

## CLUSTER CONVERSATIONS

Below there are a series of reflections and questions for meetings where cluster conversations are taking place. Each of the sessions focuses on one or two of the practical issues that needs to be addressed.

The process of the meetings could be as follows:

### Opening Reflection:

- One person reads the reflection out loud while all listen
- The leader invites everyone to share what strikes them

### Focus on the Questions:

- When everyone has shared, the leader then moves the whole assembly on to focus on the questions provided, concentrating on one question at a time
- Someone in each group acts as a scribe to note what has been shared

### Collate the Response:

- When each question has been dealt with, the group agree on what they want to collate as their response

*Each of the Reflections for every Session is taken from the Cardinal's Lenten Pastoral Letter 2009*





## Reflection Session 3 PROVISION for MASS TIMES & FUNERALS

### Opening Reflection:

During this time we will be closely examining together how we can best use our common resources and gifts to sustain and strengthen the life of our parish communities. This is the key reason for structurally reorganising the deaneries in our archdiocese. It could be tempting to simply re-organise where priests live, the numbers and times of masses and similar practical matters. Whilst these matters need to be addressed a parish is much more than a mass station, it is a place where each of us can find a welcoming, nourishing home. The parish is a place where we can work together to build up the body of Christ today.

- 1) What arrangements are in place for Mass times, so that Mass can be provided when a priest is sick or unavailable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What are the current arrangements for the celebration of funerals in the cluster?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) How might this be re-organised or re-negotiated?

