

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – BEING THE GOOD NEWS BY PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

This week's readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Gospel Luke 12:49-53

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change. The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other. *Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members.* It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God. **Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message:** Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel. **Scriptural context – Turning point:** As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel. **Historical Context – Family ties:** In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

Being the Good News ...

www.cam.org.au/blackburnsouth

Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson
Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell
Part-time Parish Secretary
Wednesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays
10.00am - 2.00pm

Email: blackburnsouth@cam.org.au

Website:

www.cam.org.au/blackburnsouth

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:

Tues. @ 11.00am &

Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am + 7.00pm
on Thursday only this week.

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass
times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
for Adoration Wednesday
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to
reveal by his preaching and writings the
mystery of your love for the poor, grant
that those who already glory in your
name may persevere as one heart and
one soul and that all nations may merit
to see your salvation. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians,
surgeons, students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, especially
Bernardine O'Meara, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Keith Yelland,
Vicki Bowes, and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this
weekend. For Sean McKinnon who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries
occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St John Eudes, priest;
Tuesday: St Bernard, abbot, doctor; **Wednesday:** St Pius X, pope; **Thursday:** The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin Mary. *Mass this evening at 7.00pm to pray for the protection of Families.*
Friday: St Rose of Lima, virgin; **Saturday:** St Bartholomew, apostle. **Sunday Masses:** Preface II
of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. I.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY next week during the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass. *This
weekend's Worksheet is available from the notice-table in our Church foyer.*

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with
zeal. (Luke 12)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51) Living a stewardship lifestyle means
stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause
waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed
and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

NEXT PARISH THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP PERIOD begins in November this
year. If you would like to support the Parish via **Direct Debit, Credit Card or Electronic
Funds Transfer** rather than via Envelopes please contact Sonya in the Parish Office
a.s.a.p. to make this happen.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this Saturday 17th August and 31st August.

**DISCERNING WHO TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL:** We now move into the formal **DISCERNMENT** phase and we are all invited
to PRAY to determine 'is God calling you to share your gifts and talents as a member of
the next Parish Pastoral Council to build the faith community of St Luke the Evangelist?'
**All Parishioners are invited to gather with the Steering Committee on Sunday
13th October from 1.30pm - 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment
Gathering.** Please refer to the supplement this weekend for more details.

TREE SAFETY CONCERN: The mature Gum Tree on the North side of our Parish property,
adjacent to the north-east corner of our Carpark Exit and on our front fence-line, has
Bracken Fungus and the Arborist says that there is very little that can be done. In the interests
of public safety for all Parishioners, Neighbours, Guests and Pedestrians and after the recent
fatality in Royal Parade, it will be removed and a new tree planted to take its place; with this
disease it also has a propensity to randomly drop its' limbs.

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020
ENROLMENTS:** There are still **LIMITED** places available for 2020 in our Parish Primary
School. Do you know a Family who might like to send their child/ren to our School?
Please let them know asap, especially for 2020 enrolments. Please ring the School Office
on 98774023 for more details.

CATHOLICARE SUNDAY ANNUAL APPEAL: We deposited \$336.65 into
CatholicCare's account during this past week; our contribution for 2019.

**MIGRANTS & REFUGEES WEEK 19TH - 25TH AUGUST CONCLUDING WITH
ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS:** Sunday, 25 August 2019. Rosary at 2pm, Mass at
3pm. St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Main celebrant: Archbishop Peter A
Comensoli. **ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.** Please see Church noticeboard for more details.
<https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2019/>

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: On Saturday September 7 at 10am at
St Patrick's Cathedral, Archbishop Peter will ordain four new priests for service in
Melbourne. Please pray for Deacons Andrew Choi, Nathan Rawlins, Michael Buck and
Trac Nguyen as they prepare for ordination. All are welcome to the Ordination Mass at
the Cathedral to pray for these men and to rejoice in the gift of four new priests for
Melbourne. On this day the Archbishop will also ordain three deacons in preparation for
priestly ordination at a later date.

