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THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is comprised of the Parish Priest and members of the Parish Community, along with the School Principal and Assistant Principal.

Its purpose is twofold: to offer counsel to the Parish Priest in his ministry of leadership and service of the parish; *and* to actively work to bring vitality to parish life and mission and to draw others into the initiatives inspired by the PPC. The work of the Council is therefore not limited to the meetings themselves though as individual members of course have many personal, family and professional commitments it's understood that this involvement will fit in with this wider range of commitments.

The PPC is not directly involved with the financial and administrative dimensions of parish life (the Parish Finance Committee [PFC] is a separate body) and the meeting agenda is structured so that issues considered by the Council are in the areas of pastoral planning, mission and growth, and empowerment of the parish community.

The PPC seeks to follow the synodal pathway put before us by Pope Francis - a methodology of mutual listening and discernment open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because of that it is vital that members participate in our twice yearly parish Synodal Assemblies.

Meetings take place around every six weeks between February and November on a mid-week evening - either Tuesday or Wednesday - from 7:30 - 9:00pm. The dates are set before the beginning of the year. There is a joint end of year dinner for the PPC and PFC in December hosted by the parish as an expression of gratitude for the work of both groups during the year.

Because of the synodal spirit of mutual listening and discernment it's essential that members attend, if not all, at least the vast majority of the meetings (which would normally total only 6 or 7 a year).

The term of office of a member of the PPC is three years, though members are welcome to put themselves forward for a second term.

The PPC is a vital and privileged ministry in the parish which has the potential to bring vitality and focus to the life and mission of the parish community.