



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH THINK TANK

What is it about?

The think tank is a group of about 20 or so people who were invited by Fr Philipp to come together to consider ways in which we, as a parish, could give impetus to the Bishop's exhortation to Encounter Christ.

We have so many great ministries in our parish that already provide an opportunity to do just that.

The main aim of the think tank is to consider ways to make it easier for members of our parish community to get involved in these ministries and, in doing so, develop their personal Faith and enjoy their encounters with God.

The group also has a role in assisting Fr Philipp to develop a parish environment that encourages vocations to the priesthood and the religious life and which reaches out to the wider local community and the sacramentally inactive.

The group is made up of a cross section of our parish community in terms of age, gender and Masses attended. It is **NOT** an elite, inner circle of people set apart from the congregation but simply a small number of people trying to draw together all the good that is already being done, identifying areas for development and considering ways of making it easier for people to become involved if they so wish.

With the above in mind we are going to try to develop a directory of all the ministries we have in our parish - with contact points for those who feel they would like to get involved or who may themselves need help from the ministries.

Examples of the current ministries are as follows:-

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Children's Liturgy
- St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)
- Friendship Club
- Folk Group
- Choir
- Prayer Groups
- Evangelium (RCIA)

- Faith in Action
- Bereavement
- Sacramental preparation
- Food Bank
- Cleaning
- Welcoming
- And lots more

We hopefully can act as a “signpost” if you want to help, or want help, but do not know who to contact.

Contact details: Reg Carter (chair of the group) on 07826 852842, or Philip Martin (secretary of the group) on 07790 283190

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