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST: This next opportunity will take place on Friday the 20th
September 2019 and features Fr Leo Patalinrug. Fr Leo is being hosted to Australia by several
Archdioceses, including The Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has a high profile as a chef, TV
host and martial arts exponent which are tools in his real trade of 'evangelising'. Cost is \$50
with group discounts available. The time is strictly 0700 - 0900 hours. There is a new venue
being the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne (not the Athenaeum Theatre) His talk will
be "be a man and feed your family". Enquiries: michael.bohan@menalive.org.au The **Catholic
Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in
their faith. Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

EMMAUS COLLEGE: The Principal of Emmaus College Mr Tony Hirst invites you to the 40th
Anniversary Gala on Saturday 14th March 2020. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

INTER-PARISH WALK: Join others from surrounding Parishes for a relaxed 1 hr walk,
and share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards. Next Sunday 25 Aug 2019, 1.45pm for
2pm start. Location details to follow. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon
and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual
attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country
and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Monica Hodder
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Kana Chelliah
10:30 AM Marg Yore

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

Melina Barcellona
Megan McLean
Teresa Rhynehart

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Shirley Prabha
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Beryl Chelliah
10:30 AM Dale Dixon

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

Olive Hammill
Darren McLean
Mike Yore

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Rita Gibb
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Joe Brogno
10:30 AM Leigh Kelly

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

Terry Wells
Marie Pekish
Pamela & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Choir
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson
10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

Tony Lobo
Anthony Fernandez
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

17 AUGUST 2019
Engelina & John Nyhuis

24 AUGUST 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

24 AUGUST 2019

Team 1 (Val's Team)
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,
Megan McLean & Anthony Fernandez

MAINTENANCE

24 AUGUST 2019

Team 8
Don McKenzie &
Charles Chin

UPDATE FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA: Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

GRILL'D BURWOOD are supporting the St Luke's PA Sensory Garden Project during August. Grab a burger and drop your token in the jar and help us win \$300. Please see our Church noticeboard for more details. *Shop 30, Burwood One Cnr Blackburn Road & Burwood Hwy, East Burwood.*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2019 Knox Public Lecture Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm **Dr Trudy Dantis The Voices of Plenary Council** Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3366 R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. For more details please see Church notice-board.

"THE POWER OF CREATIVE ARTS TO BRING YOUR MESSAGE TO LIFE": Take advantage of Christian creative arts to build confidence & enhance your life, reach your goals in performance, work and daily life, workshop on 24 August 1pm by professional trainer from Cog Theatre Group Free but Must Book trybooking.com/BELCX In Glen Iris Catholic Church Hall. 0413398528. You will also be introduced to Cog Theatre Group to see if you are interested in being a performer or volunteer in in our many projects & shows. Training is provided which is great way to have fun whilst learning. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? – The Siloam Program is an accredited full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program, which commences in Box Hill VIC in Feb 2020, blends academic and practical work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. The Program may be studied as a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction, with Fee-Help available to qualifying students. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

'TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS' - TUESDAYS, 1PM-3PM/4PM, 20 AUG

- 10 SEP 2019: Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. This reflection series, led by Nicole Rotaru rsm, includes input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Remaining sessions will cover: Spirituality; Relationship; What is the meaning of my life?; Gratitude; Death - Mystery. Come to one or all. Cost \$30 per session. Contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO: This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 12:49-53, reminds us to bring 'Peace, not division'. The one and only Mother Hilda from the Abbey uses her sage words yet again to guide us, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy inspires us with his God spot on 'Thundering Joy', and many of your other favorites. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

by ... Promoting God's Hospitality

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, & Rosters**

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Children's Liturgy Group

Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Stewardship Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

Pastoral Council &

Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Whitehorse Deanery

Finance Committee

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ the
Parish Office - 9877 2292

Care Group & Gardens

Judy Noy - 9894 1506

Church Sacristan

Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers

Megan McLean 0419 347 693

Parish Garden Maintenance

TBA

Holy Communion

to the housebound

Emmaus College

Education Board Parish Reps

Maureen Mac Mahon &

Bernard O'Malley

Parish & School Choirs

Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

9877 4023

Parish and School

Fete Committee

T.B.A. - 9877 4023

Parish School Advisory Board

Ed Weekes - 9877 4023

Parish School

Parents' Association

Ed Weekes - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?

Mass for Protection of the Family

Thursday 22 August, 2019

(Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South, Vic (Melway: 61 J2)

7:00pm Holy Mass - Celebrant: Fr. Gerard Johnson PP.

