



Your Parish Needs

YOU!!!

Formation of and Elections to the Parish Pastoral Council *Seeking Christ Together*

As part of the on-going quest to lead the parish to become even more open, welcoming, and inclusive, the Mission Development Team (MDT) are delighted to announce the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The PPC will be responsible for developing the parish mission and strategy, investigating, reflecting, and reaching conclusions about pastoral matters and consulting with and making recommendations to the Parish Priest.

The Pastoral Council will have a pivotal role within the parish, following the 'maintenance to mission' principles of 'Divine Renovation', and will appeal to people across the adult age range who wish to use their God-given skills and talents to help the parish achieve its mission.

The PPC will work in conjunction with other existing groups: the MDT, Finance & Premises and Communications, and will look to form the following teams: Mission, Growing in Faith, Family & Youth, Welcoming, Operations and Events Coordination.

YOU Can Help Make a Difference

This Is A Unique Opportunity For Every Parishioner To Make A Difference And Help Shape The Future Of The Parish.

The opportunity to help *make a difference* is open to all adult parishioners. When fully established the Pastoral Council will be formed of twelve representatives covering all age groups. Eight members, representing different areas of parish life, will be chosen and appointed by the Parish Priest - four in the first year and an additional four in the second year. There will also be four members elected by parishioners in the first year. All members of the PPC will serve for a three-year term, meeting six times per year, with the first meeting in the new year 2022:

- Cycle 1 – Appointment of four new members and Election of 4 new members
- Cycle 2 – Appointment of four new members
- Cycle 3 – No Appointments/Elections

Your Call to Action – Put Your Name Forward

Nominations for election to the Pastoral Council will be sought from parishioners and an election held this Autumn. All adult parishioners will be entitled to stand for election and to vote, and the four nominees with the highest number of votes will be invited to join the Pastoral Council. Parishioners interested in putting their name forward for nomination can find further information, the nomination form and the full PPC Terms of Reference on the parish website. Copies are also available from the Parish Office.

An application form, available from the 16th/17th October, needs to be completed by all nominees and returned to the Parish Priest no later than 28th November.

The Process & Important Dates for Your Diary

- **16th/17th October 2021** - The nomination process will begin, with a deadline of **8th November 2021**. Nomination forms, which need to be completed by all nominees, will be available at the back of the church and on the parish website and should be returned to the Parish Office.
- **13th/14th November 2021** - The nominees will be announced and voting papers distributed. Voting papers and a ballot box will be available at the back of the church and all adult parishioners of voting age are eligible to take part.
- **28th November 2021** - The ballot will close.
- **Sunday 5th December 2021** - Results to be announced at an Open Parish Meeting (OPM).
- **11th/12th December 2021** (on or about) - The parishioners elected and appointed to the Pastoral Council will be announced.

Our Parish Priest

Canon Anthony commented, 'a considerable amount of work has already been put into getting the project to the stage where we can now invite other parishioners to become involved to help shape the future of our parish. We are already blessed by having a supportive and talented group of parishioners, who currently help in so many ways. The call for volunteers to help marshal services during the pandemic had a great reaction and saw many more people coming forward to help. It would be wonderful if nominations for The Pastoral Council attracted even more parishioners to come forward as we continue our journey to become an even more vibrant and outreaching Catholic community. Do talk to me further if you would like anything explained, but above all seriously consider putting your name forward. The importance of this mission for our individual and collective future cannot be overstated'.