

## I feel part of my parish

### Multiculturalism adds value to our community

### Immigrants are made to feel welcome members of our parish

Questionnaire Number	Question no	COMMENTS
47	6	It is good to welcome new people from different countries
62	6	we would learn a lot from new people from other countries
144	6	Because the church is always welcoming
161	6	I attended mass in St Patrick's (parish of my upbringing) do attend mass in St Therese but feel more at home in St Patrick's
183	6	I have been a parishioner for 42 years go to church regularly for mass and other activities organised by the parish yet I feel I don't really know many parishioners didn't like it in the 80's when priests changed so frequently you never got to know them and they didn't get to know you.
195	6	It has been good to see persons from other ethnic backgrounds being involved in parish ministries eg as altar servers, readers etc
198	6	unhappy about the closure of Church of The Resurrection
199	6	Personally I don't know any from multicultural families
403	6	Don't know any immigrants don't feel I can comment
410	6	Don't know that feel part of the parish because I am not involved, and because of my present circumstances go to mass in various parishes often
420	6	My parish church is no longer in use
428	6	I strongly welcome the parishioners from Kerala etc. I see them at mass and other services. I do not feel that they have added or been allowed to add to our parish life. I do not know if they feel welcome or whether it is superficial or absent in the main
442	6	Why do immigrants sit begging on the streets? Is it organised? I spoke to a young man (25 /30 years) begging at Fortwilliam shops. He said he was from Romania. I listened to Joe Duffy's show RTE a few years ago apparently many of these so called beggars have large bank accounts in Romania. Are people being exploited? What is the truth? Are they entitled to benefits? Training ? Education?
443	6	It is good to see participation of immigrant families in parish life
463	6	Personally I welcome immigrants but sometimes I hear others making disparaging remarks and this makes me aware that, possibly, all don't feel as I do. I don't mean this as a superior remark even though it sounds as such
469	6	Any immigrants I have seen don't appear to work they beg instead
470	6	The immigrants that I see begging on the streets should be sent back to where they come from

472	6	I am not aware of any special provision for immigrants
499	6	Felt part of the parish when Church of the Resurrection was open now I feel like a nomad
500	6	Was a regular at Church of Resurrection and would now attend Holy Family/ St Therese but these would not have the same local bond with neighbours
511	6	Immigrants need to learn some English
518	6	Seems to me that parish immigrants still have that 'outsider' look about them which shouldn't be
541	6	Is there an immigrant policy in the parish?
542	6	<b>Devastated</b> by the closure of the Church of the Resurrection. The people bought and paid for it and now it has been taken away. The community has become fragmented as a result. The parish should reconsider its position on this matter we need a place of worship in the heart of our community
544	6	I think our parish is very welcoming and open to anyone who comes from another country
552	6	Would like to know more about befriending groups to help new families feel welcome. I have a qualification to teach English as a foreign language and could help out with this if lack of English was a problem. As an ex teacher maybe I could help with homework
585	6	I know immigrants are made to feel welcome through comments from others and attitude of church and priest
593	6	As I am over eighty years old I don't get to join any organisations but I am supported by a visit from Canon Murray each month and Eucharistic ministers on Sundays. My health is poor
807	6	Several efforts have been made to increase participation by parishioners eg meetings to be held in different houses. There seems (true?) to have been a lack of response. Such a project would need a lot of preparation and marketing
811	6	Although I feel part of the parish I feel that more could be made of the space in the entrance to the church on the Limestone Road. A cup of tea or coffee maybe 3 or 4 times a year and maybe some seating. This would be a way to meet other members of the congregation
815	6	Times have changed. We need to welcome other nationals to our parish
816	6	Immigrants are not always made welcome
818	6	I feel strongly that residents of the Cavehill Rd should have their own parish mass in the church hall on Sundays
826	6	Since the closure of Church of the Resurrection I feel that the community has broken up. We used to gather after mass and have a chat, now it is difficult to attach or belong to the sister churches were relationships have strong bonds. Holy Family Church is too modern and OTT
854	6	I think immigrants could be taking homes from parishioners as many parishioners are on the housing waiting list yet immigrants can get houses in our parish how can this be? The same is true for jobs in this recession – it is unjust and unfair to locals
856	6	Only individuals can answer whether they feel welcome or not as I am not walking in their shoes. Also Immigrants are not one group- they are all different individuals

