



Listening & Dialogue Small Group

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Theme 1: Missionary & Evangelising

We desire:

- Training for those in leadership
 - Support both current and up-and-coming leaders
- New ways in living / proclaiming the Gospel
 - Moving beyond 1 hour a week on Sunday
- Pastoral Support through various groups
 - Both for parishioners and our community
- Promote Ministries
 - Find new ways to let the Parish know what Ministries we have



Theme 1: Missionary & Evangelising

Practical ideas we thought of:

- Leadership training and formation programs (paid by Parish)
- Variety of small groups (Bible Study, 'Conversation' nights, etc)
- Groups could meet less regularly with growing demands on family (e.g. 'Seasonally')
- Pastoral Support – Food drives, 'Pot Luck' nights
- Monthly focus on a Ministry, Directory of Ministries, promote on website/social media



Theme 2: Joyful Hope-filled Servant Community

We desire:

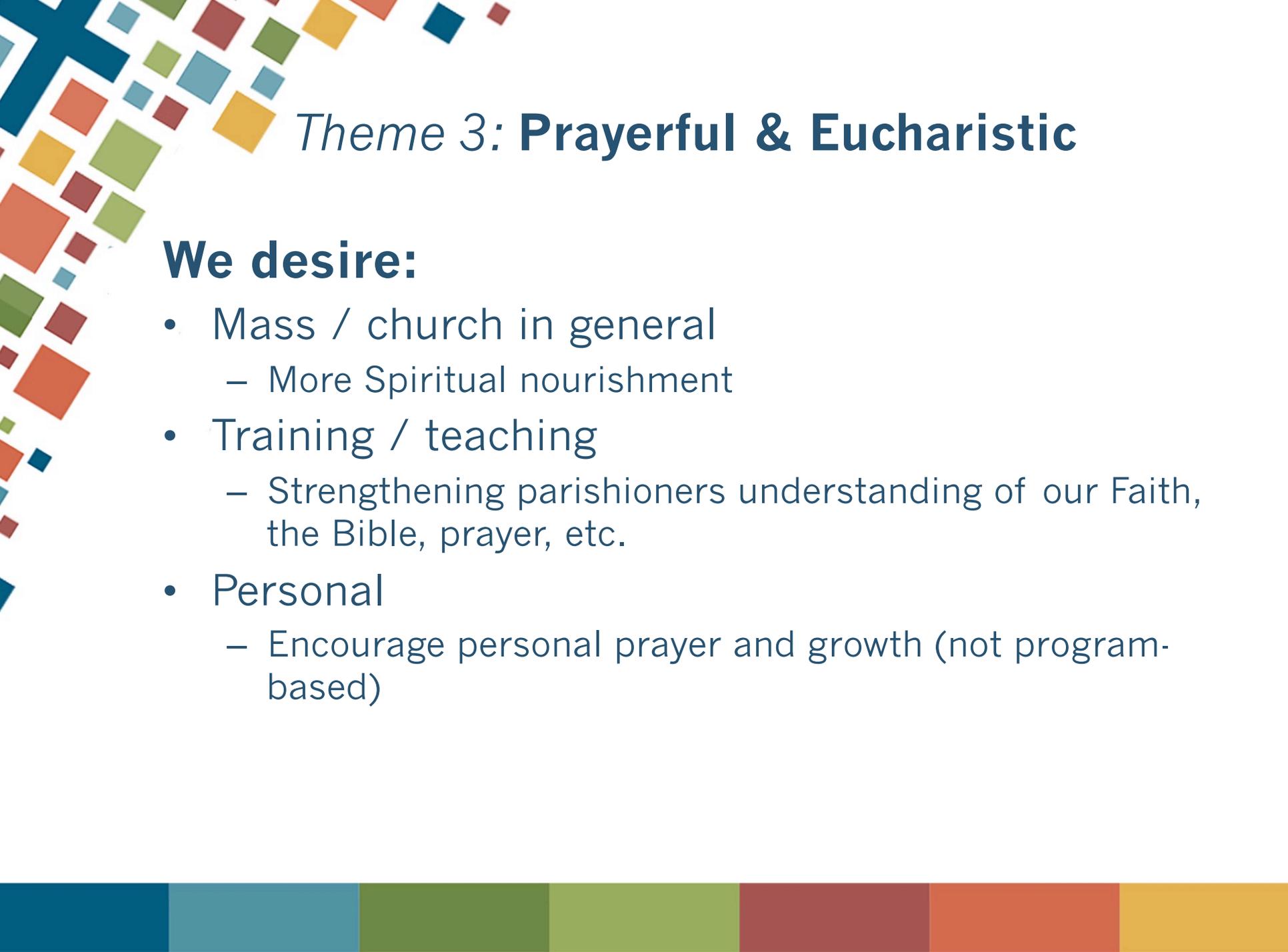
- Church in action
 - Opportunities to meet across the congregations
 - Opportunities to reach out to the community
- Greater sharing
 - Create more awareness of the great ministries/work our Parish does
- Strong witness of Faith
 - Our own personal witness of Faith should not be overlooked. Does not need to be a program, but just being a witness to our family, neighbours, etc.



