

The Journey

The role of a Parish Pastoral Council is to work shoulder to shoulder in ministry with the Parish Priest to build the active faith life of the community through prayer, sacramental and liturgical celebrations, connectedness with the community and outreach in social justice.

The St Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets bi-monthly and during the latter half of 2016 first half of 2017 has been engaged in renewal of understanding of its role and to discern the needs of the Parish moving forward.

The PPC members have been working on the Parish Pastoral Plan for 2017 - 2020 and will take these Pastoral Goals to the Parish . Thus it is timely to renew the membership of the St Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council

Current PPC Members:

Bernie Basevi (Chair), Rita Duggan, Terry Jackson,
Maureen Law, Liz Stevens, Carol Schor,
Anne Scicluna, Dave May

Ex-Officio: Fr Martins, Fr Dominic, Jacqui Heffernan,
Julie Valentini, Erica Drewsen.

Timeline

November 2016

Review of the Parish Pastoral Council

February – July 2017

Draft Parish Pastoral Plan Developed

September 2017

Launch of Parish Pastoral Plan 2017-2020

November 2017

Renewal of the Membership of the
Parish Pastoral Council

Formation process for the PPC

Commissioning of the renewed
Parish Pastoral Council

December 2017

Review of 2017

Development of detailed
Pastoral Plan & Calendar for 2018

Early 2018

St Bernard's Parish Assembly

February 2018 onwards

Parish Pastoral Council enacting
Parish Pastoral Plan

The Pastoral Plan will link current ministries
with the Goals & engage the gifts of
God's people in the Mission.



St Bernard's Parish

St Bernard's Parish Batemans Bay is in the
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

"That All May Be One"

John 17:21

We welcome many visitors and have a caring
community which encompasses the area from
Durras to Tomakin and West to Nelligen

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2017 - 2020

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Martins Aloga

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Goal

Building community as a Parish through welcome & support

Welcome

- Enriching the Baptism Preparation Program
- Forming a Baptism Team
- Focusing on follow up & keeping the connections

Building Community

- Establish Parish Social Committee such as:
 - Extending Cuppas
 - Dinners for 8
 - Activities - Trivia night, Progressive Dinner, Parish Picnic etc.

Faith Formation

- Fostering a faith-based community
- A renewed understanding of collaborative ministry - working together with priests & the Parish Team

Schools & Parish Relationship

- Fostering good communication at all levels between the schools and the parish

Goal

Enriched Liturgical Celebrations

Life-Giving Liturgies

- More inclusive celebrations through:
 - Engaging with multicultural groups, including indigenous Australians.
 - Inviting multicultural groups to provide aspects of their culture to the liturgy
 - Revival of the bi-annual Passion Play
 - Dramatisation of other significant events or ceremonies
 - increased engagement with music and choir ministry

Life-Celebrating Sacramental Preparation: Adults & Children

- Engaging and supporting parents in the faith journey of their child
- Providing more opportunities for parents, children and parishioners to participate in Parish liturgy, sacramental journey and outreach
- Establish an RCIA Program

Faith Formation

- Provide opportunities for deeper understanding of the liturgy

Schools & Parish Relationship

- Connecting schools in liturgical celebrations in the parish

Goal

Engaging Youth in the Parish Community

Engaging Youth Outside School

- Developing youth leaders
 - Year 13 (Gap Year) Youth Ministers 3 lots of 3 week blocks
 - Engage Youth Catechists to deepen sense of the sacraments
- Youth Gathering once a semester at St Bernard's Parish and Sacred Heart Parish
 - Establish regular Family Masses
- Preparing for 2018 Year of Youth
 - National pilgrimage to Sydney
 - Preparation for 2019 World Youth Day

Faith Formation

- Increased opportunities for multi-age understanding of faith and challenges of living the faith today - events, etc.

Schools & Parish Relationship

- Combined school and parish social justice and outreach events?