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882	6	The continued situation re the Church of the Resurrection has led to fragmentation of part of the parish and some concern about who is part of the parish community and who lives within the geographical area of the parish. As a relative newcomer to the parish (10 years ago) I cannot say that I strongly feel like part of the community. It am glad to see different faces at mass- those obviously of other backgrounds (skin, clothing) and that these people take part in worship within the parish, but it is difficult to know how 'welcome' these people feel within the community
884	6	I do hope that this questionnaire can be made available in other languages for those who live in the parish and do not have English as their first language
892	6	I find it hard to become part of this parish and I come from the next county never mind another continent
901	6	I hate to put this down we don't feel part of the parish, we pay a weekly contribution of £10 plus another £10 for a special collection, we are 80 and 89 years old. We would like a visit from a priest at least once a month
902	6	We must embrace and welcome all peoples but should not be afraid of expressing our own identity and sense of place and history
905	6	Immigrants are probably welcome but there does not appear to be any visible attempt to involve them in wider parish ministries. Perhaps the Parochial house could be opened for coffee after masses on Sundays
906	6	Immigrants are not really encouraged to make friends with local parishioners. We need occasions and locations to socialise
932	6	I strongly feel part of this parish. A great community family parish with the great help of all our priests. Thank you fathers
951	6	I still feel a small oratory could be placed somewhere in the grounds of Church of the Resurrection as so many older people who like to attend daily mass are unable to journey to either of the two remaining churches. Some form of crèche is needed in Holy Family Church
952	6	The loss of the Church of Resurrection has unsettled part of the parish. The uncertain future of the church/site inhibits a 'moving forward'
963	6	I would like to meet with immigrants at a special social occasion
976	6	My feeling part of this parish amounts to going to mass and the occasional parish event. Every Sunday I see familiar people at mass/church whose names I do not know. I would like to call people by name. I would feel more part of the parish if I knew people eg ones involved in leaflet distribution, singing, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers sacristans visiting priests, those involved etc What about name tags
983	6	I feel immigrants are probably taking houses and jobs from Catholics as many local Catholics cannot get a home or a job yet immigrants can get homes and jobs relatively easily
994	6	A strong parish identity exists amongst those who attend mass, church related activities. Our parish school promote strong links with the parish and this should be supported

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144	7	Young people should avail of a catholic education if they if they choose to I feel your are singled out if you opt out of the transfer test
145	7	I think you should not be told the school you should go to at such a young age. You should be allowed to go to the school that you want to
146	7	Children should be allowed to go to the school they want to
147	7	Children should be allowed to make their own decision
158	7	Why are the Catholic bishops supporting the interim transfer tests?
160	7	I think academic selection at age 11 is unjust because the child who fails might be just as capable of an academic education if there wasn't the pressure of the 11+ exam. I feel a year longer at elementary school would be better then the child might be better able to decide whether to follow an academic or vocational route. Our present grammar and secondary colleges are all excellent and I think pupils could be facilitated to change over midway if necessary. The importance is whatever type of education is followed that there is good sound religious instruction on the lines of the old Apologetics. I think there has been a laxity in basic religious instruction hence the rise in crime and lower moral standards
161	7	At the age of 11 I think it is unjust-14 may be a better time to select
164	7	I have no strong feeling about retaining the 11+ however, academic selection is necessary at some stage as not all children have the same ability or talent
167	7	Have problem with how question re academic selection is phrased. I think there should be academic selection but not necessarily at transfer. If schools are properly funded 'streaming' should be available in all schools across all subjects
173	7	Contributing parishioners' children should be guaranteed entry into parish schools
174	7	I am aware of a mass going parishioner who resides in the parish in the parish and failed to get his child into either parish school so I feel strongly that contributing parishioners should be first in line for parish school entrance
178	7	Young people should be able to avail of a catholic education and an interdenominational education
179	7	Primary teachers as a rule see the disadvantages of the 11+ type selection. In grammar schools teachers favour this type of selection as it allows the less able to be left out of their plans
163	7	I don't like the idea of 2 different types of school for secondary education. On the other hand teaching a class of mixed ability is very difficult for the teacher and can lead to problems for the teacher
189	7	I feel there needs to be a selection process but maybe not at 11 yrs old, perhaps at 13/14 yrs old
191	7	Children should be taught from an early age that they are going to school to educate themselves, with the help of teachers. Also that God has given them talents and they need to develop and use them to the best of their abilities
200	7	I think 11 years is too young for most children it should be 14 or 15 years
402	7	Grammar schools are an 'elite' in my opinion. There should only one type of post primary education offering equality of opportunity to all children. Sad to see that the catholic church is helping to perpetuate the elite grammar schools

