

A BIG CONVERSATION

What is the purpose of this 'Big Conversation'?

This 'Big Conversation' will be a first step in listening to each others' experiences of the parish and thinking about developing a strategy/plan for the future of the parish under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is hoped that it will

- widen engagement between priests, deacon and parishioners through honest and respectful discussion addressing ideas and concerns and looking to the future of the parish
- help develop an awareness of the varied responsibilities that are involved in running a parish and the many services the parish already provides
- help develop an awareness of the need for new roles of leadership and lay ministries in the parish and to give some parishioners the opportunity to be more involved in that leadership
- Help develop an awareness of the need for change that is coming, while recognising that what that change may be is unclear at the present time.

Maybe we could have the conversation during Lent – 4 **Thursday nights 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th March 7pm in St Bernard's Church** - and maybe you could consider it your Lenten commitment (hopefully it will not be a penance!)