

A MISSIONARY PARISH

Bishop Patrick encourages all parishes in the diocese to become more outward-looking communities of “missionary disciples”. This reflects the vision of Pope Francis that the Church should become more mission focussed, so that we become active agents for the evangelisation of today’s world. Parishes are seen to be central to this great task.

As part of our response to this calling, our parish think tank has produced a leaflet to publicise our two churches and their facilities, including those that are available to the wider community as well as our parishioners. The leaflet has been delivered to as many of the homes in our parish catchment area as possible over a four week period, starting in early September 2023. Each parishioner attending Mass at Good Shepherd and St Anthony’s will also have been offered a personal copy. Additionally, our Catholic schools have agreed to circulate copies to their parents and pupils through their normal communication methods.

If you haven’t yet seen it, have a look at the leaflet by following the link here and see if it inspires you to volunteer or participate more fully in our parish life!

[Outreach Leaflet-version for schools.pdf](#)