



OUR VISION FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

As we begin a new pastoral year, I would like to offer some priorities that, as a parish community, we are all called to embrace and grow in together. They are the fruit of reflecting on the past few years and of our desire to grow more deeply as a Christian community.

To begin with, we want to focus on a simple principle: **the person comes before the organisation**. Everything we do as a parish should begin with attention to the person. For this reason, this year, rather than creating new activities and groups, we want to invest more deeply in the people and relationships already present in our parish. Many people already come into contact with our parish, form friendships here and are connected with our community in different ways. Our priority is to deepen these relationships, growing through them ourselves and helping one another to grow.

We want to do this together in four particular areas:

PRAYER & SACRAMENTAL LIFE. We are all called to grow in prayer and to help one another to pray, entering more deeply into the sacramental life of the Church and especially into the great stream of the Liturgy.

Each of us can participate more consciously in the Church's prayer, care for our celebrations and help others discover their beauty. The Liturgy is one of the greatest means the Church gives us for our Christian formation: through it, Christ continually forms His people.

CHARITY. We are all called to grow in giving ourselves and to help one another discover the joy of self-giving.

Christian life draws us out of ourselves. Each of us is called to grow in generosity, service and attention to others. By giving our time, gifts and ourselves, we encourage others to do the same, so that our parish increasingly becomes a community in which we care for and spend ourselves for one another.

CULTURE. We are all called to grow in looking at reality through the eyes of faith.

Faith helps us to judge the concrete circumstances of our lives, our world and our history. It gives direction to our lives and helps us to make concrete decisions. Therefore, we want to help one another not only to deepen our understanding of the great truths of the faith, but also to address the real and practical questions that arise from the lives we are actually living.

MISSION. We are all called to recognise that we are at the service of the Kingdom of God and that each of us has a part to play in the Church's mission.

The Kingdom of God grows as our parish reaches further and becomes a better and more truly Christian community. Mission is not something carried out only by priests or by a few particularly committed people. Every one of us is called to reach others, through our friendships, our families, our work, our service and the witness of our lives.

Our vision for this year is therefore simple: to invest more deeply in the people and relationships already present in our parish, and for each of us to grow in prayer, charity, culture and mission. In this way, together, we can become more deeply the Christian community Christ calls us to be.