7:30pm Adoration and Confession, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy

(to 8:30pm) Chaplet, Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Families.

Plus prayer to St. Joseph. Concluding with Healing Prayers.

F.A.M.I.L.Y - Father and Mother, I Love You!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
God's Wonderful Family
Teach us to live
The life that you lived
Of love, joy and liberty;
Let the dear peace
That filled your home
Fill our hearts every day,
That together with you
We may show to the world
God's-wonder-ful-family-way.

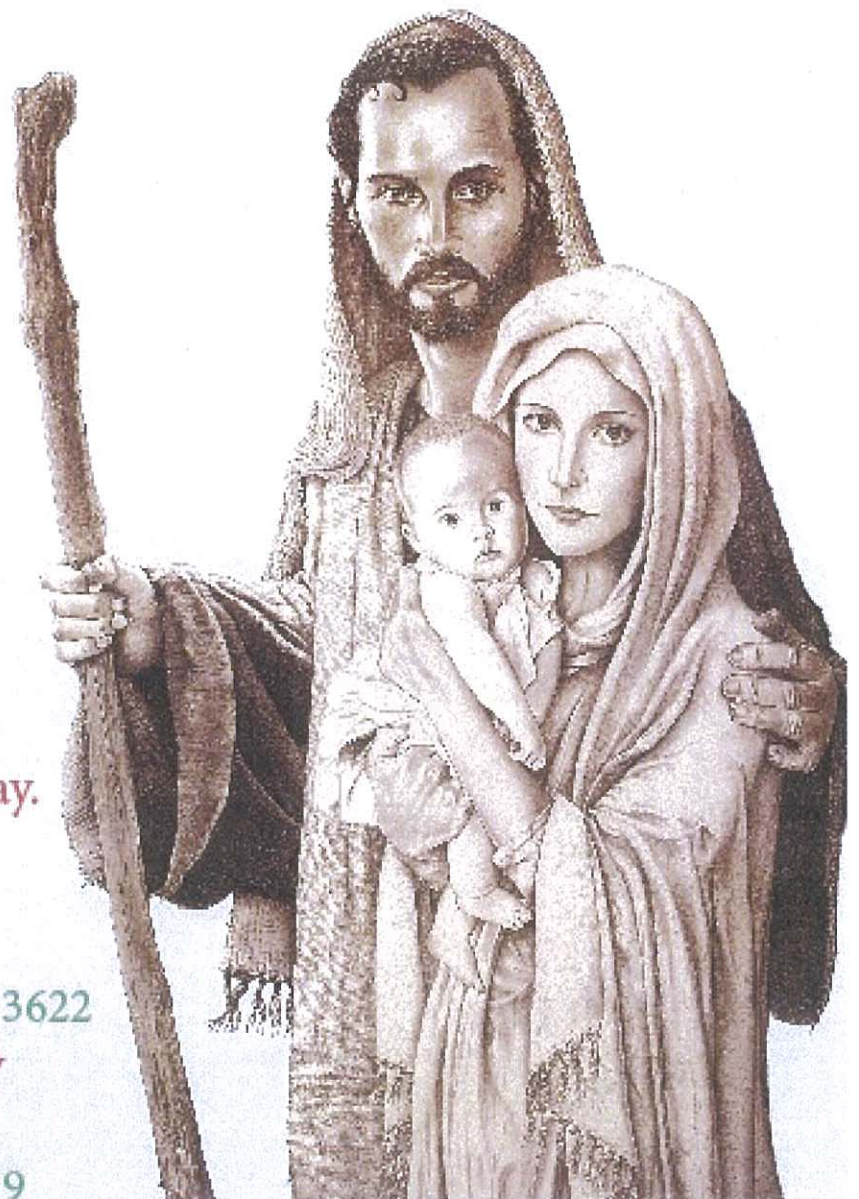
Enquiries:

Bernadette O'Hanlon - 9842 3622

John Canavan, Divine Mercy

Publications - 9830 4386

Paul O'Hanlon - 0419 366 739



What qualities are required of pastoral councillors?