410	7	Because of the crumbling of family life I think that it would be an additional disaster for too many young people if catholic education was lost
413	7	I do feel concerned that when CCMS ends on December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2009. Catholic education will not be properly represented, everything to the employment of staff, to the child in the school. I also believe that children should receive the same quality of education and each school should offer a wide and varied curriculum to meet the needs of their pupils.
423	7	I passed the 'qualifying' examination in 1959 and it allowed me to progress to my eventual position. Fifty years on it now seems like an anachronism that has served its purpose and is now outdated and opposed to the development of many of our young people
435	7	The 11+ should not have been scrapped until a better system was put in its place
436	7	Academic selection more relevant at later stage, middle class children safer with other middle class children
439	7	Academic selection should not be abolished until a workable solution has been found
441	7	The current debate has not taken into account that non academic selection disadvantages bright children who want to work hard!
442	7	Some people are academic – some aren't. It's a fact. Some people have higher IQ's – mine is probably average (I'm no good at maths) for example other IQ's are 150+. It doesn't mean I'm useless- it just means I'll never be a brain surgeon. Maybe I could be a joiner, bricklayer nurse etc. No point in putting a square peg into a round hole. Would you want someone operating on your brain that didn't have a good grasp of biology / anatomy, and had a shaky hand? I bet you wouldn't! We must all be equal now because of political correctness. We can't all be equal. Genetically we are all different .Equal opportunity according to ability is needed.
443	7	Catholic Grammar education is the best in the world. Some sort of selection is required. I have 2 children in grammar school that did not waste their chance at education but at least they were given a choice. Would they be given a chance in the new process? You do not have to be rich to be smart. Maybe if tutoring were to be banned it would give all children an equal chance.
444	7	It is important that the catholic schools commission keeps the appointment of teachers to catholic schools to ensure the catholic ethos continues
446	7	Religion does not get you a job
	7	I think it is important that catholic education is available but also that the catholic church and catholic schools <u>do</u> recognise and accept a multicultural, multi religious society and I do not believe that this is currently the case
465	7	While the 11+ may be unjust, catholic schools setting entrance exams is equally unjust
474	7	I prefer continuous assessment as it is a fair way of judging a child's ability through the child's school life
477	7	Unsure of a viable alternative. Where you live will dictate what school you go to. A

		difficult topic
489	7	I was so saddened to see the NICCE cave into the academic selection lobby. It is for the church to set the agenda not respond to it
499	7	Pupils should go to whatever school suits their ability. The status of the secondary schools should be raised to equal status to grammar schools – just a technical kind
504	7	11+was unjust but academic selection is not. More resources need to be directed to secondary schools which should offer different skills as not all children/ people are academic
518	7	Catholic schools should be given priority at all times
529	7	Transfer by academic selection is not as unjust as transfer by address etc! I think children should transfer to junior school at 11. Grammar schools should take all 14-18 year olds wishing to follow an academic route. This could be achieved by P7's moving into selected secondaries and form 4's moving out year by year for three years. There should be a selected well equipped school for 14's wishing to follow a non academic path
540	7	Do secondary schools receive the same benefits as grammar?
541	7	If secondary schools received the same benefits as grammar schools things would become equal as they could fulfil the same job
544	7	I disagree with academic selection but I feel a conflict of interest – my children all attended grammar school – would have been disappointed if that had not succeeded in the transfer tests
549	7	The present person in charge of education has made a complete mess. What do we replace the present system with, I don't know.
552	7	Age 10/11 is much too young -14 ish is a much better age to decide which way to go. Very often parents have fixed opinions on schools based on their own experiences. They forget things have changed in the last 20/30 years
585	7	Whilst I agree in part with the last statement re academic selection and think assessment is a very important part of a child's education, I can see where academics have a role to play also. Although I teach myself I can see arguments for both sides
590	7	The grammar system works and has given NI an education to be proud of. The 11+ is wrong, not academic selection
807	7	One of the strongest lobbies in support of academic selection comes from our catholic grammar schools, parents more actively than teachers/ administrators
815	7	Catholic Ethos is very important to young people in my view
816	7	During the upbringing of my family, 3boys and 3 girls, there were times they attended multi faith and ethnic schools which I believe helped keep them broad minded especially during the troubles. I took great pains to make sure they were taught their faith.
826	7	I believe there needs to be some form of selection perhaps not at 11 years. Children

