

Christchurch North Pastoral Area Plan



Vision Statement:

“With the Eucharist at the centre, we will spread the Gospel and renew and revitalise the pastoral life of our Parishes by sharing our gifts, strengths and resources.”

Holiness - Communio - Collaboration - Mission

Christchurch North Pastoral Area Council

The Journey So Far.....

On 22 October 2009 Bishop Barry Jones called parishioners from the four parishes of St Matthew's Bryndwr, Christ the King Burnside, St Joseph's Papanui and Our Lady of Perpetual Help St Albans, to a meeting at St Matthew's Parish Hall. At this gathering Bishop Barry outlined the overview of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and formally requested the parishes to begin working together as the Christchurch North Pastoral Area. This task would include preparing a plan for the Bishop to show how this collaboration will be systematically effected.

Under the guidance of Mike Stopforth, the Bishop's Deputy for Pastoral Planning, and Fr. Rick Loughnan Priest Coordinator, two representatives from each of the four parish councils were nominated to form a Pastoral Area Council. These representatives, Mike Bourke and Kevin Foyle (St Albans), Alan Campbell and Karen Furness (Papanui), Pat M'Quinn and Vincent Chia (Burnside), Kevin Crutchley and Maureen Kerr (Bryndwr), came together 23 March 2010, then began meeting regularly, each month at a different parish centre to develop a plan for the Pastoral Area.

Progress to Date.....

Mike Stopforth introduced the process by focussing on the principles of Holiness, Collaboration, Communion and Mission and gift discernment, and offering opportunities at each meeting for the council to reflect and discuss appropriate Church readings and the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Christchurch. Initially Fr. John O'Connor provided a stimulating session reflecting on spirituality, and at subsequent meetings the council moved into developing parish profiles; analysing parish strengths and weakness; formatting a matrix outlining the various ministries and roles currently operating in each parish. Some time was spent clarifying the purpose and vision for the council and consequently writing a vision statement to articulate this. Goals were set based on each of the four principles (Holiness, Collaboration, Communion and Mission), and a plan showing proposed actions, suggested examples and intended outcomes developed around these.

On 3rd November 2010 Bishop Barry introduced the working document 'The Provision of Sunday Mass in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch' to our parish communities and the pastoral area council has since considered the implications of this document and included these into this draft Pastoral Area Plan.

Communicating with our Parishes....

Council representatives provide regular progress reports back to their parish council meetings. After every council meeting a newsletter insert is provided for inclusion into parish bulletins. As the draft plan neared completion the council sought feedback from the parish priests in the area. This initial draft plan was then to be forwarded to Bishop Barry Jones for his consideration and comment before being taken to a combined meeting of the four parish councils, April 6th 2011. At this meeting the preliminary plan was finalised and an annual plan for 2011 developed. The final plan for the Christchurch North Pastoral Area was then resubmitted to Bishop Barry Jones for his approval and accepted by Fr Rick Loughnan, Vicar General, on behalf of Bishop Barry at a combined gathering of parish communities, April 14 2011, in St Matthew's Parish Hall.

Pastoral Area Goals:

Goal 1:	Proposed Actions:	Intended Outcomes:
<p>Holiness: Our parishes will be spiritually renewed and on a personal, social and cultural level, individuals will be encouraged and supported, so each can pay attention to the will of God.</p>	<p>1. 1 Develop and implement a Pastoral Area strategy to assist priests and parishes introduce the Revised Roman Missal and help people understand the revised Mass texts.</p> <p><i>Suggested Examples:</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Develop a Pastoral Area approach to implementing the changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryndwr/St Albans Leadership Seminar 19/9/10 • Follow- up seminar to identify progress and issues <p>1.1.2 Discuss how each parish will work with parishioners to introduce changes and provide support for parishioners e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulletin notices • Hand-outs • PowerPoint's • Café style programme • Small group discussions <p>1.2 Using the Church teaching reflected in “Verbum Domini” ¹ as a core document, provide opportunities across the Pastoral Area for personal reflection for spiritual renewal and growth.</p> <p><i>Suggested Examples:</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Identify what is already happening in parishes for spiritual formation and ensure these are communicated across the wider Pastoral Area, e.g. website, newsletter, and coordinator.</p> <p>1.2.2 Plan for whole Pastoral Area workshops; advertise and run these in different parishes.</p>	<p>1.1 Each parish priest within the Pastoral Area will be appropriately supported by his council members and liturgy groups to ensure the introduction of the Revised Roman Missal and the consequent changes to the text of the Mass are well managed.</p> <p>1.1 Parishioners within each parish will be provided with a range of opportunities to renew their understanding and appreciation of the Mass.</p> <p>1.2 There will be an increased focus on spiritual renewal within the parishes based on the document “Verbum Domini” and wider use of other resources, and deliberate planning to deliver programmes across the whole Pastoral Area.</p> <p>1.2 Parishes within the Pastoral Area will be working proactively together.</p>

