

With transforming action plans being created in all our parishes it's really important to think through any new activity we plan to start so that we can see where it fits into our overall vision and mission and whether it is part of the areas of focus we as a community have identified that we want to put our energies into. If we recognise it doesn't fit them, then we can decide whether we want to spend our resources this way, helping us to be wise about whether we put our finite energy.

It's also important that it reflects our identity, the values, and the practices that we want to be known and remembered for.

This discipleship pathway model is a great place to start, as it helps us see where the events and activities we already run, fit into the overall journey of faith we want all those who are part of our community to go on and enables us to see where the gaps are and so where to put our energy. A faith journey may start with no real awareness of God but will lead us to a growing and vibrant relationship with Christ.

- If you look at the excel workbook you will see that it begins by laying out the Discipleship Pathway, from an individual's journey to our response that journey.
- It moves on to an example of a parish and the activities they run and where they fit on this Discipleship Pathway.
- There is then an example of the Discipleship Pathway through your contact with a local school or place of education.
- Finally showing you where the Parish Mission Support created resources can help you on this pathway.

On sheet 2 of the workbook, you will see a years' worth of family events and activities that would take people on a faith journey which you can use a guide to help you plot your own yearly Discipleship Pathway for your parish by adding your own activities and events to it.

You will also find a Graphic that shows you this pathway and all the resources that the Parish Mission Support team have created that can help you create outreach events and invitational events.

With a team of you, have a go at plotting where your events and activities sit on the discipleship pathway, and then give us a call as we would love to help you think through where your gaps are and how you can use the resources you have in your hand, to bring life and growth through mission and discipleship.

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