

JPPC APM Report 2022

The principal role of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council is to support the parish priest in the development of a strategic and long-term vision for the renewal process for our three parish communities, following the Parish Vision Statement composed in 2019. The Parish Vision Statement is:

The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End aspire to share the
Good News of God's saving love.

We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God and serving our
neighbours.

We invite every person to join us in growing together
in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,
experiencing and living through the power of the Holy Spirit.

During the past year we have continued to reflect on the activities taking place in the parish under the headings of discipleship and youth, and other issues relating to the development of this vision.

We have also discussed some of the 5 values of a parish discussed in Fr James Mallon's book 'Divine Renovation' that are highlighted as key to the mission of a parish. This has included discussing how uplifting our music is, and how we can ensure music is a worthy part of our celebration of the liturgy. Additionally, we discussed the importance of 'meaningful community' which led to the reintroduction of 'prayer partners' at each Sunday Mass, and reflecting on how we welcome those attending our parishes for the first time.

During the past year we have also sought to begin looking at a 5-year plan based around the 5 systems of analysis found in 'Divine Renovation' of Worship, Evangelisation, Discipleship, Fellowship and Ministry. Many of the things discussed were introduced over the year, but it was found that the original schema of looking 6 months, 1 year and then 5 years ahead was difficult to keep up with, and so recently Fr Andrew has introduced the idea of a rolling Development Plan for our parishes based around these topics. This will be introduced at the next JPPC Meeting in March and become a focus for each meeting.

In the coming weeks many members of the JPPC will be stepping down from their role after serving their term. As new members began to attend meetings, we recently reviewed the Parish Vision Statement together, reflecting on how we as parishes are doing in fulfilling the statement. It was recognised this is a 'vision' and so it is something we are always working towards, and as a result of this discussion we decided to change the last sentence from:

'We invite every person to join us in growing together in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit'

to the more active *'experiencing and living through the power of the Holy Spirit'*.

We hope that the JPPC will continue to make a valuable contribution to our parishes and in supporting Fr Andrew and the SLT to make our Parish Vision a reality in the years to come.