¹ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation “Verbum Domini” of Benedict, XVI 11 Nov 2010.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sr. Jill McLoughlin workshop on St Mary MacKillop 24/11/10 Papanui• 'Retreat in Daily Life' – Sr. Marietta <p>Suggestions such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult spiritual formation• Pilgrimages• Talks from guest speakers• Share, advertise and promote what is already happening• Prayer groups scripture study• Adoration• Taize Prayer	
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Goal 2:	Proposed Actions:	Intended Outcomes:
<p>Communio: Our Pastoral Area answers the call to communio : that we are one with God and with each other.</p>	<p>2.1 Reflecting on the principles of Catholic Social Justice Teaching² provide an opportunity to reflect and understand how we as parish communities embrace the biculturalism of Aotearoa New Zealand.</p> <p>Suggested Examples:</p> <p>2.1.1 Work together to find how parishes are currently integrating Maori language into the liturgy and explore other ways this could be developed to reflect more accurately our bicultural nature.</p> <p>2.1.2 Seek advice from Bishop Barry on appropriate use of Te Reo in the Mass and the changes being introduced with the revised missal. Investigate the possibility of him running a workshop session for the Pastoral Area.</p> <p>2.1.3 Consider offering a workshop facilitated by Robert Consedine focusing on the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi in light of Bishop Pompellier and the Catholic faith.</p> <p>2.2 Find ways to ensure we as parish communities welcome and include all people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, and value the richness and diversity they bring.</p> <p>Suggested Examples:</p> <p>2.2.1 Investigate how each parish promotes and celebrates the multicultural dimension of their parish community e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers of the Faithful in different languages • Mass for various immigrant groups - Filipino, Korean, Chinese, Malaysian, Indian, Polish Faith in Light 	<p>2.1 Our parish liturgies and communities will reflect the bicultural nature of our country Aotearoa New Zealand.</p> <p>2.1 Our parishioners will have opportunities to explore the content and context of our relationship with Maori and grow in understanding of this unique partnership.</p> <p>2.2 Parishioners will appreciate and respect the increasing multiculturalism of New Zealand society and enjoy the rich diversity the various ethnic groups bring to our parish communities.</p> <p>2.2 There will be opportunities for different ethnic groups to network with others from their home country who attend other parishes in the Pastoral Area.</p>

² To Build Peace Respect Minorities, Pope John Paul II, Celebration of World Day of Prayer 1 January 1989

Goal 3:	Proposed Actions:	Intended Outcomes:
<p>Collaboration: In genuine collaboration we will share our resources and gifts so together we can care for God’s people.</p>	<p>3.1 Share current programmes and initiatives by establishing a matrix of existing services and ministries and resource and contact personnel.</p> <p>Suggested Examples: 3.1.1 Nominate and engage a person or group of people to coordinate an overall Pastoral Area timetable and annual plan showing existing planned events. Work collaboratively to plan future initiatives.</p> <p>3.1.2 Develop effective systems for communication across Pastoral Area e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pastoral area website page to be linked to existing parish websites or new. • Combined Pastoral Area newsletter. <p>3.2 Facilitate opportunities for groups within each parish to make contact with other similar groups in the wider Pastoral Area and where possible offer Pastoral Area wide programmes.</p> <p>Suggested Examples: 3.2.1 Organise for groups within the Pastoral Area to make contact and collaborate where possible e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools & Boards of Trustees • Parish secretaries • Pastoral workers • Passionist Family Groups • Youth and Young Adults • Musicians • Finance Committees • Fundraising initiatives • Sacramental Programmes • Priest Meetings <p>3.2.2 Arrange to celebrate a special Pastoral Area Mass each quarter at each of the different parish churches.</p>	<p>3.1 By working closely together we can come to know each other better, learn from each other, maximise existing programmes and resources and plan more effectively for the future.</p>