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842	7	My experience of one secondary school was far superior to 3 grammar schools in our area
854	7	I feel a catholic education is the foundation of our community. It provides a sound, moral and ethical basis for our young people
856	7	Transfer by academic selection is also a form of child abuse. It is also unfair and it does not reflect young people's future attainments. It is a class issue. The hardest things to change are people's attitudes /prejudices
875	7	With academic selection now in the hands of the grammar schools it will be even more stressful for the young children coming through. These tests will be in the grammar school away from an environment that children are used to
882	7	Each child is to be cherished, encouraged, assisted and loved. Undue preoccupation with perceived 'failure' in the 11+ has harmed society ,by presenting such labels as 'failed' rather than focusing on the achievements of young people as apprentices, trades skills, community leaders and participants in society, teachers, doctors etc – each valuable vocations that, with many others, are vital to society at large and people as individuals.
892	7	The movement to bigger schools should be resisted. Local schools within the community and part of the community should be prepared
901	7	The children who work hard towards the transfer deserve to obtain a place in a grammar school as too do children who work hard but are nervous exam candidates.
902	7	<b>1</b> Our parents should not be made to feel guilty if they do not avail of catholic education nor should difficulties be presented to them at times of initiation to the sacraments. The catholic authorities should be more strident in their opposition to the abomination of academic selection. I know too many who have been permanently affected by being labelled as failures at such a young age
905	7	Children mature at different ages
906	7	I disagree strongly with our bishops' decision to allow entrance exams for grammar schools-even in the short term. Surely we all know that no child is a failure at the Age of 10
907	7	Re academic selection – alternate suggestions are worse
918	7	Academic selection provides a learning style analysis that directs our young people to the best school for their needs. The English comprehensive system has been shown not to work for the majority. It will fail our young people
919	7	I feel that there is great value in academic selection and in our grammar and secondary schools. However I do not feel that the 11+ (a sit down exam with great pressure on children) is the best method of selection process
948	7	I think the eleven plus was the better way selection

951	7	All catholic schools within the parish should make a united stand against selection and should pool resources to afford every child the best possible education
952	7	The parish, i.e. all schools within the parish should be federated /amalgamated to provide the best use of resources for the benefit of all the children/young people
953	7	Ambiguity over ethos devalues 'catholic' education. Academic selection at 11 is either morally indefensible or acceptable. Sitting on the fence is not an option
958	7	I think academic selection by an exam at age 11 is hard on those children who are likely to fail. To be labelled a failure at that early age has lasting consequences
959	7	I have written 'don't know' against 'Transfer by academic selection is unjust' because if it is then the awarding of any qualification, degrees etc is unjust selection. Academic selection exists in every area where qualifications are required, eg doctors, accountants, PRIESTS BISHOPS and so on.
963	7	I would prefer excellent integrated education to 'transfer by academic selection
964	7	Selection has to be made at some stage whether it is in P7 or an entrance exam; children need to be streamlined according to their abilities, maybe not the 11+ but an English/maths paper of some sort.
976	7	I believe the thrust of education needs changing so that we have comprehensive, co educational, mixed ability classes at secondary level, based on Christian principles
981	7	I believe it is only unjust if the alternative for those less academic students is not valued equally i.e. much more funding is necessary to improve the provision and status of secondary schools so as they are not seen as the poor relation as now. Following the same academic path as academic pupils selected for grammar also seems unjust as another equal but different path should be made available.
989	7	Catholic education is forgotten when young people go to university or take up employment. Parents should provide catholic education by example
994	7	I fully support the right to access faith- based schools for my children. Academic selection is unjust, creating a sense of failure in those who do not secure grammer school places





