



Listening & Dialogue Small Group

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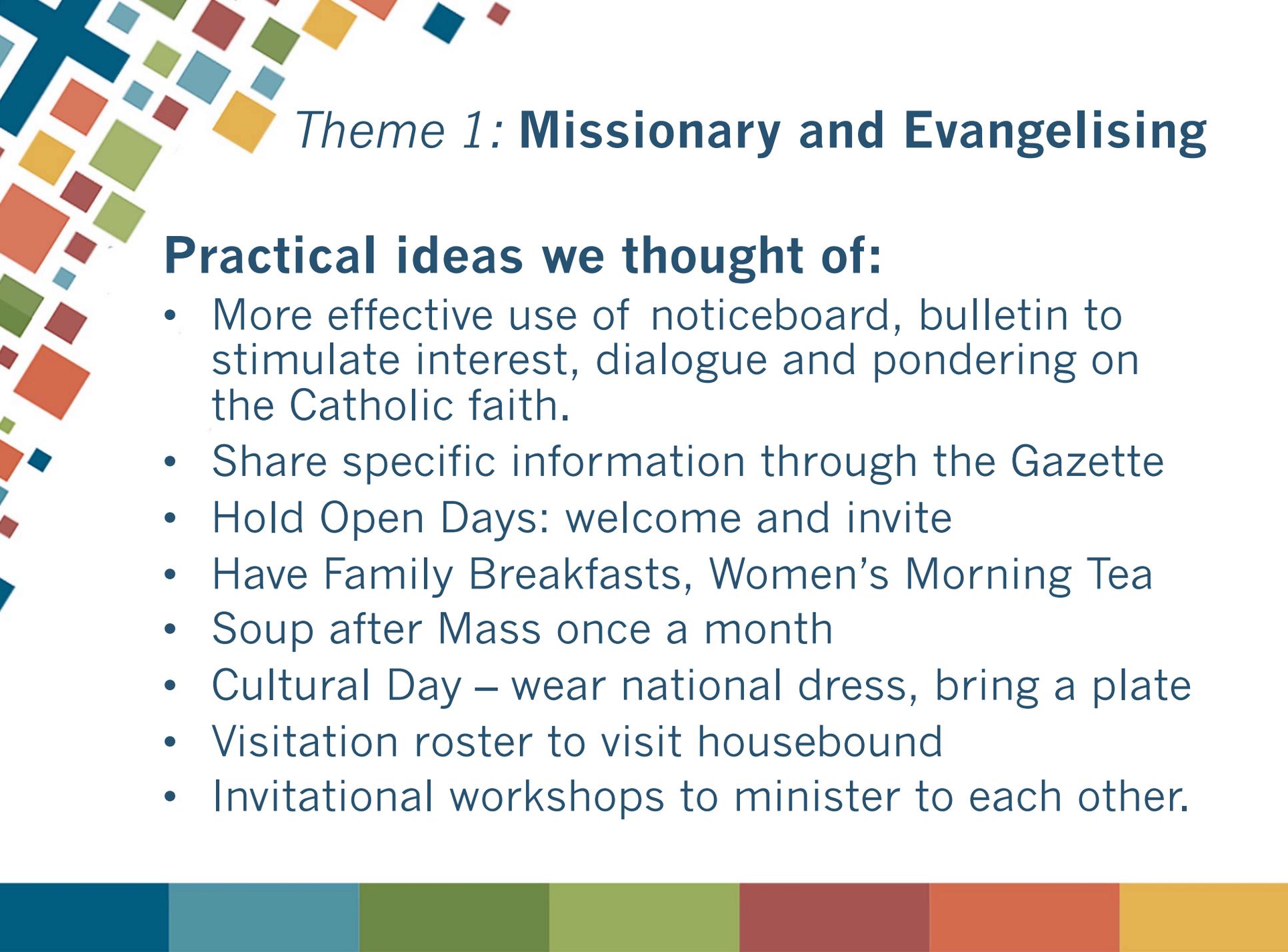
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Theme 1: Missionary and Evangelising

We desire:

- To improve communication within the parish and within the wider community
- More social events
- Prayer and Gospel activities/focus gatherings. eg Bible study groups.
- Reach out to St Finbars' school



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Practical ideas we thought of:

- More effective use of noticeboard, bulletin to stimulate interest, dialogue and pondering on the Catholic faith.
- Share specific information through the Gazette
- Hold Open Days: welcome and invite
- Have Family Breakfasts, Women's Morning Tea
- Soup after Mass once a month
- Cultural Day – wear national dress, bring a plate
- Visitation roster to visit housebound
- Invitational workshops to minister to each other.