Goal 4:	Proposed Actions:	Intended Outcomes:
<p>Mission: The Good News is spread and people are drawn to Sunday Mass and challenged about issues of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.</p>	<p>4.1 Establish across the four parishes long term planning for the celebration of the Eucharist and liturgical programmes.</p> <p>Suggested Examples:</p> <p>4.1.1 Actively contribute to the consultation process for the working document 'The Provision of Sunday Mass in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch'.</p> <p>4.1.2 Support the implementation of the Bishop's plan for the Provision of Sunday Mass in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.</p> <p>4.1.3 Offer a workshop across the Pastoral Area on understanding the Diocesan programme 'Sunday Eucharist in the Absence of a Priest'.</p> <p>4.2 Coordinate existing and establish new programmes of evangelisation across the Pastoral Area.</p> <p>Suggested Examples:</p> <p>4.2.1 Discuss the different approaches parishes use to reach out and evangelise within their own communities and seek ways to collaborate more fully with this e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIA programme • Catholics Returning Home • Forming Faith Together <p>4.3 Find ways to ensure Catholic Social Teaching is actively promoted across the Pastoral Area.</p> <p>Suggested Examples:</p> <p>4.3.1 Establish what is happening within each parish with regards Social Justice and Peace initiatives and find ways to cooperate e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Vincent de Paul Society and Young Vinnies • Social Justice and Peace committees • World Day of Prayer 	<p>4.1.1 There will be clear systems and structures in place in each parish to ensure the celebration of Sunday Eucharist is safeguarded especially in the absence of a priest.</p> <p>4.2 In each of the four parishes as well as collectively across the Pastoral Area there will be a renewed focus on evangelisation and reaching out to others to share and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Parishes will collaborate to offer a range of opportunities and to share resources.</p> <p>4.3 There will be an increased focus on Catholic Social Teaching and living the mission of the church in daily life through prayer and action.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fair Trade use and promotion• Seminar on Catholic Social Teaching• Opportunities to combine Lenten and Social Justice Week activities.• Actively promote the work of Caritas and make effective use of Caritas resources.	
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Pastoral Area Annual Plan 2011 / 2012

Goal 1: Holiness: Our parishes will be spiritually renewed and on a personal, social and cultural level, individuals will be encouraged and supported, so each can pay attention to the will of God.			
Annual Targets	Actions	Outcomes	Personnel, Timeframe Resourcing
<p>1.1 Develop and implement a Pastoral Area strategy to assist priest and parishes introduce the Revised Roman Missal and help people understand the revised Mass texts.</p> <p>1.2 Using the Church teaching reflected in “Verbum Domini” as a core document; provide opportunities across the Pastoral Area for personal reflection and for spiritual renewal and growth.</p>	<p>Arrange for follow up seminar on Changes to Liturgy, looking at the implementation of the new translation, identifying progress and issues.</p> <p>A regular Q&A session to be arranged to provide opportunities to discuss theological issues and Scripture eg information on the different parts of the Mass.</p> <p>Organise a workshop to reflect on Verbum Domini, if possible led by a guest speaker.</p> <p>Organise one Pastoral Area prayer activity each year.</p>	<p>Increased awareness and appreciation for the Liturgy within all parish communities.</p> <p>By becoming more informed of the significance of the rituals and prayers, people will grow in appreciation and understanding of the richness and beauty of the Eucharist.</p> <p>Parishioners will become more familiar with the document and develop and increased understanding on the Word of God in their lives.</p>	<p>2011 PAC to coordinate.</p> <p>Once a month Hosted by different parishes Led by different priests</p> <p>A workshop will be held every year. Subcommittee – one member from each parish with priest coordinator.</p>
Goal 2: Communio: Our Pastoral Area answers the call to comunio: that we are one with God and with each other.			
Annual Targets	Actions	Outcomes	Personnel, Timeframe Resourcing
<p>2.2 Find ways to ensure we as parish communities welcome and include all people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, and value the richness and diversity they bring.</p>	<p>Ensure the bicultural dimension of Aotearoa New Zealand is recognised and respected and is reflected by including Te Reo Māori into our Liturgy.</p> <p>Organise an International Mass celebrating our global citizenship and recognising the multiculturalism of our parish communities.</p>	<p>We will show respect and value the uniqueness and diversity of human life by providing opportunities for people to celebrate their cultural and ethnic background and heritage.</p> <p>There will be a raised awareness of the diversity and richness of our parish communities.</p>	<p>All Saints Day or near 2011 to be held at St Matthews Annual event across PA PAC to coordinate initially then subcommittee to oversee event.</p>

