

Loughshore Parishes Pastoral Council Feedback from Parish Meetings Feb 2019

Our Pastoral Themes	Feedback
Welcome and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicise the work of all our Parish Teams - parish Booklet/ Directory outlining their work and key contacts</li> <li>• Expand the role of Parish Visitors to include new families, those in hospital</li> <li>• Parish Visitors could make phone calls to those at home</li> <li>• Active Cell Groups making visits - befriending, sharing prayers</li> <li>• More volunteers to meet and greet at weekend Masses</li> <li>• Play to the strengths of each congregation - more family activities in St James's and Greencastle; use skills and experience of older retired members of our congregations.</li> <li>• More opportunities to meet socially as a whole parish - concerts, talent shows, fundraisers. - connecting with people who don't attend Masses</li> <li>• Better use of Church Noticeboards - designated co-ordinator in each church -</li> <li>• Informal gatherings after Mass</li> </ul>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear regular info about the work of PPC - bulletin, noticeboard, speaking at Mass; monthly handout; feedback to parishioners about their suggestions</li> <li>• Who's Who - photos of PPC members, badges</li> <li>• Minutes shared and regular evaluations</li> <li>• Update parish website</li> <li>• Make more use of social media</li> <li>• Parish App.</li> <li>• WebCam facility</li> <li>• Update Bulletin - more info on Parish News; easy to read bullet points; bulletin on-line</li> <li>• Ideas Box in each church</li> <li>• Open Meetings for parishioners to discuss the Catholic response to social and moral issues - abortion; climate change</li> </ul>
Faith Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate Eucharistic Adoration around 4 churches</li> <li>• Rota of volunteers for 40 Hours</li> <li>• Offer lifts to those who would like to attend workshops and liturgies</li> <li>• Lent and Advent workshops - One venue for whole parish</li> <li>• Catechism sessions for adults</li> <li>• Don't underestimate the importance of the Sunday Sermon and the Readings - ongoing catechesis</li> <li>• Encourage prayer of all kinds</li> </ul>
Youth and Family Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise the legacy of the Troubles and past hurts</li> <li>• Increase awareness of Baptism Ministry.</li> <li>• Celebrate Christenings - in bulletin, Welcome Board</li> <li>• Involve the whole parish in programmes like "Do This in Memory of Me", Confirmation Liturgies. - make these social occasions</li> <li>• Involve children more in weekend Masses</li> <li>• Seek help from Indian Community on catechetical programme for chn.</li> <li>• Revisit the GIFT programme</li> <li>• Encourage the young people doing JP2 Award to be more visible</li> <li>• Keep in contact with families through all the key faith development milestones between age 0 - 18 . Give children a good experience of Parish</li> </ul>
One Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Retreat for all parishioners - include the schools; different types of prayer; music; presentations; drop- in</li> <li>• Extend awareness of Children's Liturgy to other churches - all welcome to St James's</li> <li>• United parish choirs for particular occasions</li> <li>• Parishioners becoming used to going to particular churches/halls for particular events</li> <li>• Advertise existing social groups - Mother and Toddler; Men's Shed; Ladies Group; they may have started in one church hall but they are open to all parishioners</li> </ul>