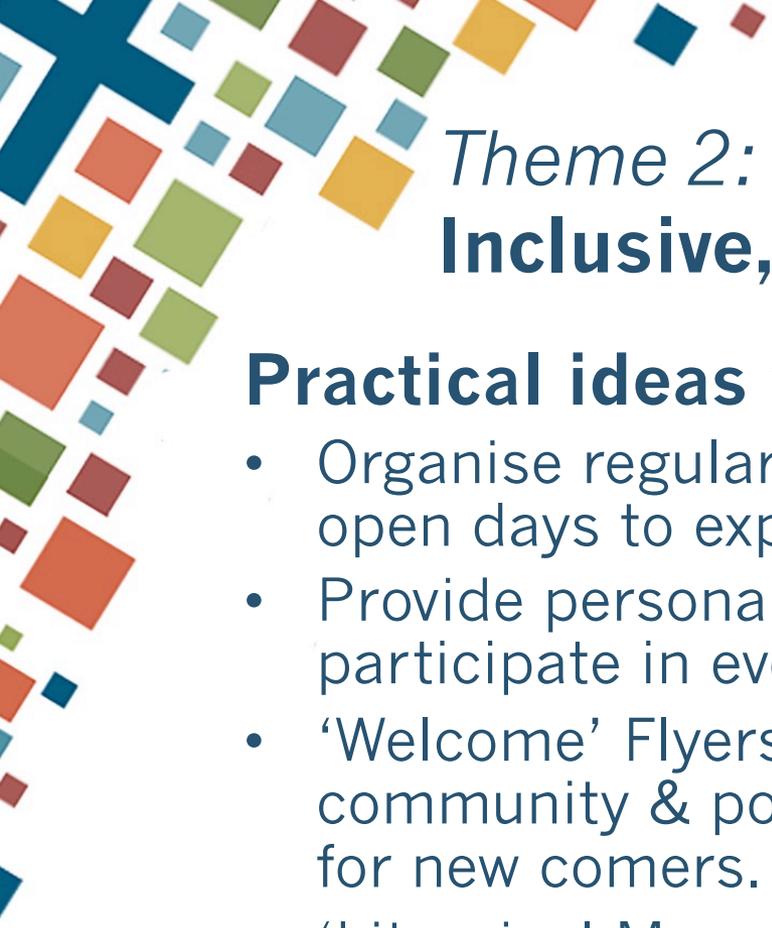


Theme 2:

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

We desire:

- greater inclusion of diversity within the community-particular awareness of gender, age, culture, disability, those marginalised / isolated and adjustments made to facilitate inclusion.
 - clear connections with and between the many expressions of the Catholic Church in Glenbrook
 - meaningful connections locally with other Christian traditions
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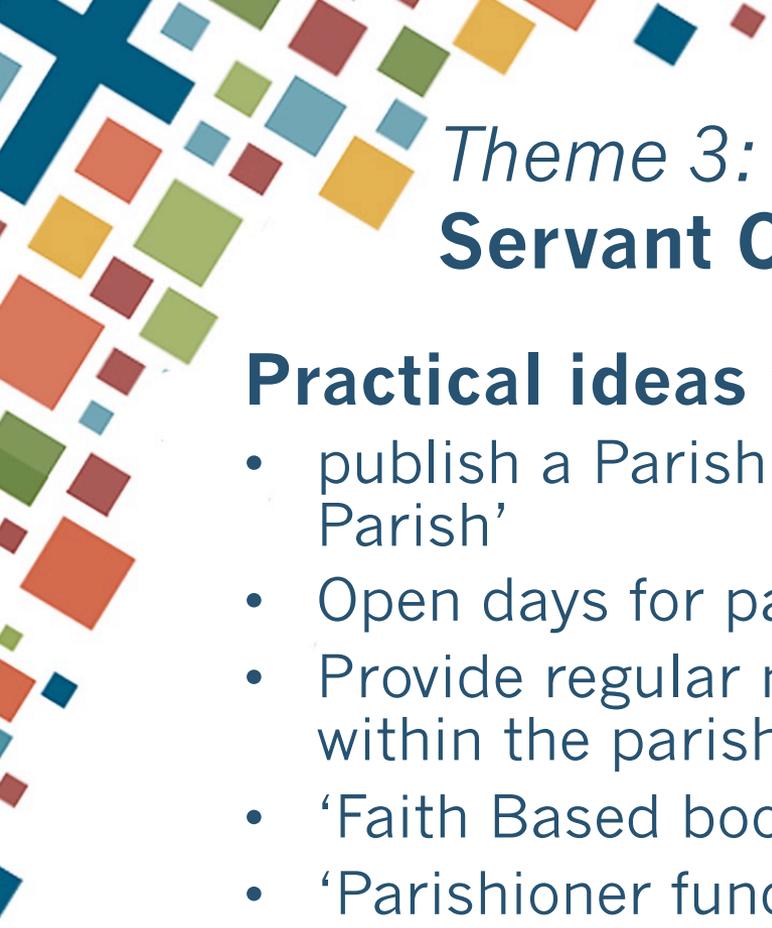
- Organise regular ‘Come and See’/ ‘Meet & Greet’ open days to experience the Catholic context.
 - Provide personal invitations to individuals/ groups to participate in events. eg Cultural Days,
 - ‘Welcome’ Flyers circulated within the wider community & possibly distributed at the end of Mass for new comers.
 - ‘Liturgical Movement’ at Mass-what’s possible?
 - Modify the Lectionary to be ‘wheelchair friendly’.
 - Create a registry of people seeking assistance. eg a lift to Mass, visitation, prayer for a family member...
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Theme 3: A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community

We desire:

- to be joyful, hope-filled followers of Christ who are aware that they are known and loved unconditionally by God-extended to asylum seekers, refugees.
 - to be a beacon of light as Catholic community focused on the Gospel, where compassionate, servants of the Lord flourish as church.
 - to contribute and celebrate the good works of individuals and groups on behalf of the Church; locally/ nationally/internationally as a source of joy and hope.
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Practical ideas we thought of:

- publish a Parish Quarterly- 'Good News from the Parish'
 - Open days for parishioners to visit the school
 - Provide regular meditation/contemplation sessions within the parish.
 - 'Faith Based book swap' initiated from parish
 - 'Parishioner funded' scholarship for student to attend local Catholic High School
 - A focus a month for those in need-refugees, asylum seekers marginalised, poor in spirit as well as in wealth. One person each month to drive the initiative
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