	<p>The celebration will also include use of native languages, cultural dress, ethnic food for shared meal, map, flags etc.</p> <p>Where parishes are currently offering a special community Mass eg Indian or Filipino, this will be advertised widely across the four parishes and parishioners from these ethnic groups will be invited and encouraged to attend.</p> <p>This action will be extended in the following year by a focus on parishioners facing disabilities (2.2.2)</p>		<p>Parish Secretaries and PA administrator to ensure these Mass times are advertised across all parishes.</p>
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Goal 3: Collaboration:

In genuine collaboration we will share our resources and gifts so together we can care for God's people.

Annual Targets	Actions	Outcomes	Personnel, Timeframe Resourcing
<p>3.1 Share current programmes and initiatives by establishing a matrix of existing services and ministries and resources and contact personnel.</p>	<p>Strengthen network and communication across Pastoral Area especially using digital techniques. Information may initially be paper newsletter but phased out as people become more iT confident.</p> <p>Establish a Pastoral Area website to share PAC newsletters, information on spiritual education, youth programmes etc.</p> <p>Expand the current matrix to include more information of the programmes and ministries being offered and provide up to date contact details of coordinators.</p>	<p>Parishioners from all parish communities will be provided with clear up to date information about a wide range of parish events and aspects of parish life; as well as being able to access information about courses, workshops and gatherings for spiritual growth and development from one central source.</p>	<p>PAC to determine funding and budget for Administrator position Website</p>

	Engage an administrator/ coordinator to begin the practical implementation of the plan.	A dedicated administrator will be responsible for the overall coordination of events and activities within the Pastoral Area.	PAC to establish job description and performance management system for administrator role PAC to engage suitable person for this role.
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Goal 4: Mission:

The Good News is spread and people are drawn to Sunday Mass and challenged about issues of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.

Annual Targets	Actions	Outcomes	Personnel, Timeframe Resourcing
4.1 Establish across the four parishes long term planning for the celebration of the Eucharist and liturgical programmes.	<p>Work together to develop a clear transparent Plan of Action for Mass goes to implement in the unexpected absence of the priest.</p> <p>Provide appropriate training for personnel to ensure this plan is carried out consistently in all four parishes.</p> <p>Ensure all parishioners are kept well informed of the process.</p>	<p>In unavoidable circumstances when the designated priest is unable to celebrate Mass, some members of the congregation will have the skills and knowledge to provide appropriate liturgical services and / or to inform parishioners of neighbouring Mass times.</p>	<p>Pastoral Area Council Parish Priests PAC Administrator Liturgy personnel CEO advisers</p>
4.3 Find ways to ensure Catholic Social Teaching is actively promoted across the Pastoral Area.	<p>Investigate what is happening within each parish with regards Social Justice and Peace initiatives and find ways to cooperate further.</p>	<p>Aspects of Catholic Social Justice Teaching will be actively promoted and evident in all four parish communities.</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul Society Justice and Peace commission</p>
Priority	<p>The actions outlined in this plan have been provided as suggestions for the Pastoral Area Council to consider. The Council will now determine and prioritise these actions, based on their capabilities, available resources and collective interests of the wider Pastoral Area. It will establish a fair and reasonable timeframe to manage these goals.</p>		
Review and Evaluation	<p>This plan will be reviewed and evaluated by the Pastoral Area Council by March 31st 2012.</p>		