



Parish Pastoral Council Annual Report - 2023

Dear fellow parishioners,

I am pleased to be able to provide you with a report from the Parish Pastoral Council ahead of our Annual Parish Forum. The 2023 Annual Parish Forum will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 26 at 11 am. It will be immediately followed by our end of year luncheon that is open to all parishioners, where we will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions so many people have made to the life of our parish this year.

The agenda for the Forum and the associated papers are attached to this report. In addition to this report, at the forum parishioners will receive a report on the state of parish finances and will be asked to consider the adoption of the proposed Parish Strategic Plan and nominations for appointment to the Parish Pastoral Council.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Membership

In 2023 the Parish Pastoral Council comprised the following members:

Ex Officio Members	
Rev. Binh Le	Parish Priest
Kaylene Carlin	Principal, Sacred Heart
Colleen McCambridge	Principal, St Margaret Mary
Marlene Monahan	Representative, Parish Finance Committee
General Members	
Katherine Wong	Elected Chairperson – Member since 2022
Anita Bilaver	Elected Deputy Chairperson – Member since 2022
Bang Bui	Elected Secretary – Member since 2022
Grace Frazzica	Member since 2022
Tony Nicholson	Member since 2022

This year we welcomed Colleen McCambridge to the Parish Pastoral Council and farewelled Andrea Richards with grateful thanks for her time as Principal of St Margaret Mary's School.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Activities in 2023

The focus of the PPC work in its eight formal meetings throughout the year has been the drafting of a strategic plan for our parish. Our thoughts and ideas have been significantly influenced by the themes arising from the various consultations we had with parishioners late last year. As this strategic plan has evolved, we have raised our ideas with parishioners at forums held in March and August. The proposed three-year plan forms an attachment to this report.

In recent times we have begun to take small steps that reflect the three priorities of the plan.

Within **Belonging** we have recommenced Coffee and Cake after Mass, stepped up our welcoming of people as they arrive at Mass, and added a St Joseph's Feast Day lunch. We also look forward to our end of year luncheon which has been extended to all parishioners. We have also been working on communication and are nearing the completion of a parish website that will assist in the provision of information and in spreading the word.

Within **Belief** we have recommenced children's liturgies through the generous help of our teachers and parishioners.

And within **Sustainability** we have established a Properties Advisory Group with a membership of Parishioners with appropriate skills. It's task is to bring forward a long-term property master plan and to determine how the value of unutilized property can be converted into a new ongoing income stream for our parish.

These are small steps, and we want to be more ambitious in the coming year. But to do so, we need more parishioners to become involved, so please consider how you may be able to contribute and have a chat with the people coordinating the teams.

I look forward to seeing you at the forum and at the lunch next Sunday.

Kind regards,
Katherine Wong,
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council