



Listening & Dialogue Small Group

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Theme 1: Missionary and Evangelising

We desire:

- To be an active communicator for outreach
- To be faithful to the message of Christ using different strategies. Using language that is understandable.
- To be invitational and welcoming and friendly
- To be inclusive and more connected
- To inspire discipleship
- To be Eucharistic people, finding ways to outreach to others in community.



Theme 1: Missionary and Evangelising

Practical ideas we thought of:

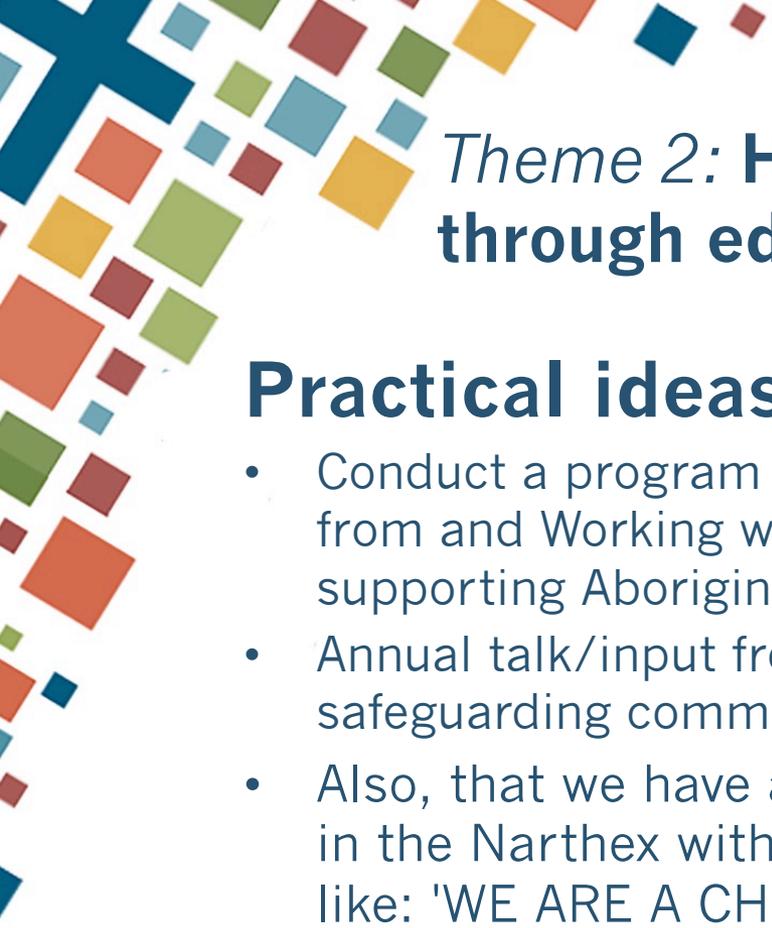
- Use the notice Board to communicate and conduct a 'conversation' with the public by placing contemporary messages of motivation, wisdom or challenge on the noticeboard, promoting Christian messages, highlighting parish activity.
- Acknowledgement of Country:
- Make our noticeboards in the church friendly, informative and inviting
- Blessing of animals
- Evangelise through social media, articles, local paper
- Through artwork
- Updated Piety stall with contemporary items
- Promote understanding the evangelising and eucharistic connection. Eg. Justice and Eucharist



Theme 2: Humble, Healing and Merciful through education and social justice

We desire:

- To be a listening and supportive Parish towards Aboriginal reconciliation
- To be responsive to institutional abuse
- To be environmentally aware
- To be aware and create opportunities of Community engagement and missionary activities we can do to live out discipleship in community



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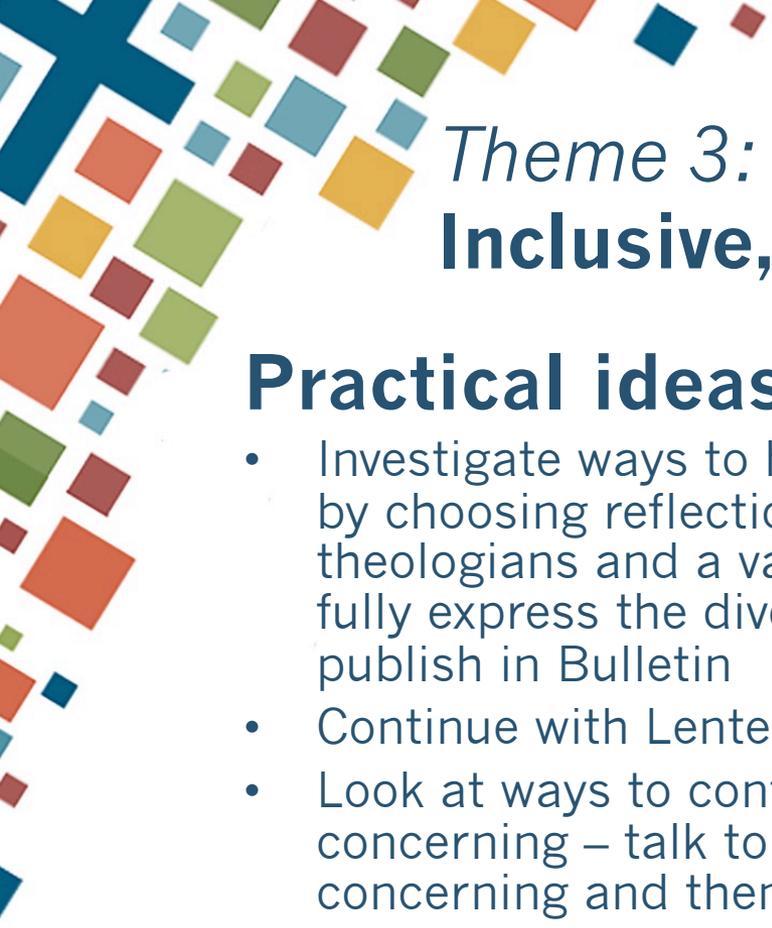
- Conduct a program in 2020 with regard to Listening to; Learning from and Working with our Aboriginal brother and sisters; supporting Aboriginal Reconciliation
 - Annual talk/input from a recognized authority such as safeguarding committee
 - Also, that we have a permanent sign and information posted in the Narthex with a large font heading to state something like: 'WE ARE A CHILD-SAFETY PRACTISING PARISH.'
 - Social justice outreach through having people talk at Mass or after Mass
 - Finding ways to be stewards of creation – how do we communicate environmental – educating and exploring Laudato si
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Theme 3: Involvement of Laity **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**

We desire:

- To be more transparent in communication, finances and consultation
 - To be more intentional about involvement of the Laity
 - To be better at specific training for readers
 - To be more encouraging of our Parish ministries
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Practical ideas we thought of:

- Investigate ways to have a variety of voices to reflect the Gospel by choosing reflections from both lay women and men theologians and a variety of religious from different orders to fully express the diversity and expanse of the Church – perhaps publish in Bulletin
 - Continue with Lenten/ Advent groups
 - Look at ways to contribute to homilies - a particular topic that is concerning – talk to the parish priest about what might be concerning and then it might be added in.
 - Looking to IFM for more training in ministries
 - Communication and consultation re sacramental programs – consider aligning with the diocesan resources and programs
 - Affirm and acknowledge Parish groups and ministries by regular short talks at Mass – ‘Witnessing discipleship in community’
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