

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH – PARISH COUNCIL

SYNOPSIS OF PARISHIONERS' COMMENT FOR SYNOD

Summary document- draft 1

The summary detail below represents the priority areas under the topics identified from the recent Synod questionnaire feedback document (refer Draft A).

The selected summary areas are designed to become the basis for parishioner communication (top line) and to provide the framework around parishioner involvement in strategies to address these issues in the formation our Pastoral Plans.

Spirituality – what we are doing well

- 1) Having priests that relate well to the whole community and have developed a vibrant
- 2) Strong involvement in parish ministries (eg Music)
- 3) Masses are enjoyable and celebrated inclusively (including baptisms)
- 4) Committed parishioners “driving and supporting” ministries
- 5) Succinct and relevant homilies
- 6) Excellent relationship between both schools and the respective churches

Spirituality – areas for improvement

- 1) Vocational aspirations (fostering vocations)
- 2) “Bums on seats” – encouraging more people to regularly attend Mass (Building community/communication)
- 3) How do we reflect the Sunday Eucharist in the family home
- 4) Attracting new volunteers into ministries (using God given gifts)
- 5) Reaching out to target the needs of all Parishioners (aged, sick, mentally ill, individuals or families requiring support)
- 6) Special emphasis on attracting children and youth to Church and associated activities

Structure – what we are doing well

- 1) Amalgamation of two parishes working well
- 2) Well run catholic schools

Structure – areas for improvement

- 1) Initiatives to encourage next generation to take ownership of parish (transition)
- 2) Parking at St Patricks
- 3) Comfort at St Patricks (temp hot/cold, cushions for kneeling)
- 4) Funding for important maintenance & upgraded facilities

Community – what we are doing well

- 1) Encouraging community involvement at all ages
- 2) Friendly and welcoming parishioners: Sense of family

Community – areas for improvement

- 1) Outreach – lapsed Catholics, newcomers, home visits & State school children
- 2) Greater involvement in school parents in Mass
- 3) Identification of newcomers and actively welcome them