124	8	I live on the Upper Cavehill Rd area and there is nothing to do for youth. Just to say Newington Day Centre is excellent!! Staff are so caring
125	8	No area around Cavehiil for youth. Newington Day centre is Brilliant!!!!
157	8	The above statements are difficult to answer as I do not play an active role in parish activities
161	8	I don't know enough about these issues to comment. I don't know about these services in the parish to comment
164	8	Having visited many of the nursing homes in our parish I feel that the disabled hardly ever have a visit from a priest and many would welcome the opportunity to hear mass even occasionally
177	8	IN HOUSE FOR 34 YEARS NO PRIEST HAS VISITED ME IN THAT TIME!
178	8	No house visit in 34 years. Is this a record?
179	8	It would be good if there was a group of parishioners willing to maintain contact with elderly people living on their own
183	8	I find it difficult to answer these questions. In many cases I don't really know.
189	8	I have no experience of these
199	8	I'm not fully aware at of all the provision for senior citizens/youth
403	8	Sorry to be so negative but I don't know enough to comment
413	8	I feel that to have a disabled parking space at the back of the church at a locked door is inconvenient. However I understand that it was difficult to plan for parking in a limited space
428	8	The elderly are largely only barely cared for- home helps are not what they were and not adequate. Newington is superb as is Camberwell Ct Limestone Rd. re statements 3,5, 6, 8 you need to ask these particular groups Re 7 the absence of many young people from mass is alarming
443	8	There are plenty of clubs and organisations for the children of the parish if they avail of them. The parish should look at helping clubs develop as children who play sport or participate are less likely to cause damage. There is a great GAA club in our parish, a youth club and some great football activities
451	8	The parish relies heavily on the hall at the back of the Church of the Resurrection and it is essential that the services do not stop
453	8	I am not fully aware of the services available to the elderly therefore I am unable to comment
472	8	No central meeting place in our parish eg for after mass or for functions. The above are closed questions! Impossible to give adequate answers
487	8	There is only one club in the parish, Evergreen at Cavehill Rd
518	8	Clubs and activities for the youth of the parish aren't emphasised enough

529	8	I don't know much about youth activities but the bulletin suggests that as well as the youth club there's a lot going on at 65 Somerton Rd
542	8	I am aware that Somerton Evergreen uses the hall in the Cavehill Rd and has to <u>pay for it!!</u> Surely that is unjust!
569	8	The Newington Day Centre is a very valuable asset to our community
572	8	Healthcare could be better
585	8	I am aware of the statement re child protection through comments made from others
815	8	I was not too sure about these matters
826	8	Having grown up in the parish and as a parent of two young adults the catchment area of the Church of the Resurrection lacked a youth club. Years ago when this was raised with the PP he advised parishioners to come back with proposals. The parish centre was never utilised to meet the needs of our young people. This is evidenced in young people in and around the streets, no drop in centre etc
842	8	Having had 23 years of caring, I wasn't introduced to carers until I got ill myself but my carers were great with my attention
847	8	There should be a free playing field for the young footballers to enjoy. Instead of playing on the road
854	8	Parents as well as the police and the parish should be doing more to prevent teenagers from roaming the parish engaging in anti social behaviour
882	8	Healthcare providers (ie not the parish per se) appear to be under resourced in dealing with people's needs, and Holy Family is not unique in this regard. There is a great need for society to be responsible and active in helping to care for all of the vulnerable in the community- ie the basic values of looking out for one's neighbour, tolerance, respect, kindness, empathy and responsibility for one's actions. Similarly, the state has a huge responsibility to provide real support, focus on service rather than multiple layers of bureaucracy.
892	8	I'm not aware of any outreach particularly to 'feral' young people.
893	8	The help and social could stay a little longer in the homes where needed
906	8	The parish has a role to provide youth activities. Not sure what activities are provided
907	8	The senior citizens are the backbone of the parish
909	8	The provision of activities or youth clubs for our youth and especially teenagers are disgracefully inadequate in comparison to other religions (Christian). Our youth as far as I am concerned have been abandoned and forgotten
910	8	There is need for our parish peers to sit up and take notice of the needs of the youth of our parish. There is a fundamental lack of facilities to enable our youth to get to know and befriend each other. I'm sure the youth of our parish are a lonely set of individuals because they have no where to go and socialise

