

## Our Journey – Key Elements

An exciting journey over the past three years:

- ▀ Developing our Vision and Pastoral Plan
- ▀ Beginning Alpha
- ▀ Becoming intentional about leadership
- ▀ Creating a structure for Mission with the Pastoral Council & Leadership Team

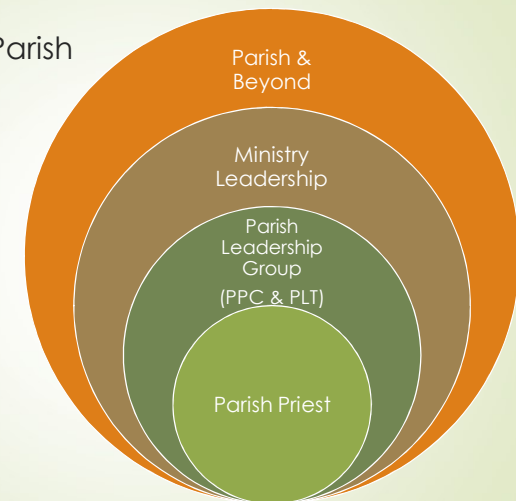
## Our Vision

- ▀ **Evangelisation:** Reaching Out & Sharing our Faith
- ▀ **Community:** Loving & Caring for One Another
- ▀ **Discipleship:** Learning & Growing Together in Faith
- ▀ **Worship:** Celebrating & Praising God's Presence
- ▀ **Ministry / Service:** Giving of Ourselves
- ▀ **Leadership:** Guiding & Inspiring Others to Grow as Missionary Disciples

## We are responding to Pope Francis' call to mission

- ▀ Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* writes:  
"I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.

## Spheres of Parish Leadership



## Invitation – Parish Pastoral Council

- ▶ Are you someone who enjoys:
  - ▶ Seeking out God's desire for this parish community as a whole?
  - ▶ Looking at the 'Big Picture', taking an 'overall' view?
  - ▶ Considering and Planning Long Term Strategies across all areas of parish life?
  - ▶ Focusing on the future and how we'll make a difference in the world around us?
  - ▶ Communicating our vision enthusiastically and inspiring parishioners?

## Invitation – Parish Pastoral Council

- ▶ Some of the 'Big Picture' issues we face:
  - ▶ The new cemetery across the road
  - ▶ Reaching out and drawing people into our faith community through Alpha
  - ▶ Becoming more environmentally friendly and social justice oriented.
  - ▶ Bringing our visions into reality, achieving our goals with more people involved throughout the parish
  - ▶ Resourcing our parish community (financial & structural)

## Invitation – Parish Pastoral Council

- ▶ What's involved:
  - ▶ Attending and being involved in a meeting every 2 months
  - ▶ Participating in prayer, research and decision making
  - ▶ Communicating and inspiring people within the parish about our vision.
  - ▶ Developing and refining the goals and strategies for mission being undertaken by the parish.
  - ▶ Evaluating and reviewing the fruitfulness of our strategies in light of gospel values, the mission of the Church and Diocesan priorities.

## Invitation – Parish Pastoral Council

- ▶ Process for Discernment
  1. Take an information pack from the foyer
  2. Attend Discernment Gatherings
    - a. **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 11:30am-1pm:** First Information and Discernment Gathering
    - b. **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 11:30am – 1pm:** Second Discernment Gathering
  3. Nominations will be reviewed by Fr Shane and the Leadership Group (PPC & PLT)
  4. Presentation of new PPC on 17<sup>th</sup> May