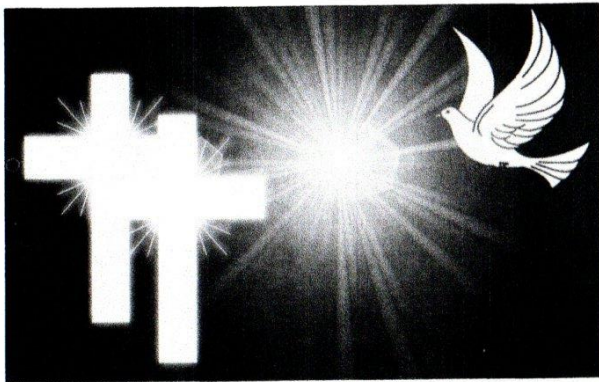


## Invitation

You are invited to participate in this Gathering in the following ways:

- Having a voice in determining which areas of Church life will be focused on during the afternoon by indicating three preferences on the accompanying Survey Form
- Attending the Gathering to share your thoughts, experiences and talents
- Participating in the planning and/or presentation of workshops

God gave us talents to benefit others, not just ourselves.  
Do come along and see what we, the Catholic  
Community can do TOGETHER.



*"I am telling you the truth; whoever believes in me will do what I do-Yes they will even do greater things." (John 14:12)*

## GATHERING THE TALENTS

**An Initiative of the Blue Mountains Deanery Council**



*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts  
but the same Spirit gives them." (1 Cor 2:4)*

## The Challenge

We are a people, a family of sisters and brothers in baptism, who have been given a variety of gifts by the Spirit of the Lord so that we might become more fully the Church.

Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says:

*"Jesus wants to teach us to make good use of the gifts that God gives to every man and woman. He calls them to life, gives them talents and a mission to be accomplished using and sharing such gifts."*

In all of our parishes there are people "using" and "sharing" their God given gifts and talents to benefit others and showing the face of Jesus to their parish communities and beyond. In order for us to contribute to the proclamation of the Gospel, we all need to consider using and sharing our unique gifts.

The Deanery Pastoral Council, in conjunction with Parish Pastoral Councils, is planning an event where we can gather our talents and share them with the whole Catholic community in the Blue Mountains. This event gives us the opportunity to learn from each other and to challenge us to achieve greater things.



## The Purpose

- To identify our resources and resourcefulness, energies and capacities and to gain strength from each other to enrich our faith community in the Blue Mountains.
- To invite people from across parishes in the Blue Mountains Deanery to share/display what they do to bring life to their community in a range of ministries.
- Through the sharing of ideas and capacities, parishioners will develop relationships that will lead to people:
  - learning from each other
  - sharing ideas
  - strengthening networks
  - developing opportunities for mentoring

## Gathering of Talents Event

Date	Sunday 19 September 2021
Time	1-4pm
Venue	Bishop Manning Hall (adjacent to St Thomas Aquinas Primary Springwood)

**Registration** for the event will be available closer to the date and further information will be provided through your local parish.

## **Gathering of Talents Survey**

The Blue Mountains Deanery, along with the Parish Pastoral Councils, are asking you to indicate which areas of Church life you would like included in the Gathering of Talents workshops.

Please indicate three preferences from the list below:

- Music Ministry
- Sacramental Program
- Pastoral Care/Outreach
- Adult Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Social Justice'
- Laudato Si and the Environment
- Ecumenism
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate below your interest in one or more of the following:

- Attending the event
- Planning the event
- Presenting a Workshop

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_