918	8	Holy Family youth club is excellent but is mainly used by people in the Newington area, there is no great provision in the other churches
920	8	Unsure what services are available? I recently visited St Mary's Greencastle. They have a coffee morning twice a week after morning mass. I thought it was a great idea for increasing sense of community and building links especially for older people
931	8	There is need for greater youth projects in the local areas particularly 15 plus age group. We have a parish centre which I feel we could use more effectively for a wider range of young people. A strategy to develop volunteering amongst parishes to promote youth projects should be developed. More detailed youth work required in Cavehill area
932	8	There are lots of activities going on and we are provided for but I don't think people take up these activities
942	8	There are activities for senior citizens but they need to be organised under a central body and senior citizens encouraged to join and welcomed. For example if say bowls or bridge facilities to teach members how to play I would be very shy about going
948	8	The parish only looks after people living on benefits, of which I am not one
951	8	Bereaved senior citizens are often neglected, there should be some form of visiting to check on widows/widowers who are often too shy/reserved to make outside contacts themselves.
952	8	Run outreach programme to target those living alone might both ease the pain of loneliness and help draw them out into the parish provision/activities
963	8	The census form didn't include 'widows' or 'widowers' as a marital status and this category by definition are mostly elderly.
994	8	The parish cannot be all things to all people. Statutory bodies must not be allowed to avoid their responsibilities. However parish activities should be supported and encouraged.

**Poverty is an issue in Holy Family Parish**

**Excess wealth is an issue in Holy Family Parish**

**St Vincent de Paul provides an essential service**

**Social housing is a necessity within our community**

**Social housing should be integrated with private housing**

**I have a moral obligation to support social housing within my area**

Questionnaire no	Question no	Comment
62	10	I think all these essential services are very good and helpful in our parish who cannot afford things. The social housing I agree with because I strongly agree that every human has a right to live with shelter and if they can't afford to buy a house I think it is good that they can rent one
72	10	St Vincent De Paul give a lot and are really good
123	10	There is no housing for young mothers therefore they would need a selection of housing for mothers
125	10	Everyone is the same it doesn't matter how much money you have
144	10	Because some people can't afford houses, people should be welcoming to everyone
152	10	It's a large parish with a wide variety of professions and wide range of incomes ranging from highly paid to low income
155	10	Social housing should be managed under more effective planning
160	10	I don't know the extent of social housing required but whatever form it takes, it should be <u>houses</u> and <u>not</u> apartments. A better community is formed with houses.
161	10	Clearly a big gap between rich and poor in this parish
167	10	There are areas of Belfast where social housing doesn't happen. The degree of social housing in our parish may start to impact on the services provided eg nursery places offered on a 'social need' to people outside the parish at the expense of those who have lived here. Social housing needs to be equally spread through all areas of Belfast
164	10	There are many people in this parish who have worked very hard in order to afford private housing and to bring their children up in a better environment than they were used to. They now feel betrayed by the authorities who seem intent on destroying this area. Furthermore as a taxpayer I understand that I already fulfil my

		moral duty to help those who require social housing.
175	10	For some
179	10	St Vincent De Paul money should NOT be spent in organising outings or holidays for people (at a cheap rate) who can afford to pay the going rate
195	10	Social Housing should be integrated with private housing provided full and frank discussions take place with residents beforehand
402	10	But where do you build social housing in our parish? Land is at a premium as it is in most parts of the city where there is a strong concentration of catholics. There is an anti-social housing ethos to some degree eg the Milk Marketing Board site
422	10	Re moral obligation to support social housing in my area. What does 'support' mean?
428	10	Our parish has had an artificial divide which as a true Christian I cannot condone
442	10	The problems with integrating social and private housing leads to the deterioration of the whole neighbourhood. Private households paying a large mortgage, considerable taxes and having an avid interest in keeping their neighbourhood crime free with no graffiti, violence, drunkenness, noise, dog dirt, litter or threats to their family and way of life are forced to live beside families who have no adherence to family values whatsoever. I know of a situation in Peterborough England where a girl of eighteen (pregnant) who consistently truanted from school, has been allocated social housing in a beautiful new estate. (Houses in the range of £250,000 everything courtesy of the taxpayer). Despite this ongoing anti social behaviour from the mixture of welfare recipients on this beautiful private estate. How would you feel if you were living next door and had to endure loud noise, rock music at all hours, litter, large dogs and their mess, parties, rows, drunkenness, drugs, broken windows and break ins and continuous threats of violence if you complain. This is what the tax payer on a modest income (taxed) is forced to endure. Perhaps you would like her house?
443	10	I have lived in both ends of the parish and sometimes find there is a social split of rich / poor. I have been made more welcome by the poorer end where I have met amazing people who are forward thinking for all not just one faction. All children should have a choice of any primary school regardless of where or what street they live in or become two parishes within one which is in its entirety complete.
444	10	Too many family sized homes are being converted into one or two bedroom flats thus depriving families of homes and destroying the sense of community in the area.
487	10	More two bedroom sheltered dwellings would be very welcome
511	10	The housing list in the parish -600 waiting
518	10	Looking around poverty seems a strong argument in Holy Family Parish
533	10	The elderly and disabled should get priority with social housing over work shy layabouts. If social housing is to be integrated into private housing regions then all areas must be involved Somerton Rd, Innisfayle, Waterloo etc and not just the

