

PHASE TWO

Discernment Sessions

How can we create a new community where everyone living in the existing parishes can feel they belong?



DISCERNMENT SESSION TWO

Aspirations, Values & Behaviours

Program Overview

- Framework for parish renewal
- Silent reflection
- Group conversation
- Capture key ideas/themes that have emerged
- Next steps

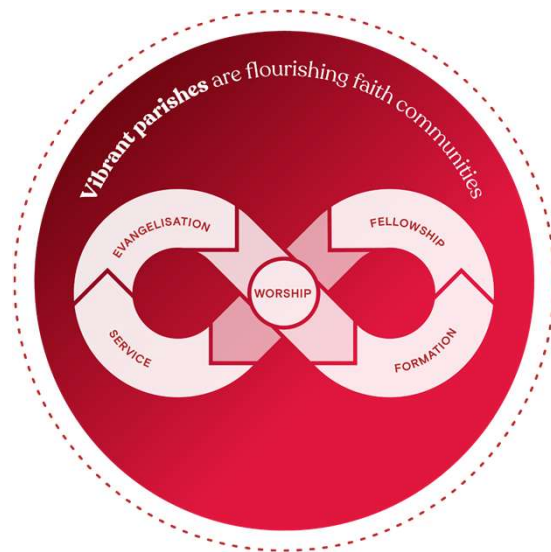
Framework for Parish Renewal

- What do you mean by Vibrant, Vital and Viable parishes?
- What are you asking us to do?

Vibrant parishes are life-giving communities that **foster lives of holiness and discipleship** among their members and **joyfully desire to share that same gift of faith in Jesus Christ**.

Understanding each person is uniquely called and gifted, vibrant parishes pay attention to **forming and equipping them to live their call**.

They know people are searching for a **deeper spiritual connection** in their lives where their hopes, joys and anxieties can be expressed, and they **embrace new opportunities for service**.



Vital parishes read the signs of the times with hope and missionary vision.

They understand their surrounding neighbourhood and local history and culture. They are respectful of their past yet hope filled for their future. They are open to new ideas, acknowledging what happened in the past may no longer fit where the parish is being called today.

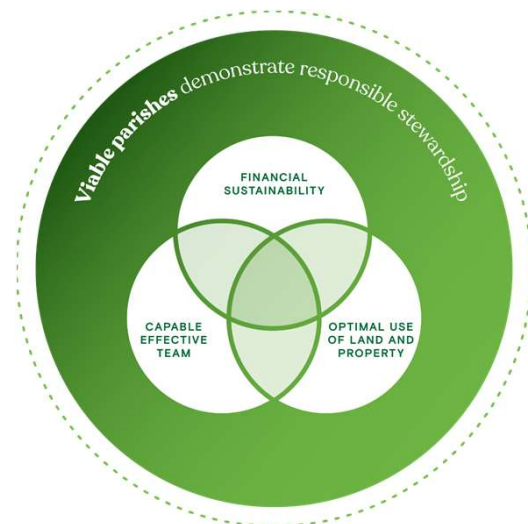
They have clear direction and purpose and collaborate effectively with others to further the kingdom of God.

