

## Notes taken at Plenary feedback from small group discussions on **PRIORITIES AND HOPES.**

(The notes offer barest headings – for more detail see the groups’ own notes, or speak with participants!)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want to identify what we can do now</li> <li>• Desire to articulate a vision that will be true to Church and make sense to the world (issues of justice/poverty etc)</li> <li>• Experience of laity sharing responsibility for together ‘we are Church’</li> <li>• Education – helping understand doctrine in context of 21<sup>st</sup> Century world; develop awareness of Catholic social teaching</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining Sunday Mass</li> <li>• More ordinations; more exercise of lay ministry</li> <li>• Outreach to youth</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement of young and their parents</li> <li>• Ministry of the Sacraments</li> <li>• Communication at all levels</li> <li>• Structures for lay people to maintain parishes (Trustees?)</li> <li>• Merging resources across parishes/clusters etc</li> <li>• Developing spirituality of parish community</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free up clergy for what they are uniquely able to do</li> <li>• Faith is caught not taught.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambitions of today to be shared</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to life of Church</li> <li>• Increasing sense of relevance</li> <li>• Making use of all the talents – and cooperating with each other</li> <li>• Parish councils?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care for priests – salary/pension etc</li> <li>• Married priests? Women priests</li> <li>• Pro-active laity</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation for leadership to be provided</li> <li>• Engaging families</li> <li>• Opportunities for collaboration</li> <li>• Making the most of our diversity</li> <li>• Do Mass better</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the momentum/enthusiasm going</li> <li>• Help people feel they can contribute</li> <li>• RE Education in parish</li> <li>• Developing variety of services in parish – breakfast club; bereavement counselling etc</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuller involvement of women (inc as deacons)</li> <li>• Help young to give Christian witness</li> <li>• More help for priests to enable them to maximise their contribution</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have attractive things to offer – including our young people (eg of Advent service at Bishop Walsh; Minnie-Vinnies)</li> <li>• CAFOD offers a great resource to help us grapple with social teaching</li> <li>• Marriage preparation offers opportunities for helping people prepare for life of faith</li> <li>• Succession planning – not leaving people to sink or swim</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need help to know what is happening in one another's parishes or mass groups within parish. What is available (eg more music/less music)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social outreach – prisons</li> <li>• Identifying what young people want</li> <li>• Making this afternoon productive</li> <li>• Update parish census</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on action not words</li> <li>• What can be 'delegated'?</li> <li>• Enabling healthy life of whole of Body of Christ</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving people access to a local church</li> <li>• Help people know they are being listened to</li> <li>• Reaching out into the wider community</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing activities beyond regular, current, parish activities</li> <li>• Helping the baptised to be engaged</li> <li>• Developing unity of Catholic Sutton Coldfield (social events etc)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop ministry of deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass each week in each parish</li> <li>• Maintain link parish/school</li> <li>• Increase roles for women and the married</li> <li>• Develop links between parishes</li> <li>• Show hierarchy is listening and responding</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make things more accessible</li> <li>• Improve ways of collecting money (eg promoting electronic giving)</li> </ul>