



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane

Parish/Community Engagement Plan for Plenary Council: Phase 2 Listening & Discernment Experience

Engagement Plan

Overview:

Parishes/communities across the Archdiocese of Brisbane engage with the National Themes of discernment over a six (6) month period – focusing on one (1) theme per month.

Parishes/communities are invited to use this Engagement Plan as a framework for participating in Phase 2: Listening & Discernment Experiences.

Objective:

To support parishes/communities with their engagement in Phase 2 of the Plenary Council and encounter the power of unified prayer and reflection.

To draw strength from the notion that, across the Archdiocese of Brisbane, everyone is praying, reflecting and discerning the National Themes for the Plenary Council, building a sense of synodality.

For parishes that may not be able to, or choose not to engage with all the themes over the six months – they can still be part of the process by continuing to offer prayers each month.

Process:

1. One National Theme will be assigned to each month, spread over six (6) months.
2. Parishes/communities will be provided with
 - a. One (1) General Discernment Prayer of Intercession – to be included each week until Easter 2020
 - b. Six (6) theme-based Prayers of Intercession – one prayer for each theme, read at each weekend mass for the month.
3. Parishes plan and conduct Listening & Discernment Experiences for each theme each month.
4. Parish/Communities will be provided with snippets on each theme to be included in newsletters each week of the theme focus.
5. Evangelisation Brisbane will support parishes/communities through train-the-trainer sessions or conducting the Listening & Discernment Experiences (guided facilitation) for the parish/community.
6. Centrally hosted Listening & Discernment Experiences (Cathedral Precinct) to support parish/community engagement. (Dates to be advised)

All information/resources will be prepared for parishes/communities. These will be issued in two packs:

- Pack 1 – (August-Nov) issued by the end of July (four (4) Themes)
- Pack 2 – (February – March) issued by the end of January (two (2) Themes)

The Packs will include:

- Overview of Plan
- Monthly Parish/Community Engagement Resource Booklets:
 - Intercessory prayers
 - Bulletin inserts
 - Theme Snapshot Reports
- Theme posters
- Listening & Discernment Experience Resource

Themes for each Month:

Calendar Month	National Theme for Discernment	Connection to other events in the Archdiocese (for example)
August	Missionary & Evangelising	-Feast of St Mary of the Cross -Multi-cultural Mass
September	Humble, Healing and Merciful Church	-Season of Creation (Month of Prayer) -Social Justice Sunday
October	Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal	-Brisbane Assembly
November	Prayerful and Eucharistic	-Feast of Christ the King
December	Focus on Advent/Christmas Seasons	
January		
February	Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform	-Lent - (2020 Theme: Be Opened)
March	Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community	-Leading into Easter -RCIA: Purification & Enlightenment

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There will be other opportunities for parishioners/community members to participate in Listening & Discernment Experiences outside of parish events:

1. Brisbane Assembly: 4-5th October <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/brisbane-assembly-2019/>
2. Monthly Listening & Discernment Experiences held in the Cathedral Precinct.

If you have any questions or require more information, please don't hesitate to contact Troy Tornabene, Assistant Director, Evangelisation Brisbane on tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3437.