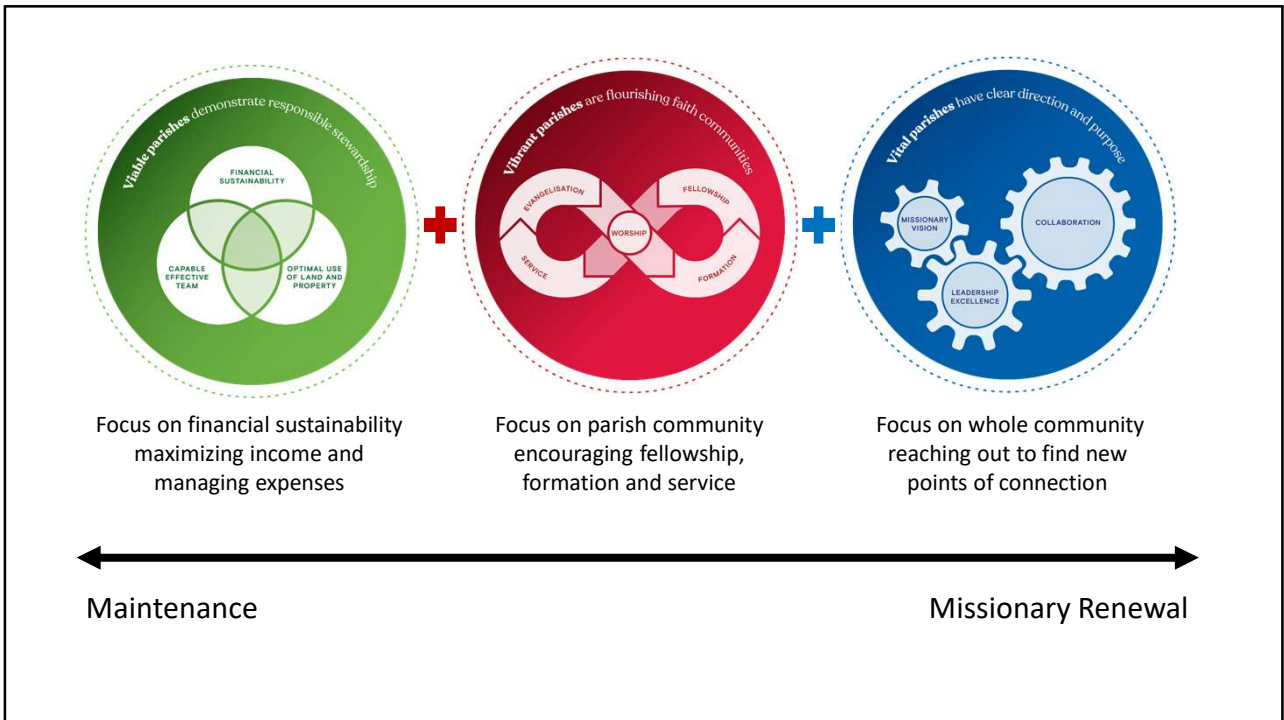
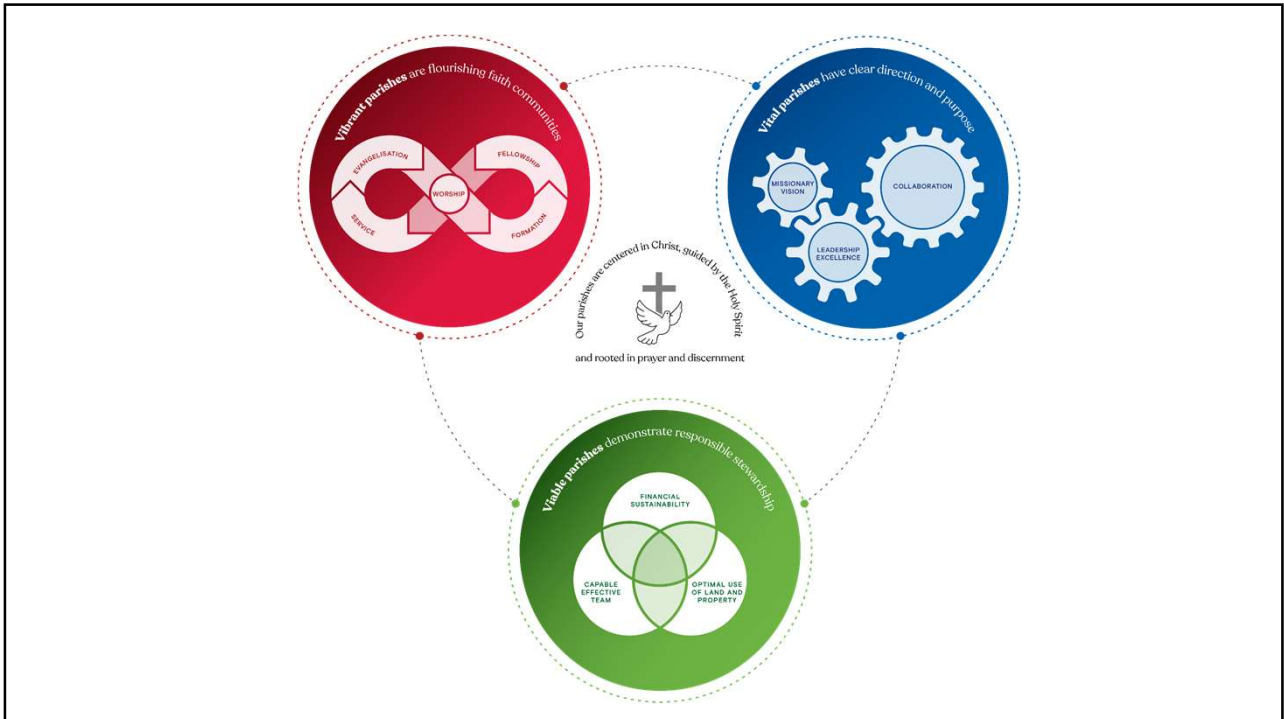


Viable parishes have the financial, people and property resources, and are able to mobilize those resources, for their common vision and mission.

They have sufficient income streams to resource and grow their mission and to provide and maintain buildings to support the needs of their mission and ministries.

Their diverse sources of income enable them to serve their local communities in a sustainable way. They openly share their spiritual, ministerial and material resources with others for the benefit of the whole of the Archdiocese.





Questions for this evening

What words would I want associated with our parish community in the future?

What would I want people to say about our parish?

Next steps

Parish Amalgamation Project milestones:

Finalisation of short list of names for submission to Archbishop Peter	19 May
New leadership structure in place	30 June
Formal (canonical) amalgamation takes effect	1 July

New parish milestones:

- New parish vision and values agreed
- Plan for missionary renewal developed
- New finance committee established