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Priorities & importance going forward
What we hope for

1. Mass led by a priest at least once a week in each parish

2. Parish Committees to help organise / pick up responsibilities within parishes

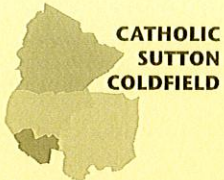
3. That our schools stay strong + play a strong role in our parishes / general communities

4. Women more officially recognised

5. A widening of the clergy base to allow married / female clergy

6. The higher levels of our ^{Catholic} church is listening to us

7. "Free movement" across parishes
➔ enables more options / strength in each parishes skills - pooling of resources



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PRIORITIES AND IMPORTANCE OF GOING FORWARD

x We need more people to be involved
→ How to bring young families, etc..

x Provide activities beyond usual parish activities
→ cinema clubs social activities
→ catholic ^{collegiate} ~~college~~ ^{and then} ~~college~~ ^{found for} ~~college~~ ^{activity} ~~college~~ ^{activity}

x Ask people to be involved ^{through} ~~the~~ ^{clubs} ~~the~~ ^{clubs}
→ Unity in our parishes

x Unity of Catholic S.C.
Annual Day together with Mass
→ We don't know each other

Friendship

BBQ



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Aspirations

- (i) More laity engagement.
- (ii) The ambitions of the consultation are realised and conveyed to parishes + people.
- (iii) Broader access to sacraments and to spiritual leadership.

Allow clergy to do what they can do while having laity build on non sacerdotal responsibilities

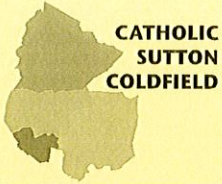
- (iv) Using existing resources well
 - eucharistic ministers, clergy services
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what we're like what priority too.

- 1) 1) Priority to laity doing as much as possible, to release priest to priestly duties.
 - (2) 2) Priority to have the young people involved + retain these people.
 - 2) 3) Take better care of the Priests.
 - 4) Being friendly and affable to the Priests.
 - 5) Give good example to young people.
- Faith is caught not taught.

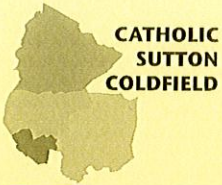


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- 1/ Maintaining a Sunday mass @ each church.
- 2/ Ordination of more deacons
- 3/ Parish Priests to trust the laity to take on responsibility for the non 'priest' t
- 4/ Encourage / find methods to become youth more involved in the parish / all aspects
- 5/ Retain parish identity ^{but} not at risk of ~~the~~ Sutton Church's community
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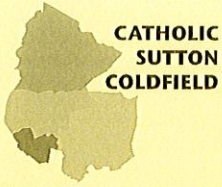
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1. How does the church articulate a Christian vision of matters that are important to human beings - injustice, poverty, environment, disadvantage etc - that makes sense to its members, lapsed members and potential members

2. The role of the laity ~~is~~ should be expanded - responsibility should be spread and shared
- ~~needs~~ the sharing of responsibility needs to change - not just because there will be fewer priests

3. Education of the laity in areas of
- understanding the doctrine of the church in the context of the 21st Century
- practical application of church teaching
Catholic Social Teaching



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MORE DEACONS
MORE MARRIED PRIESTS
MORE YOUNG PEOPLE

LADIES CLUB
/ YOUTH.

RESURRECT SOME OF THE GROUPS - BROWNIES
HAVE A MASS AVAILABLE SOMEWHERE EVERY DAY.

MORE COMMUNITY ACROSS THE FOUR PARISHES - NO US + THEM... BE POSITIVE.
MORE ACCESSIBILITY (FOR THE CHOIR)

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT MACHINES.
=> INCREASE (SIMPLIFY COLLECTION) MONEY MANAGEMENT.

SMALLER FELLOWSHIP (PRAYER GROUPS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY)

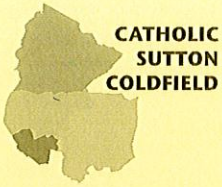
REVIEW - REQUEST TO INCLUDE (NEVER) ASK FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN.
JVP (CATECHUMENS) / CHOIR.

