

Ways to get your parish partnership working

Your parish partnership could choose some of the following:

- 1.** Always start your partnership council gathering with a substantial time of prayer in a synodal way, taking time to pray together for the needs of parishioners and to discern where God is calling.
- 2.** Begin the new pastoral year in September with a retreat day for all those in ministries across the partnership.
- 3.** Take time to find out who is currently in a ministry group across the partnership with a view to refreshing and recruiting new people.
- 4.** Have a gathering for all those in Family Mass / Children's Liturgy teams, spend time sharing ideas and provide some formation on the Gospel for the Year.
- 5.** Organise a joint Advent Reconciliation Service or Carol Service.
- 6.** Around the Sunday of the Word of God – the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (21st January, 2024) – gather all readers for a time of reflection and formation together.
- 7.** Organise a joint Lenten programme for the partnership.
- 8.** At the Easter Triduum (28th – 30th March, 2024) consider having only one Holy Thursday Mass, one 3pm Veneration of the Cross and one Easter Vigil across the partnership. This could be rotated.
- 9.** Join together in the Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning each year from the Feast of the Ascension, through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church (12th – 20th May, 2024) – looking ahead to the new pastoral year in September.
- 10.** Around the feast of Corpus Christi (2nd June 2024) gather all Eucharistic ministers for a time of reflection and formation together.
- 11.** Organise a joint partnership Mission with a focus on Baptism and Servant Leadership.
- 12.** Identify one of the parishes in the partnership that could become a hub for gathering youth and young adults from the partnership.