

Week 3.: Where to with our topics/headings.

Scripture reflection: St Paul to the Ephesians 3;14-21

“This then is what I pray kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name.

Out of his infinite glory may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever Amen”.

Silently reflect on the scripture for a few minutes and share some thoughts prompted by it.

What do we want to say about the topics sorted out last week?

What do we want to send to a parish meeting/ Parish Committee/ Australian Plenary Council Committee?

Week 4: Sharing our reports – Being Church

Scripture Reflection: 1 Corinthians 12; 4-8,11

‘There are a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The Particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.....All these are the work of the one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.”

Silently reflect on the scripture and share some thoughts prompted by it.



Your parish/school/group facilitator will be in touch with you as to this meeting.



Plenary Council 2020 preparation

Listening-discerning

“What is God asking of the Church in Australia at this time ?”

It is suggested that to properly answer this question as we ‘listen to what the Spirit is saying’ we need to take time to listen, reflect and discern – in our families, in our parishes, in our Diocese and in the Australian Church. **It is therefore suggested that this involves four meetings/ gatherings.**

WEEK 1 : Sharing of our individual stories - listening

Week 2: Discerning what those stories are telling us.

Week3: What do we want to do with what we have discerned.

Week 4: Gathering up all the discernments and sharing them as Church. (ie. This is what the Spirit is saying to us)

“Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit” (Galatians 5,25).

So it is not all negative – we suggest you also acknowledge positives.

Send your responses (Commendations and recommendations)

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Prayer before each session: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.



Week 1: Listening

Scripture reflection: John 17; 11-21.

Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name so that they may be one like us. While I was with them I have kept those you have given me true to your name.....consecrate them in truth. Your word is truth.

As you have sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for these but for those also who through their words will believe in me.

Father, may they all be one. May they be one in us as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.”

Silently reflect on the scripture for a few minutes and then share some thoughts prompted by it.

Share your story of spirituality / faith – What do you want to say to the church. Do you think God is happy with the church? What do you think God would want to say to the church?

*When you go home – reflect on these stories as well as your own
Is there anything you think we need to take further.*

Week 2: Discerning

Scripture reflection: John 15;26, 16;13-15.

“When the Advocate comes whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.....When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt and he will tell you of the things to come.....All he tells you will be taken from what is mine”.

Silently reflect on the scripture for a few minutes and share some thoughts prompted by it..

Share what you think we need to take further from the first meeting for this discernment meeting.

Can we agree on some headings/ topics that we can discuss and think that need to be taken further to the leaders of the Church..

Do you have any commendations/ recommendations from the group?

When you go home –

reflect upon and pray about the discernment process.

What do you want your experience of Church to be in the future?

