

Forestville Davidson Parish Pastoral Council Parish Pastoral Plan 2002-2004

All items that have a responsibility of 'Parish' have been included but after extensive reviews by the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Ministry Leaders, and a review by the whole Parish Assembly, only a subset of these activities are planned for detailed action in the near term. Other activities are not necessarily ignored but are being treated as 'existing approach to be maintained', or are scheduled for further review in the future.

Forestville and Davidson parishes are under the one Parish Priest, Fr David Taylor PP, and have a combined Parish Pastoral Council, and many other Parish Ministries have been combined where it is appropriate to do so. This Parish Pastoral Plan covers the plans of both Parishes, which essentially operate as one large Parish.

Progress on activities will be through the Parish Pastoral Council, with special emphasis on the Annual General Meeting held in December annually.

Mission Focus 1: Community Life and Mission

Item No.	Strategy	Achievement Target	Priority Actions and Ongoing Activities	Review Date
1	1.1 Parishes review the Diocesan plan to assess what it means for parish life and ministry.	All parishes complete broad discussion on the impact of the plan and skills, resources and involvement required for implementation.	1.1 Review of Parish Pastoral Plan completed June 2002	<i>Completed</i>
2	1.1 Parishes develop a 3 year draft plan for Bishop's approval.	A second diocesan workshop held to assist local planning. All parishes have a plan approved.	1.1 Parish 3 year draft plan submitted for Bishop's approval June 2002.	<i>Completed</i>
3	1.2 Work with Christian communities to strengthen Christian evangelisation.	Programs for joint Christian evangelisation	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
4	1.2 Look for opportunities in the local community and its media to bring the Christian message to the issues of the society in which we live.	Have strategies which can demonstrate action in this area.	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
5	1.2 Identify and reach out to Christian people and those with an interest in Christianity and engage them in community life.	Have established communication networks with non Catholic Christians interested in the church.	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
6	1.3	Have representatives trained	Review training requirements for	<i>December 2002</i>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> touch parishioners • Assess reasons for absence • Review potential for changing some Mass Times or adding extra services to cater for special needs 	
14	1.7 Develop / implement programs to reach out to identified groups and provide forums / events to which they can come.	3 pilot parishes have programs. Report.	This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being pursued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend Family Mass concept • Combined parish and school functions to be encouraged • Explore adult education opportunities for school parents, mothers of young children etc 	<i>March 2003</i>
15	1.8 Priest to take an active part in meeting with ministers of other churches.	Ecumenical Commission to report annually on activities across the diocese.	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue. This includes active membership of the Forest Ministers Fraternity.	<i>December 2002</i>
16	1.8 Parishes to form joint committees with other Christian communities to bring the communities closer together and to plan Christian outreach in the community.	Parishes to have joint activities. Parish to have joint committees	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
17	1.8 Diocese to investigate the concept of 'covenant' between Christian communities.	3 parishes covenanted	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
18	1.8 Diocese to establish a working group to support partners in interfaith marriages	Working group to report.	No action planned at this time.	
19	1.9 Seek joint plans from Parish and school involving parents in catechesis and faith development of the youth and young people.	CSO to provide implementation plan Parish/schools have a joint	1.9 This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being	March 2003

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		plan	<p>pursued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage continued dialogue as both primary schools are represented by their principals on the Parish Pastoral Council • Review the window of opportunity provided at Baptism, followed by the 'GodStart' program, the school enrolment procedures and the sacramental programs • Expand coverage of regular Family Masses with greater advertising • Explore Adult Education opportunities with PlayGroup mothers, and other groups 	

Mission Focus 2: Catholic Education and Personal Faith Development

Item No.	Strategy	Achievement Target	Priority Actions and Ongoing Activities	Review Date
20	2.3 Establish joint training programs with Christian Communities to promote understanding and joint work on missionary activities	All parish ecumenical representatives complete Diocesan course.	Existing Ecumenical liaison with Forest Christian Churches to continue.	<i>December 2002</i>
21	2.4 Develop joint parish / school plans to address key issues of community faith and development	All parishes and schools to have a joint plan.	<p>2.4 This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being pursued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined school and parish functions are being planned • Recognition that many school 	<i>March 2003</i>

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			families attend other parish liturgies means special arrangements need to be put in place – with regular Family Masses being the preferred option.	
22	2.6 Involve parents directly in the Sacramental programs in all schools	Parent programs in place	2.6 Parents already actively involved in sacramental programs at both schools / churches. Opportunity for Adult Education to be added to this program to be explored.	December 2002
23	2.7 <i>Involve parents actively in their children's faith development by offering programs through Catholic schools.</i>	<i>Programs available in schools</i>	2.7 <i>This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being pursued:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parent involvement in sacramental programs is seen as a start</i> • <i>Opportunities for extended adult education to be explored.</i> 	March 2003

Mission Focus 3: Service and Social Justice

Item No.	Strategy	Achievement Target	Priority Actions and Ongoing Activities	Review Date
24	3.2 Develop a person / group in each parish to work in the area of social justice.	A social justice representative / group in all parishes	Parishioners have expressed interest but no specific action is being planned at this time.	December 2002
25	3.3 Identify a skilled and motivated person in each parish to coordinate activities in identified special areas.	Persons appointed in each parish	Parishioners have expressed interest but no specific action is being planned at this time.	December 2002
26	3.3	Plan in place in both parishes	Parishioners have expressed interest	December 2002

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	Engage each parish in identifying its response to needs of groups living in the area		but no specific action is being planned at this time.	

Mission Focus 4: Diocesan Leadership and Community Support

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27	4.16 Progressively introduce a youth minister, or shared youth minister in parishes	Youth minister or shared youth minister in place	4.16 This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being pursued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review programs for youth at neighboring parishes including other Christian denominations • Review job specification for Youth Minister • Our Liturgy needs to be 'life giving' • The Celebration of Parish Liturgy needs to encourage greater participation of all parishioners, but especially our younger people 	March 2003
28	4.16 Develop a network of activities for young people throughout the diocese	Activities on the diocese internet site and reviewed annually	4.16 This is a priority task and although detailed planning is not yet complete there are a number of options being pursued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Masses aimed at young people • Maintain some contact with children leaving parish schools • Recognise that social justice 	March 2003

