

## Parish Vision for Evangelisation: What are you seeking?



Figure of Christ, Heinrich Hoffmann, 1884

*The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, 'What are you seeking?' And they said to him, 'Rabbi' (which means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.*

John 1:35-39

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Thinking of our **Parish Vision** enables us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord – it helps us look up out of the everyday-ness of parish life, the joys and the challenges and helps lift our eyes to the Lord – to remind ourselves of where we are headed. To remind us of what God is calling our specific parish in the specific area of Evangelisation to be. This is vital for helping us to see what is needed for our parish plan. And it starts with us!

**We pray together with scripture:**

- ◆ What struck you about this passage? Perhaps just one word.
- ◆ What did you notice that you hadn't before?
- ◆ What are you seeking? The Lord asks every one of us this question.
- ◆ Jesus waits until John and Andrew decide to follow him. What does this tell you?

Take 5 minutes to reflect on this.

- ◆ What does the Lord want for this parish?
- ◆ What is his dream for this parish?
- ◆ What do we want this parish to be?
- ◆ What would you like those outside to say about this parish if they visited?

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### **A Parish Vision for Evangelisation**

What is our vision for our parishioners (internal evangelisation), and how about those who do not know the Lord? (external evangelisation) – what do we, as a parish, desire for these people?

1. What would it be like if we had the personal and ongoing conversion of everyone in our parish at the heart of our evangelisation / parish activities?
2. What would it be like if parishioners started personally inviting people back to Mass that haven't returned after the pandemic lockdowns?
3. James and Anne have not returned to the parish once lockdown restrictions were lifted. They used to attend Sunday Mass. What would we desire for them?
4. Jenny attended an Alpha course nearby and has been coming to Mass at your parish a few times. She doesn't really know anyone in the parish. What would we desire for her?
5. Ahmed is 26 from Iran and has been in England for 2 years now. He is open to Christ and seeking. What would our hope be for Ahmed in his ongoing encounter with Christ?
6. Margaret and Joshua have helped at the parish for years with different things. They both attend Mass every week, come to confession regularly, and listen to podcasts and have a heart for evangelisation. What would we desire for them as a next step in parish evangelisation?
7. Kwasi church hops every month and he is new to the area. How can we get him plugged in to parish activities and make him feel welcome and seen?

