

DIVINE RENOVATION
CHAPTER 1 – A HOUSE OF PRAYER; JANUARY 2019

| Strengths | Weaknesses (or opportunities) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liturgy ● Very welcoming ● 4 Masses ● Music ● Sermons- simple, Human explanation ● Social justice ● Ecumenical Partnership ● Social events, helping to build community spirit ● Leadership ● Many Ministries ● Catechesis ● Parish for young & old ● Mission Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More delegation ● Lack of activities for young folk ● No secretary ● Fr Lawlor does too much ● Diocesan Financial expectation ● Commitment to some ministries ● More explanation of ministries needed ● Hall is underused ● Some parishioners confused and not connected to (or interested in) development of parish |

Four Questions emerging from Chapter one; discussion in table groups.

| <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">The temple was a place where all are supposed to be welcome. Who is the people who do not feel that they are welcomed or loved?</p> | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">We are called to make disciples; How do we engage more people into the active life of faith and service of the parish family.</p> | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Our Faith is not as deep as we'd like. Do you have a connection with Jesus? Do you pray apart from being at Mass?</p> | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">We want to get a message out to the whole area that all are welcome in this 'temple' Can you say what helps that happen? Can you say what stops that happening?</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular relationships of people in second marriages etc. • Inconsistency throughout the 'Church' • Gay people - in relationships or not • Children & young adults find it difficult to see the Church as relevant to them • Due to the image of our 'Church' (not parish) the marginalised may not feel welcome • People who are materially poorer feel intimidated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of roles/ministries – what is involved • Contact information – leaflets at back of church • Personal approach • Website • Advertise events • Welcomers at back of church at Masses for new people to engage with. Also for Baptisms & Funerals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes- turn to God in prayer for support • Informal prayers – talking to God when doing ordinary everyday things • No could do better at finding/making opportunities • Pop into church when passing • Sharing personal faith at work, particularly teachers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome cards • The big sign helps • Quality of Homily • New visuals - communicates mass is for all • Providing services for non parishioners |