

The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese [*The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission*](#) (January 2024). The publication marks an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, creating new pathways for apostolic mission and meeting the challenges of an increasingly secular society with renewed confidence and openness to the Holy Spirit. *The Call to Mission* focusses on the significant potential of diocesan parish communities to act as “beacons of light... not in an era of change, but in a change of era” consolidating the work already undertaken across the diocese to place prayer, formation, and mission at the heart of diocesan parish and school community life. Reflecting on the new plan Bishop Richard reiterated his overarching vision for the diocese:

“I invite everyone - lay faithful, religious, deacons and priests - to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life and where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognised.”

Read the pastoral plan below:

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/65f4523edd0c46889120c757_Pastoral%20Plan%20January%202024.pdf

This is the new Parish boundaries for the Crawley Parish:

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/67a5f4d045e3256f192734a4_New%20Parish%20Map%20March%202024.pdf

The Pastoral Plan Glossary:

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/67a9ccac455a8af26a66068f_Pastoral%20Plan%20Glossary%20Feb%202025.pdf