IMPROVE WEBSITE - MORE VIBRANT.

BETTER COMMUNICATION

(BETWEEN PP + THE PARISHIONERS (the Parish))

MEETING OF PARISH ACTION SUGGESTIONS SUBSEQUENTLY SQUASHED BY PP - WITH NO FURTHER CONSULTATION (FR MICHAEL)



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Recognise

That women may play a big part in our parishes

We shouldn't take our parishes for granted & appreciate all that we have within our churches and tap into it.

More activities to draw young people to church that are attractive. ^{eg. through Music.}
eg 1000 children attend a wonderful Advent service at B.W.

Maintain daily masses.

Young people are inspired by CAFOD's messages!

Support ^{name of} CAFOD! Volunteer with CAFOD Blkare.

CAFOD volunteers are delivering fantastic ^(workshops) education in Cath. Social Teaching throughout England + Wales.

→ tackling poverty + injustice in the world.

Hope to find another couple who can be trained to do the marriage Preparation. ^{eg. from Holy Trinity?}

(Succession planning is vital!)

We hope Keep the Momentum going

after today



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From your need to encourage Volunteering

Hope for Continued R/E Education
with in the Parish and those in other Schools
that are not Catholic schools
needs to be conveyed to all Parishions ^{Who} are ^{not} other

Hope to offer to open to more than
we are offering at the moment in the Catholic
Church. Needs to be more social.
than catholic small e not C.

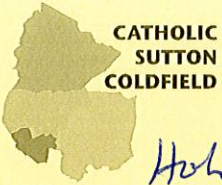
If all we are doing is getting people
to Mass then we have lost.
We need to change the thinks behind
all we offer.

It isn't all about the "liturgy" (children
not here to assist the teaching
other denomination can manage. This
and attract the youth with many groups
we hope to do this.

We hope to be available to facilitate
more groups to interact with the Parish
run by the laity. How do we find Volunteering

more facilities to encourage the Youth
What has been discussed to-day
will be carried out by you the Clergy
we all need to work together to succeed
the future of all

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Holy Cross 4

Holy Trinity 3

St Nicholas 1

Practical

HOPES

Actions

Greater Involvement for WOMEN

Female Deacons

More inclusion of young people

Teach Young People to champion
& uphold their Faith among other
Young people (Groups?)

Increase the practical help that
we give to our priests.

Financial

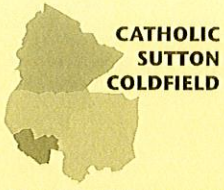
Administrative

Priorities

Get more Catholics (?)

Get more Priests.

Practical.
eg. P.P. Housekeepers



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FORMATION - Not just catechesis

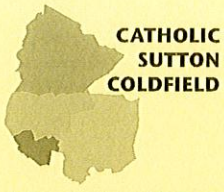
'Growing' the Church - Mission + Evangelisation
involve families + young people | Inspire the whole family.

Accommodate busy lives + react to changing lifestyle of young people

- Do More Better - ^{Reverend.} it's the only thing we know people men up for.

- Collaboration - sharing strengths + experience
it → liturgy

- Diversity of demographic → inclusivity.



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HOLY TRINITY

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We need Provision for Mass & Sacraments, Maybe we need Priests to be able to marry. We already have Anglican or other

denominations who can become Catholic Priests. All Priests should be paid more (if they live in poor areas they won't receive much in the way of stipends)

We need to give them a proper salary + a pension. Stopping younger people coming into the Priesthood.

Deacons and the laity need to be more proactive in taking God's message to the Schools.

We think there should be women Priests - we can't get enough men.

Deacon + lay people could visit houses. Too many Churches in Sutton Coldfield - difficult to maintain, expensive.



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Priorities moving forward:

Hopes for the future...

- Administering of the sacraments
- YOUTH and parents → changing & evolving as an institution without diluting the message.

- communication - Diocese to PP to ~~laity~~ laity.

↓ Taking example from other parishes

Structure for lay ppl to maintain the parish → parish council
↓ youth council

- work out a way to merge parishes / parish human resource whilst maintaining ind. parish identity. Daily Mass spreading out?