		Cavehill Road, lower and middle Antrim Rd.
535	10	Many of the families who avail of social housing are young and without disability, therefore work should not be an alien concept. The social housing at the Milk marketing Board site has proved my point, I often see residents from there going to the shops in their pyjamas mid morning. Any support that I would have given would be those who deserve it the elderly and the disabled
541	10	How can I support social housing in the parish?
542	10	The government must provide social housing
549	10	Unfortunately social housing can bring problems for the elderly already in the area
585	10	I would say there are some issues around poverty in the parish. Excess wealth I would imagine NO, but I'm not sure. I think social housing in the private sector has its place but also taking in sensitivities of all concerned
593	10	I am permanently unwell so I don't get out much
807	10	The problems of social housing have to my mind, never been properly addressed. All living in social housing, adults and children are blamed for the anti social excesses of some
811	10	It has been well documented that there is a real need for social housing in North Belfast. It's a ticking time bomb and could lead to serious social unrest unless it is addresses
815	10	Everything in this area is important
826	10	The nature of my job opens my eyes to deprivation that continues to exist within the community. The work of St Vincent De Paul reaches out to both communities and is welcomed by families and government bodies who rely on help for the needy among us
854	10	Buy to Let should be banned from our parish (and elsewhere) as this is unfair competition for first time buyers and has effectively priced them out of the market. It should only be buy to live!
856	10	It depends if the excess wealth (or some of it at least) is being used for good causes/social care
882	10	as neighbours, regardless of social background, well mixed communities that can respect the diversity (and some problems) of the individual members can enable more cohesion between the 'haves' and 'have nots'. I feel that there are very significant issues re poverty-much of it is hidden in society. There are problems of wealth that enable abuse of drugs, alcohol, gambling and people. Thank God for SVde P
892	10	Affordable rented accommodation is probably going to be more important as house

		ownership will be prohibitive for the majority
902	10	I fear that our parish is strongly divided by class, area and choice of place to worship to the extent that there may well be two parishes which have parallel existences. ( I hope that I may be wrong in expressing this opinion
906	10	An integrated social/private housing mix to meet the needs of the parish would be ideal
919	10	I think social housing is not a necessity. I feel that Holy Family has come down these last lot of years with Tom, Dick and Harry moving in everywhere and all of the houses to let is not good for Holy Family
948	10	None of my children got an association house in the area and neither did we.
950	10	My view on SVP when we had a large fire in our home tow and a half years ago 4 rooms were destroyed with contents, our bedroom was a black sheet, my daughters wedding dress, religious statues. Two members of SVP came to see us, their comment, you are not so bad. We were forced to leave our home for 4 months. Unable to live in Holy Family parish, we were here for over fifty years. We had to go to a fold at the Markets, borrow beds, chairs bed linen etc and pay rent of £78 per week for a single person's flat. After supporting SVP for many years we stopped paying but restarted. For people of our age 78 and 87 years we felt very sad.
952	10	Affordable housing, both social and private, should be an objective. A mix of affordable private and social housing provides better opportunities for genuine integration
958	10	In the past I would have strongly agreed with the statement on my obligation to support social housing but having experienced the hooliganism, and vandalism emanating from social housing projects close to where I live. I now feel no moral obligation to support <u>any more</u> social housing in my area. It's widely believed that north Belfast is the dumping ground for problem families and individuals. Within a mile radius we have homes for alcoholics (wet and dry) paedophiles young offenders as well as accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped individuals, a number of single occupancy flats from where groups of feral youths roam the streets. Those of us who have worked hard to provide for our families and to maintain our homes now find ourselves under threat from an influx of drunken individuals who enjoy spraying graffiti on to our properties and generally behaving in an anti social manner. Does no one ask of them where their moral obligation is in relation to their neighbour?
963	10	I see a lot more poverty and bad housing in this parish as compared to St Agnes' Parish
976	10	What exactly is social housing?
983	10	Stop landlords from purchasing houses in our parish as this only increases the price of housing and hence adds to the thousands on the waiting list. Landlords rarely take action against anti social behaviour

In your opinion what do you think the Social Justice Group should focus on most?

