

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Assembly

Saturday 19th November

What is currently working at a cluster level?

Liturgy

1. Confirmation
2. Reconciliation Services
3. Mass scheduling
4. Ecumenical celebrations (eg, blessing of Borders railway at Galashiels)
5. Abbotsford Mass
6. Easter Vigil

Community

1. Family day (Borders Pastoral Forum)
2. Wednesday Coffee Morning in OLSJ Selkirk
3. Pilgrimages (eg, recent Carfin trip)
4. Schools - joint schools services have worked in the past.

Service

1. Training (eg, safeguarding awareness)
2. SSVP

What needs to be retained at parish level?

Liturgy

1. Mass

Community

1. Local community outreach
2. Ecumenical activity
3. Social events

Service

1. Pastoral care of the sick (and others)

General comments and considerations

We need

- new thinking
- to overcome parochial prejudices
- to overcome 'aye been' mentality
- to learn from practice of restructuring rural parishes elsewhere
- to look for the opportunities that restructuring presents
- a vision
 - > To build a vibrant Catholic community in the Borders (?)