

Key Words & Prompts



Over time we will become very familiar with this graphic representation from page 15 of the *Building Hope: Task Force Report*. It is called **The Framework for Pastoral Renewal**. Initially, we are invited to notice the centre circle of the Framework and what flows from that;

1. **JESUS is at the CENTRE of everything.**
2. What flows from our relationship with Jesus is our own **FAITH** but also a shared FAITH...and we will look at that...
3. The type of leadership our relationship with Jesus encourages is one which copies Jesus' way of being with people – that is '**SERVANT LEADERSHIP**'
4. JESUS **WELCOMED** everyone and we are called to do the same.
5. When we place Jesus at the centre of all of our life we feel the call to make a difference in the world – to reach out to others in compassion – that's **SOCIAL JUSTICE**.
6. These are the 4 dimensions that people valued in their faith communities and which now provide a Framework through which to look at OUR own communities.

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FAITH / FAITH-FILLED

The first dimension gives us a prompt for a parish where faith is at the centre.

Let's unpack this;

1. **Eucharist**, in the Framework, references the quality of our celebrations and the life and energy that flows from this.
2. **Prayer** is about the many opportunities, apart from Mass, that we have to grow in deeper relationship with Jesus.
3. **Liturgies** are those times we celebrate, for example, baptisms, funerals, the service of light, penitential service, Taize prayer and other things.
4. **Faith Formation** is about the opportunities we have to deepen our understanding of faith beyond school.
5. **Sacramental Preparation** is about preparing families to celebrate important moments that matter in their spiritual lives.
6. Or perhaps there is something else that comes to your mind under FAITH

Let's look at **SERVANT LEADERSHIP..**

1. We are all called to serve, but how do we **affirm the central role of the priest** to enable this?
2. How are we embracing the fact that **we are ALL responsible** for the development of our parish life together? – that's co=responsibility.
3. What variety of **lay ministries** are in place?
4. How do we help **women** to fully take their place in service/in leadership?
5. Where are **young people** leading in the parish?
6. How are we **reaching out** beyond the gates of the parish to those who are in need?
7. How does **administration** serve the pastoral life of the parish?
8. Or perhaps there is something else that comes to your mind under SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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Let's look at **WELCOME...**

When Jesus is at the centre of our lives we will be a welcoming community.

1. **Evangelisation** - Do we have any plans in place to pro-actively speak to others about Jesus and the difference he makes?
2. Who do we **include** and who feels excluded by us?
3. In what way are we a **welcoming** community?
4. Have we made **hospitality** our special concern?
5. How are we **communicating** the Good News?
6. Or perhaps there is something else that comes to your mind under WELCOME

Finally, let's look at **SOCIAL JUSTICE...**

1. **Advocacy** means standing up for people's rights, how does our parish enable this?
2. **Active Outreach** - How do we actively reach out to those in most need and work together for change?
3. **Solidarity** - Whose stories matter to us? and
4. **Accompaniment** - Who are we walking with?
5. In what way is the **care of creation** a key concern for us?
6. Or perhaps there is something else that comes to your mind under SOCIAL JUSTICE