

ST LUKE'S & ST TIMOTHY'S INAUGURAL PARISH MEETING

28TH JULY 2022 @ 7.30PM

ST TIMOTHY'S, FOREST HILL

DRAFT AGENDA

Our Parishes: Unique Past, Connecting Present and Shared Future

WELCOME: Fr Gerard

Opening address

Purpose of the evening: Perhaps reference the information that has been on the bulletins recently.

Aims for the evening: 2-3 specific

Intro Mary

ICEBREAKER: Mary

What's your favourite 'winter' treat at the moment?

PRAYER: Mary

Scripture: The Great Commission

Lectio style: Read/listen again/share a word or phrase that stayed with you...

Hymn: 'Open My Eyes Lord'

CONVERSATION 1: The Past...honouring our stories

Input: History snapshot of both communities. Significant moments/events on PPT slide

1. In groups of 3, share a special memory of your parish that has been life-giving/deeply valued **(5 minutes)**
2. Mary to invite one person per group to share with the room.

CONVERSATION 2: The Present...where are we now

Input: The current context /reality check. Local, diocesan, global

Two Parishes, two Churches, two Parish Offices, two Primary Schools, two School Advisory Councils, two Parish Pastoral Council's, two Finance Committees, two histories - **one Parish Priest**

1. Using the post-it notes, write down a word/phrase that describes where you see the parish at the moment. NB: One idea per note...and place them on the butcher's paper...
2. Mary to share the collective thoughts

CONVERSATION 3: The Future...the possibilities before us

Input: Where to from here?

- Mass attendance/count in May; one PPC, one Finance Committee, one Parish Office, a shared history, walking together like that Road to Emmaus ...
- We're in this together as St Luke's & St Timothy's; how we move forward will be up to us; what we do will be up to us; when we do it will be up to us.
- Doing something is better than doing nothing and 'Well done is better than well said ...' Benjamin Franklin was known to say.

Jesus reminds us that to live and live out his commission we need to depend on each other for support, hospitality and kindness. He challenges us to travel light and stick together.

1. Individually, write down 3 things you would love your community to be ridiculously good at in 5 years time?
2. Strengths /Weakness/ Opportunities/Threats:
Allocate each group of 3 one of these areas to focus and brainstorm their ideas on butcher paper
3. Mary to share with the whole group.

REVIEW & CLOSE

CONVERSATION 4:

1. In groups of 3, share three 3 'take-aways' you have heard from tonight's session...
2. Mary to share the collective thoughts
3. Next steps...

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

HYMN: How Great Thou Art (Worship Band)