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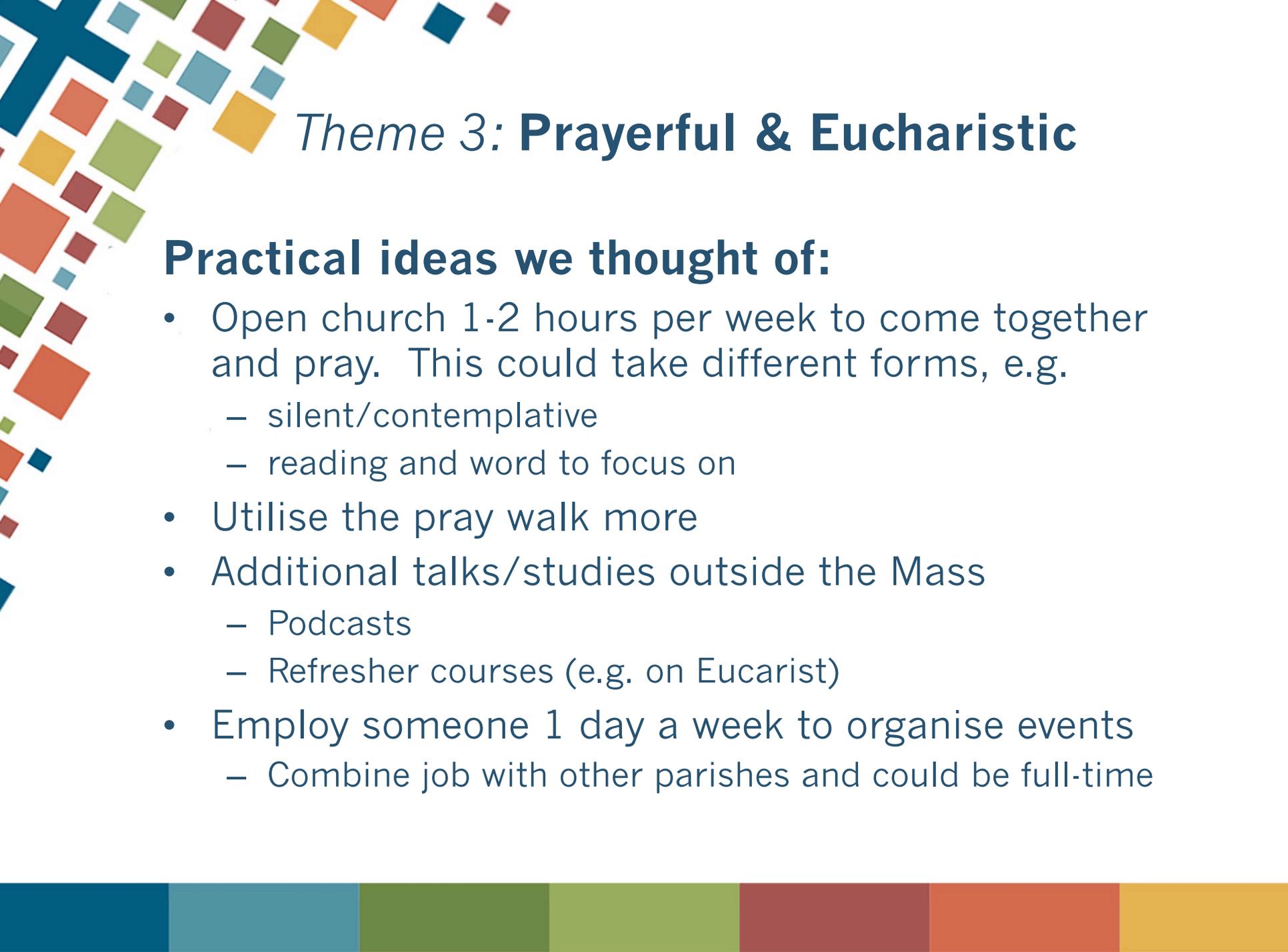
- More social events
 - New community outreach opportunities
 - Nursing Home visitations
 - Special outreach once/twice a year (e.g. food drive)
 - ‘Good News’ Facebook page
 - Greater general awareness of Ministries
 - Will encourage parishioners to join, talk about, give and most importantly pray
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Theme 3: Prayerful & Eucharistic

We desire:

- Mass / church in general
 - More Spiritual nourishment
- Training / teaching
 - Strengthening parishioners understanding of our Faith, the Bible, prayer, etc.
- Personal
 - Encourage personal prayer and growth (not program-based)



Theme 3: Prayerful & Eucharistic

Practical ideas we thought of:

- Open church 1-2 hours per week to come together and pray. This could take different forms, e.g.
 - silent/contemplative
 - reading and word to focus on
- Utilise the pray walk more
- Additional talks/studies outside the Mass
 - Podcasts
 - Refresher courses (e.g. on Eucharist)
- Employ someone 1 day a week to organise events
 - Combine job with other parishes and could be full-time