**6. -Mass for Grandparents Day**

-We live in a farming community and many farm accidents over the years. Maybe blessing of farmers/machinery or general blessing for farm safety.



The Parish Pastoral Council would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to share their ideas, reflections and suggestions. There were many thoughtful and inspiring proposals which reflect a deep love for our parish and a genuine desire to strengthen faith, prayer, community and participation for all ages.

Over the coming months, the Pastoral Council will carefully review these suggestions and develop both short-term and long-term plans of action. Some initiatives may begin quite quickly, while others will require further planning, training and support.

Many of these ideas can only become a reality with the help of volunteers. We will need people willing to assist with organising, leading, supervising and supporting different ministries and activities within the parish community.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office by email at info@headfordchurch.com and indicate which initiative or area you would be interested in helping with. The Parish Pastoral Council will then establish sub-groups for the various initiatives and will contact volunteers once plans are in place.

Your support, generosity and involvement are greatly appreciated as we continue to grow together as a faith community.

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# PARISHIONER FEEDBACK

# SUBMISSIONS

**1 Introducing young children** (4+) to the Rosary. Our Lady will lead them to Jesus. Children's prayers are always heard.
-To encourage our youth by introducing them to Adoration accompanied by Taize music and short reflections.

-To invite a guest speaker once a month to speak at weekend masses - a person with a powerful testimony.

-More reverence towards the Eucharist and Mass. Less conversing in church.

**2. -I would like to see general absolution services** at Easter and Christmas along with the Penitential Services.'
'Bring back the parish radio mass for the housebound and elderly as not everyone has access to broadband facilities.'
-On Ash Wednesday maybe have little sachets of the ashes which is blessed and again can be given to the housebound etc.

**3. 'Sacred Space'** in church for special church occasions,
i.e. Lent, November, Harvest, Christmas etc.

'Liturgy of the Word' service when PP is not available for mass with distribution of Communion.

**4. Deepening Faith & Discipleship:** Move from a 'program-only' mindset to a 'living ecosystem' of spiritual growth.

-Clear Discipleship Pathways: Form intimate groups of 5-6 people for deep prayer and life-sharing based on the Sunday scripture readings during Advent and Lent. Have a speaker give an introductory evening on lectio Divina or any other reflective method and show in practical terms how it works. After the presentation ask interested people to lead groups (number doesn't matter). Provide helpful resources to nurture the leaders. These meetings could take place in buildings other than the church.

- Have a celebratory evening ritual closure for all who were involved before Christmas and Easter thus creating deep fellowship that creates a sense of belonging with sharing of finger food or whatever the group decides.

- Upskilling in Proclamation of the Word at Mass. Invite liturgist or speaker who would enthuse participants in the importance of this ministry.

-Hospitality in Homes: Move meetings from the church building into homes. Practise 'radical hospitality' by opening space for vulnerable sharing and mutual support.

-Mentorship Programs: Pair seasoned believers with younger or new Christians for 'life-on-life' discipleship that includes shared meals and a activities outside church.

-'Empowerment Over Volunteering': Frame church roles as 'ministry' rather than 'volunteer work' to build a sense of partnership and ownership in Christian discipleship.

**5. Lay Church Involvement:** Training needs to be provided for committed and enthusiastic young and not so young men and women to support the parish priest in his ministry. This involves preparing The Christian Community in their engaging, e.g. in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to make the experience a good and meaningful experience.

-Prayer Services to make the changing liturgical seasons a worthwhile and reflective occasion.

-Encouragement from time to time to get involved and appreciation expressed to those who give their time and energy to make the Spiritual Life rich and lifegiving.

-Has this parish sent anyone to train for receiving the remains of our deceased? If not, why?

-It would be good to let us know what suggestions came up-out of an Interest in same.