- Use of Deacons.

- Skills audit → who has the skills you need?

- Parish Priests kept for spiritual work → allow lay ppl to complete admin. work.

- what does canon law say about trusteeship? PPs should not be making decisions alone. Each parish or the cluster to have a

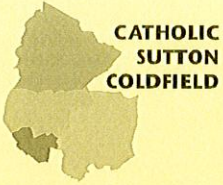
trustee position.

- More spiritual engagement → lay ppl could run retreats? Doesn't have to fall to PP.

Keep the momentum going!

Mantra: "What can we do?" rather than "What can't we do?"

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ACCESS TO MASS - ESPECIALLY SUNDAY.

MAINTAINANCE.

TO BE MORE OPEN - RELEVANT TO TODAY'S SOCIETY.

WHAT DO THE "YOUNGSTERS / SCHOOL BOYS"

TO USE THE 'GOD GIVEN TALENTS' OF THE SCHOOL.

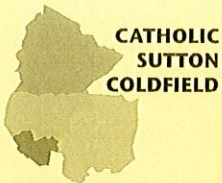
ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN PARISHES / MONTHLY.

HOUSE MASSES.

TAXI'S.

CONNECTION WITH LAYITY

"PARISH COUNCILS"



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Things we hope for

Given priority to.

We want ACTION - not words.

The art of good leadership is delegating

There needs to be more people involved
in the delegation

as there is a lot of untapped help & potential which

On the streaming - cannot receive but give is

already there.

hasn't really

It is good that people are taking part

been explored
in full.

• Hope & pray for more ordinations.

↑
The laity need to be encouraged to
be become eucharistic ministers

which will ensure a more Eucharistic service / rather than
Mass.

Welcoming group for new parishioners
Invite them for coffee etc

Role of laity should be expanded -
Not just because that they

will be a shortage of priests.

• Ordination of more deacons.

• More involvement of the laity
- women.

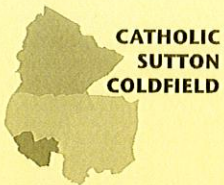
• Church has not evolved.

• Parish Councils?

• Married priests!

• Women pres.

• Changing demographics.



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Things we hope for as we face the future and priorities

Everyone is listened to - All sections of society. eg. disabilities, vulnerable, poor, youth, marginalised in society etc

Open mindedness.

Preserve parish identities + communities + regular mass opportunities

Parishes reaching out into wider community and other faiths

Hope to see a change and that this is not just an admin exercise.

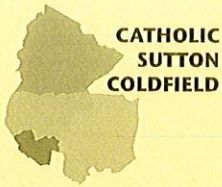
The four churches maintained so that people have a local church.

~~Bring~~ More roles for women in the church. eg women deacons - what happened as there were some previously.

Hope for more vocations

Hope for more youth engagement - encourage youth volunteering and social activities

Opportunities for formation in catholic life.



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Hopes for the future:

To move away from the disconnect young people feel with the church today.

One size doesn't fit everybody — musical
— quiet reflective service

All churches not be the same

A more diverse approach within the cluster.

We don't know what other parishes do so ~~a~~ more communication $\hat{=}$ parishes.

Closer connection $\hat{=}$ parish schools and the parish.
School is a unit of the parish.

Hope that priests would share their weaknesses and strengths.

Parishes are the ^{bedrock} life blood of the church and younger priests are often then moved on to higher things.

Church needs to be more inclusive eg. a person with disabilities/vulnerable people - might be more possible with churches working together.



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① SOCIAL OUTREACH IN ALL AREAS - IN WIDEST POSSIBLE CONTEXT.

② ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE - LISTEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE,
AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY WANT.

③ NEED MAP TO DEAL WITH CHANGE.

④ HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE VOCATIONS IN OUR CLUSTER.

⑤ ~~MAP~~ HOW ARE WE GOING TO ESTABLISH PARISHES ~~WITHIN~~ IN THE
CLUSTER.

⑥ OUR MEETING THIS AFTERNOON MUST BE PRODUCTIVE.
SKILLS AUDIT OF ALL PARISHES
UP TO DATE PARISH CENSUS.