

PARISH COLLABORATIONS



The Diocese invites adjoining parish communities to explore the possibilities of working together more closely, sharing gifts and resources in their pastoral care and outreach in the wider community. Collaboration allows parishes to realise goals and opportunities they could not achieve on their own, minimises duplication in pastoral life and activity, and provides compelling witness to our Church as a communion.

Parish priests, parish pastoral councils and ministry groups are encouraged to explore the opportunities of working together, across parishes, in areas including:

- the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in which there are often smaller numbers of candidates and catechumens that could be enriched by one another's faith and life experience;
- youth events and activities that bring together young people in a local area or deanery;
- social justice initiatives as a form of common witness to faith in the wider community;
- combined welcome and outreach campaigns, particularly at Easter and Christmas;
- shared faith formation events and social gatherings between parishes, minimising duplication;
- sacramental preparation and resource sharing where practical;
- other areas of pastoral life where working together can enable good outcomes.

Parishes that could work together:

- St Patrick's Parish, Blacktown, St Michael's Parish, Blacktown South, St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills

- St John Vianney Parish, Doonside, and St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong

- St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, and Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton

- St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, and Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains

- Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson, and St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood

- Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath, and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains

- Blessed John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

- Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields, and St John the Evangelist Parish, Riverstone

- The Parish of Richmond, Richmond, and St Matthew's Parish, Windsor

- St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills, St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, and St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Wentworthville, and Sacred Heart Parish, Westmead

- St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, and St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills

- Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, St Patrick's Parish, Guildford, and St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands

- Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys

- Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, and Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South

- St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook, and St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood

- Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, and Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba

- St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, St Monica's Parish, Parramatta North, St Oliver Plunkett's Parish, Harris Park, and Christ the King Parish, North Rocks

- Holy Trinity Parish, Granville, and Holy Family Parish, Granville East

- Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, and St Bernadette's Parish, Dundas Valley