

THE WAY FORWARD – MEETING FORMAT
Wednesday 29th September

7.00pm. Welcome – Fr Kevin

Opening Prayer – Bishop Terry

Scripture Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:29-32 (GNB)

Do not use harmful words in talking. Use only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the day will come when God will set you free. Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults. No more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Short period of silent prayer

Concluding prayer – Bishop Terry

7.10 pm Introductions

7.15pm. What we're doing here today, outline of meeting, possible future meetings and ground rules

Open discussion:

- How do people feel about what they have heard?
- What's life like as a parishioner?
- What's good about our parish?
- What's our contribution to the wider community?
- What do we think we need in our parish to equip us in going forward?
- Do we have any of these things already?
- Summing up of discussion/points of clarification

8.00 pm Are we happy to meet again? Next meeting will look at:

Called to be a Missionary Parish – what does this mean for us?

Explore our strengths, Concerns, Opportunities, Threats

Agree date and time of next meeting

8.20pm. Closing prayer/blessing – Bishop Terry