lenten 2017 workshops).	13	2017 - 2020
		Programme for faith formation using personal testimony to support others. Following on from personal testimonies given during Lenten 2016 & 2017 talks.	12	2017 - 2020
		Parish will encourage representatives to attend World Meeting of Families in Ireland 2018. Pastoral Council to develop local activities/liturgy based around this Event.	1	2017 - 2018
		Set up a group equipped to deliver a support programme for parents to provide family catechesis and facilitate them on passing on the faith to their children.	2	2018 - 2019
		Continued Development of existing Parish Programmes for Sacramental Preparation (In Memory Programme); Marriage Preparation; Baptism & other programmes including childrens liturgy; Pope John Paul II award; Spirit of Youth.	11	2017 - 2022
YOU AND YOUR CHURCH	Leadership - depending exclusively on the priest cannot continue	Parish Pastoral Council and finance committee - to further develop in the role of the parish pastoral leadership.	3	2017 - 2019
		Strengthening and further development of Volunteer base.	15	2017 - 2022
		Promotion of Vocations	16	2017
		Review of Existing Mass times.	16	2017
	Liturgy	Liturgy team to develop lay lead liturgies and ultimately educate and teach on all parts of the Mass.	10	2019 - 2020
		Enhancement of prayer life through Parish missions / retreat / pilgrimage.	4	2017 - 2019
		Advent and Lenten Devotions - building on those previously delivered such as Lenten talks of 2015; Lenten testimonials	4	2017 - 2018
TIME FOR OTHERS	Prioritisation of Support for the Parish	Parish technology - improve on existing infrastructure e.g. Visual / Audio. May assist in fostering congregational singing & facilitate liturgies outside the church building. e.g Stations of the Cross, Good Friday 2017.	14	2020
		Increased support to those living with disability in our parish e.g. by facilitation of support groups such as SPREAD etc and creating links to other support networks.	5	2018 - 2019
		Increased inclusion of parishioners with special needs / disabilities within our liturgy and parish life.	5	2017 - 2022
		Support for those dealing with additions by co-operating with the relevant professional bodies providing the necessary services. Provide periodic liturgies and talks such as that given by Jackie Burke at our Lenten talks 2016.	6	2017 - 2022
		Prioritisation of further support for those with mental health issues. Similar to the Service of Hope.	7	2018 - 2019
	Youth Ministry - Support and inclusion of young people through further development of existing and future youth ministry	Volunteer led community bereavement support	17	2021
		Formation of Junior Pastoral Council (or representative on existing)	8	2019 - 2020
		Faith formation for Altar servers		
		Strengthen ties with local youth groups e.g. Youth Clubs; GAA		
		Music (Youth Choir) to engage young people in liturgy		
	Charity / Cross Community Programmes	Summer Camp / Youth Café (or other new initiatives)		
		Cross Community Events	9	2019 - 2020
	Inclusion / Welcoming	Continued provision of hospitality & extend to include inclusion to welcome new people to our Parish	18	2021 - 2022
PARISH LIFE AND YOU	To further grow our Volunteer network	Strengthening and further development of Volunteer base ie Foster environment of inclusivity of all	3	2018 - 2019



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