- The young people of the area
- Protection of our youth
- Try to make the community a nice area to live in where people feel safe and secure
- Elderly
- Housing (affordable/social)
- Making sure there is affordable and or social housing for parishioners
- Finding alternatives for young people who are roaming the streets at night and engaging in anti social behaviour
- Ensuring that all parishioners regardless of age, class or social standing are made to feel valued by the parish and their needs are met
- Mental Health is a big concern
- Debt counselling
- Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Poverty and exclusion in N Belfast
- Education
- Employment
- Developing world issues
- The problems caused by the conversion of family homes into apartments and flats in many areas of the parish. Particularly where these conversions are beside long term family homes
- Develop sport opportunities within the area
- Focus on the attack of our Catholic schools by our assembly and Sinn Fein
- Crime prevention
- Activities for young people outside of the youth club
- Parenting programs
- Promote parish web site
- Environmental issues

- Involve youth in Church activities e.g. reading, ministers of the Eucharist
- Radios to the housebound
- As soon as someone moves into a street someone should go to visit them
- Total inadequacy of street policing
- Lack of respect shown by children and teenagers for people and property
- Loneliness
- Single parents
- Additional and affordable pre-school provision
- Cynicism among the young
- Women's rights
- Education/ transfer and its implications
- Approaching elderly or single people to assist them in joining activities
- Poor parenting skills
- Activities for teenagers on the Cavehill Road
- Investing in our young people
- The age group between 30 and 60
- How to involve more parishioners in different areas
- The sick and house bound
- Involving young people in the life of the church
- Supporting families in need
- Striving to maintain and improve our catholic schools
- Child abuse
- Suicide
- Divorced/separated (support)
- Valuing our young people
- Family breakdown
- Domestic Violence
- Practical support for widows and widowers
- Life skills

- Encourage the parishioners to develop more concern for political issues, social issues environmental issues
- Vandalism
- Abuse against elderly
- Social activities for the elderly
- Befriending of elderly
- Challenging of attitudes
- Faith issues in relation to the youth
- Better use of parish centre
- Use of church facilities by non mass goers
- Access to St Therese' Church via Bearnageeha
- Repossession of homes
- Environment
- Academic selection
- Contact with elderly in Residential homes and their partners/relations
- The very young
- Abortion
- Talks on drug/alcohol abuse, suicide etc
- The next generation
- More supervision of children's homes in the area
- Support for carers
- Re opening our place of worship
- Bringing the community together in various ways
- Carers
- The disadvantaged and needy
- Building strong, accessible community support system
- Transport for the elderly
- Take Belfast City Council to task about the state of the area
- Integration of immigrants to parish
- Encouragement of support groups for those affected by depression, suicide, bereavement, prison,

addictions, divorce

- Seating provision in Holy Family Church
- Help protect law abiding people
- Getting the clergy to visit every home once a year
- Parish volunteers to help support vulnerable in our parish
- Make known the services available for the elderly
- The poor
- To continue with the sterling work already being done in the parish
- Catholic education
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Young (usually unmarried)couples
- Opportunities for young people with disabilities
- Unemployed of the parish
- Ensuring effective accountable policing
- Retirement home in parish
- Providing services for elderly, those suffering conditions such as Alzheimer's
- Flyers giving information on what's available
- Equality
- Providing youth facilities around the Cavehill Road
- Sexual Health
- Counselling
- Young people's problems
- More family events
- More events during the summer
- Fun days
- Older teenagers who are simply forgotten
- Helping the parish youth to feel involved
- Somewhere for you people to talk to counsellors without feeling intimidated
- Family support groups

- Drop in centres or cafes for young people
- Chill out places for young people/adults
- Information sessions for people, parents, teenagers on topics relevant in today's world