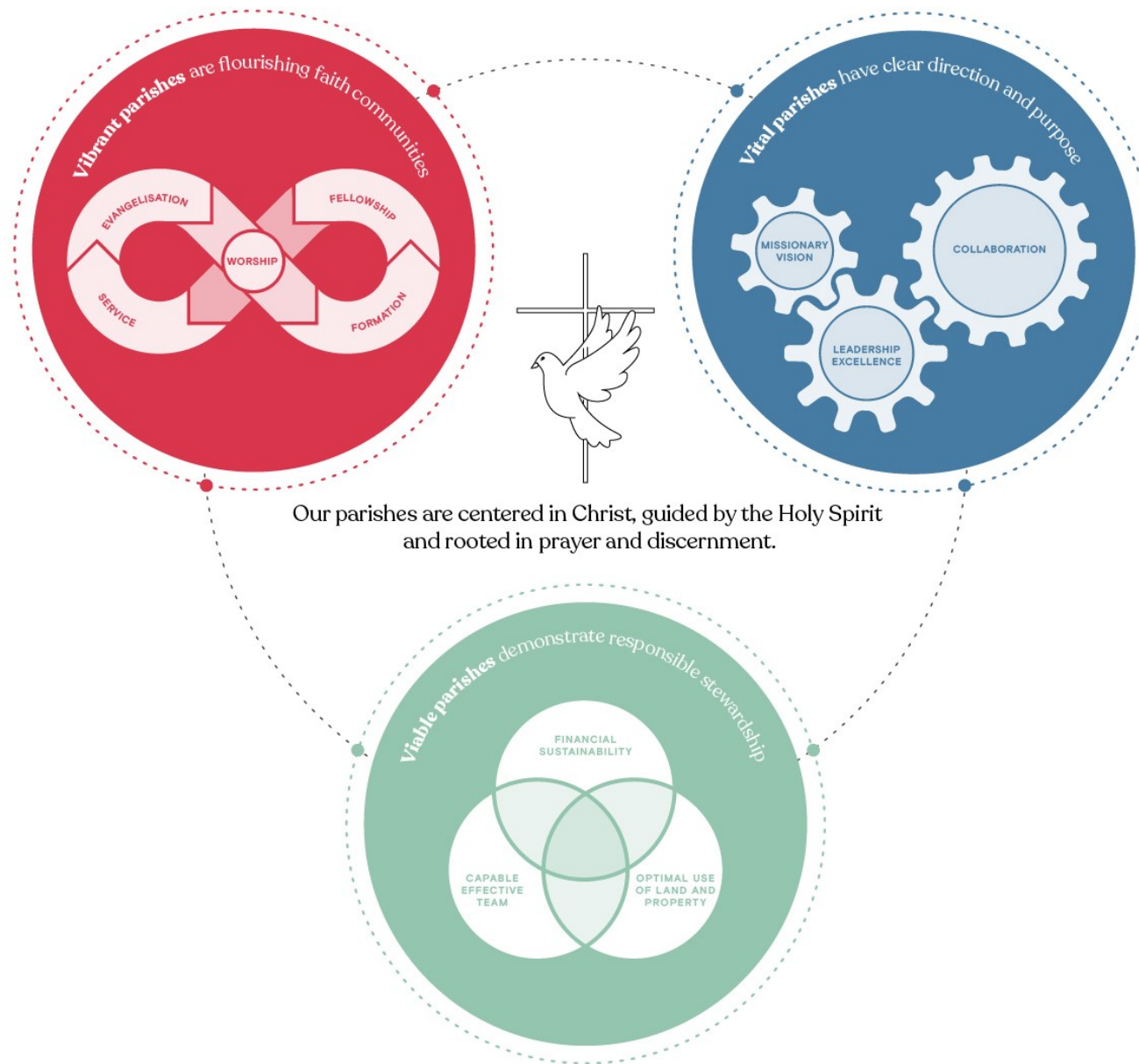


Take the Way of the Gospel Framework for Parish Renewal



Vibrant Parishes

Vibrant parishes are life-giving communities that foster holiness and discipleship among their members, joyfully desiring to share the gift of faith in Jesus Christ with those they encounter.

Understanding each person is uniquely called and gifted, vibrant parishes help form and equip them to live that call. They know people are searching for a deeper spiritual connection in their lives, where their hopes, joys and anxieties can be expressed, and they embrace new opportunities for service.

Vital Parishes

Vital parishes read the signs of the times with hope and missionary vision. They understand their local neighbourhoods, culture, and history. Having been shaped by the past, they are nevertheless filled with hope for their future. This may involve openness to new ideas, acknowledging that past methods no longer fit where God is calling the parish today. They have clear direction, purpose, and collaborate effectively with others to further the kingdom of God.

Viable Parishes

Viable parishes have the financial, people and property resources, and are able to mobilise those resources, for their common vision and mission. They have sufficient income streams to resource and grow their mission and to provide and maintain buildings to support the needs of their mission and ministries. Their diverse sources of income enable them to serve their local communities in a sustainable way. They openly share their spiritual, ministerial and material resources with others for the benefit of the whole of the Archdiocese.