Opportunities

Leadership
- Greater role for laity
- Involve the laity in parish leadership (incl. Liturgical responsibilities with training and formation)
- Diaconate
  - Community discussion
  - Influence Rome
- Open up the Diaconate
- Role of women?
- Married priests?

Future of our parish without a dedicated priest
- Sharing resources amongst parishes
- Outreach to families feeling on the ‘outer’ if we become a priest-less parish

Community
- Maybe have a “one Mass” Sunday every quarter
- Understand ourselves as a single community

Ministries
- Replace our ageing parish group members (ministries)

Spirituality
- Prayer/Intercessions
- Small groups at home

Outreach
- Conscious outreach to people outside the church to love and support them in the spirit of Jesus

Education and Formation
- Faith
  - Adult Catholic faith education
  - Education on other religions
  - Develop our faith understanding
  - Understanding the roots and history of our religion and its origins in Judaism
  - Understanding the bible to a much greater depth
  - Develop a more complete understanding of the structure and composition of the bible
- Social Issues
  - Listening to stories of real people
  - Interaction of different groups
- Parenting
- How to Listen
- Promote the library

Social Justice
- Social Justice Project – school and parish to take on a project together
- Soup kitchen for community
- Connecting our faith to real issues (i.e. Environment, social justice)
Liturgy

• Special liturgies – different formats

Image of God/ Image of Church

• Look at the Church of the future, not of the past
• Start seeing the Church as PEOPLE, not an INSTITUTION
• Show a greater level of respect and reverence for the sanctity of the church
• Don’t allow children to run amok in the church during Mass
• Turn off mobile phones
• Acknowledge the presence of God and act with respect when in church.

Dialogue

• Engage people from other faiths
• More dialogue between laity and church hierarchy
• Develop discussion/dreaming forums that include feedback UP the Church hierarchy
• Ask young parents what they want from the church
• Engaging a secular society
• Exploring what engaging with the world means
• Promote more Inter-church collaboration

Youth

• Appeal to youth
  • Music
  • Social
  • Multimedia messages
• Need a dedicated group to focus on engaging young people

Communications

• Develop a new ministry that looks after the social media/internet communications channel
  • This can be staffed by younger members of the congregation who are learning about internet technologies in school (increases engagement of youth)
  • This should focus on a much greater ‘Facebook’. ‘Twitter’, ‘YouTube’ presence for St Mary’s parish
  • Possibly look at recording the Sunday Mass and converting the recording to Podcasts. This can be downloaded by anyone in the wider community who missed Sunday mass, but would like to hear what was discussed.

Increase New Initiatives

• E.g. Walking in Love

Support Current Initiatives

• Expand God-Start

Sacraments

Coordinator to link school and parish groups