- Commitment to Christ and the Church, with a parish community perspective
- Openness to listen and evaluate
- Willingness to work in a team
- Positive and hopeful outlook
- Respect for the efforts of others
- Sufficient time and energy
- Reliability in attendance and tasks undertaken
- Readiness to include others in action
- Loyalty to the Pastor and to one another
- Willingness to serve for a time and then let go.

What is the process for finding new Parish Pastoral Council members?

There is no set process for finding new members. However, one very fruitful process is to invite all parishioners to recommend (not nominate) other parish members for possible membership. All those recommended are then invited to an Information Meeting to receive current information about Pastoral Councils and to hear what is expected of members. At the end of the meeting, participants are asked to indicate whether they wish to accept or decline possible membership. If the number of acceptances is more than required, the membership can be finalised either by negotiation or a discernment process.

The civil approach of obtaining members by using the nomination and voting process often produces less than helpful outcomes e.g. parishioners may become Council members with inaccurate ideas of what is expected of them. Also, those not chosen may have a sense of being rejected by the whole parish community.

Cecilia Anning rsj

For further information see website:

Parish Pastoral Councils in Australia
www.ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc/

An initiative of the
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

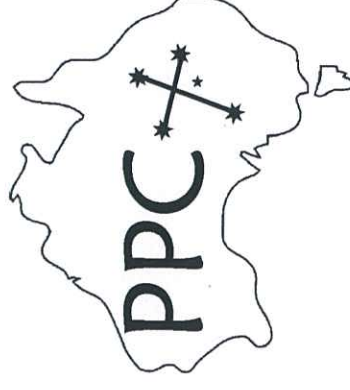
Helpful resource:

Anning, C. (2007) 3rd edition
Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils



For details of contents, reviews and online ordering see:
www.bne.catholic.net.au/opc/manual.html

Parish Pastoral Councils



Brief Overview

Why have Parish Pastoral Councils?

One of the outcomes of the Second Vatican Council (1960s) was the promotion of the Parish Pastoral Councils as part of the movement towards shared responsibility and shared service.

Parish Pastoral Councils are a practical expression of the reality that by reason of our Baptism, every one of us is equal in dignity and responsibility when it comes to living and communicating the love and values of Christ in our world. This can be understood as promoting the Mission of the Church, which is the task of all of us, not just our Church leaders.

The Vatican II's Document on the Laity #26 states:
The purpose of Parish Pastoral Councils is to assist the Church's apostolic work

- *In the field of making the Gospel known and people holy, and*
- *In charitable, social and other spheres.*

What is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council's role is to:

- Promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us
- Share in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the parish community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.



In what ways are Parish Pastoral Councils implementing their role?

- Listening and gathering information about the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Generating responses to the identified issues
- Encouraging and supporting the continuing good work of existing groups within the parish
- Providing opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
- Supporting and encouraging parishioners in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community
- Planning for the future of the parish by setting realistic and achievable short-term and long-term pastoral goals for the parish community within the framework of the Archdiocesan Synod priorities of *Jesus Communion Mission*
- Overseeing the implementation of these pastoral goals
- Contributing towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- Providing support for their Pastor, working collaboratively with him and with each other.

What are the issues for Parish Pastoral Councils to avoid?

- Finance council responsibilities e.g. financial planning, practical aspects of building and maintenance, direct involvement in planned giving
- Day to day organisational responsibilities of the parish staff.

What are some examples of issues on which Parish Pastoral Councils have worked?

- Planning for the future of the parish in consultation with parishioners
- Managing times of transition e.g. change of pastor, sharing a pastor
- Promoting participation by young people
- Organising or encouraging appropriate Faith Education opportunities
- Linking with the wider community e.g. in the areas of ecumenism, social justice, community events
- Establishing interpersonal links within the parish and between local parishes
- Building welcome, inclusion and communication within the parish.



How long is the term of membership?

In general, the term of membership tends to be for two (2) years with the option of serving a second consecutive term, before standing down for at least one term.

How many people are usually members?

The recommended size for an effective Parish Pastoral Council is approximately 12 members. For small faith communities, this may be reduced to 6-10 members. The Parish Priest must be a member. Usually the Pastoral Associate and parishioners make up the total. Sometimes, there may be one or two ex-officio members e.g. the Catholic School Principal and a member of the Finance Committee.