



Week 6. 17th - 18th June
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." (Matthew 10:7)

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest". We must continue to ask God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we must also recognise that we all have a calling from God and through our Baptism, we have received the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit to equip us to fulfil it.

In the coming months, we will begin to establish our new Families of Parishes across the Diocese. These are not simply parish structures, but are communities of faith where all, lay and ordained, work together to serve God and to serve, love, and care for each other. The new Families will be asking people to come forward to be trained and commissioned in a range of ministries such as catechesis, youth ministry and funeral ministry. Volunteers will be needed to help with management and administration. Liturgy teams will be needed to plan and organise prayer services and celebrations. Parish Families will need Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, musicians, and so much more.

As we begin the process of renewal that Bishop McKeown spoke of at Pentecost, and as we plan for the practical changes that this will entail, we invite you to take time to pray and reflect on what this will mean for you personally. What role could you play? How will you use your Baptismal gifts for the glory of God and the love of others? How will you respond to God's call for you?



To find out more go to www.pathwaystothefuture.org

Prayer of the Faithful

That we may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and courageous in responding to God's call to play an active part in the renewal and rebuilding of His church.

That we may provide witness to our beliefs and values by living a good life in Christ, drawing others to Him and to the Father.

For our priests, guide them in their ministry and guide us in the care and support that we offer them.

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. AMEN

Sample of Social Media Images



Pathways to the Future



Parish Communication



17th – 18th June 2023

