

5th Bulletin A framework and process for renewal

The Viable Parish dimension of renewal framework focuses on the faithful and effective stewardship of resources in service of proclaiming the Gospel.

Viable parishes have the financial, human, and property assets needed to support their shared vision and mission. They are able to mobilise these resources wisely and strategically. They develop sustainable income streams that allow them to grow their mission and to maintain buildings that support parish life and ministry. Through diverse and reliable sources of income, they are able to serve their local communities in a sustainable way.

They also recognise that stewardship extends beyond their own boundaries. Viable parishes generously share their spiritual, ministerial, and material resources for the good of the wider Archdiocese. As Jesus reminds his followers:

“Which one of you, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough to complete it?” (Lk 14:28).

The three focus areas of viability are:

- **Financial sustainability**
- **Capable and effective teams**
- **Optimal use of land and property**

QA Will the Churches keep their names?

Each church will retain its name but as an amalgamated parish, part of the consultative process will be to identify a Parish name reflective of our community.

(The process for this will be advised in the coming weeks.)