

St Declan's Parish Survey 2012

Updated to 3.3.12

Question 1 Is this a good parish to belong to?	Rating 1 Not Satisfied	2	3	4	5 Very Satisfied
No rating - 5		1	9	53	280
Total 343		0.3%	2.6%	15.5%	81.6%
Question 2	Top reasons	Number	Percentage		
What do you think is good about the parish	Community Atmosphere and Friendly Parish	147	42.9%		
	The Priest , especially Fr John	103	30%		
	Youth involvement	25	7.3%		
	Singing and Music	11	3.2%		
	Lots of different Liturgies	13	3.8%		
	Other	40	11.7%		
	No Comment	4	1.2%		
	Total	343			
	Some reasons under Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitality and involvement • Impressed by showing Mass on power point • 7am Mass short and able to concentrate on the Mass • Family orientated • Acknowledgement of peoples participation in Mass • It has something for everyone, Inclusiveness • Competent Parish Council 			

		Number	Percentage		
Question 3 How do you think the parish can improve?	Positive comment or no comment at all	151	44.0%	Positive comment – 74 No Comment 77	
	Improvements or more Youth involvement	24	7%		
	More Social activities	19	5.5%		
	Improvements or suggestions on Music ministry	22	6.4%		
	Air conditioning for the church	14	4.1%		
	Mass times or frequency	7	2.0%		
	More bible study or seminar groups	8	2.3%		
	Improvements to website or technology	8	2.3%		
	Other Comments	90	26.2%		
	Total	343			
	Comments under Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermons on website for hearing impaired parishioners • Not enough room for all cars in school grounds • Have regular surveys and listen to the needs of parishioners • More guest speakers at homily eg Fr Chris Riley • More news from Council • Remove noisy kneelers • Have Collection money brought up in offertory and placed at Altar • More involvement of other cultures • One extra priest • More adult education • Financial details of Parish promised at AGM not seen yet. 			

		Number	Percentage		
Question 4 What can the parish do to make it easier for you to be more involved?	No Improvement or no comment	180	52.5%	No improvements – 62 No Comment - 118	
	More communication via web/email or newsletter	23	6.7%		
	More Social activities	33	9.6%		
	More social prayer or rosary	33	9.6%		
	More youth and children activities	11	3.2%		
	Other comments	63	18.4%		
	Total	343			
	Comments under Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual invitation for people to be involved • Cultural masses with music, costumes and food • Area for Mary renovated • I like private worship • Schedule for families for offertory • Have no more time to be involved 			
		Number	Percentage		
Question 5 Further Comments	No Comment	169	49.3%		
	Keep doing the same thing	27	7.9%		
	Great Parish Priest	16	4.7%		
	Inclusive Community	9	2.6%		
	Coming from other Parishes to St Declans	7	2.0%		
	Want Youth retreat and	5	1.5%		

	more involvement				
	Air conditioning	4	1.2%		
	Candles not working	3	1%		
	Other Comments	103	30%		
	Total	343			
	Comments under Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More services on a Sunday – 10am? • Sexist language should be always changed • Need to service the poor more • Loved Christmas celebrations • Direct debiting for weekly contributions • Priests sermons on website for deaf • Stain glass window above Baptismal font • Someone wishes to donate money for stain glass window in Baptistry • Car pool for elderly 			

The Parish Council thanks the 343 parishioners who took the time to respond to the survey. In the coming months the Parish Council will work to address the key themes that have arisen from the responses. Watch the Parish Council minutes for further information.