



Parish Partnerhips

A Diamond Valley Deanery Conversation

Thursday April 19th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

James Kierce Centre,

St Mary's Parish, Grimshaw St Greensborough

Why?

In recent years the Parishes of Diamond Creek, Nth Greensborough and Greensborough have formed a partnership of Parishes. *What has this meant to these Parishes? How has their story unfolded to this moment?*

There are other partnerships/amalgamations that have been formed in Melbourne Archdiocese. *Do we know anything about the experiences of people in these Parishes? What are reflections, feelings, some cautions and what are possibilities, ideas and creative responses to forming a partnership?*

It is likely that in our Diamond Valley Deanery more Parishes will be asked to partner each other in the not too distant future. So rather than just waiting for this to happen: *are there ways we can prepare for this?*

Who is it for?

All Parish Staff and Teams

Parish Priests, Assistant Priests & Principals of Schools

Deanery Resource Group Members

Parish Councils/Leadership Groups

The invitation of course is extended to anyone who is interested in being a part of this Conversation



Process

The process will be interactive and will enable everyone to be part of the conversation. It will centre around four main themes and there will be a brief introduction/storytelling to each theme. It will be grounded in reality but will highlight the possibilities that call forth a creative and positive response to partnership of Parishes

Facilitated by Andy Kuppe

Andy is Deputy Principal at Parade College, Bundoora. He is a member of St Francis Xavier Parish Montmorency and a past chairperson of the Parish Council. He has a wide background in facilitation in adult education and spirituality.

The parish is not an out-dated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.

**Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium**



RSVP

RSVP the St Mary's Parish office (9435-1543) by the end of Monday 16th of April of your attendance.