

SEEKING THE FACE OF CHRIST

In our changing world- want does it mean to be people of faith? How do we seek the face of Christ in our parishes and communities today? What is the future of the Catholic Church here in our parish? How will parishes without priests be able to continue to grow? Can we share a vision for the direction of the church in this quickly changing society?

Our Bishop, Declan Lang, is asking EVERYONE in our parish in the diocese to take part in a process to enable the Church in Clifton to have Pastoral Guidelines for the future- a shared way of looking at the future of the church in our region. Some of the questions above are what we will be asking to consider and respond to.

To facilitate this there will be 4 meetings. We are going to share our work with St Patrick's Brockworth.

The meetings consist of prayer, a presentation, and discussions in small groups. Followed by feedback.

The dates of the meetings are:

WEDNESDAY MAY 16th from 8pm- 9.30pm in the parish hall of Our Lady's **Churchdown. Presented by churchdwn** The theme is: *Made in the Image and likeness of Christ.*

THURSDAY MAY 24th from 8pm- 9.30pm in the parish hall of St Patrick's **Brockworth.** The theme is: *God in all things.*

TUESDAY JUNE 12th from 8pm- 9.30pm in the parish hall of Our Lady's **Churchdown. Presented by Churchdwn** The theme is: *The Communion of God's People.*

SATURDAY JUNE 16th from 10.30am- 12.00pm in the parish hall of St Patrick's **Brockworth.** The theme is: *Revealing the face of Christ*

THIS PROCESS IS VERY IMPORTANT and gives everyone a chance to have a say. The recommended way is to come to the meetings but you can participate in other ways too- e-mail, letter. You can bring friends to the meetings, whether they belong to a Christian Community or not.

You can download the booklet that the Meetings are based on from the Diocesan website. <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/>

Today each family will receive a prayer card – please pray for the success of Seeking the face of Christ initiative.

Our next meeting will be June 19th to correlate ideas