



ST BERNARD'S PARISH BATEMANS BAY PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWAL PROCESS

*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 2017 and early 2018 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 the Plan is available to parishioners and will be discussed at a Parish Assembly early in 2018. 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.

Vacancies: There are **3** vacancies for the Parish Pastoral Council.

Tenure: 2 years with the opportunity to renew for a further 2 years.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council is:

- ❖ A team comprising 8 parishioners, some members of the local schools, the Parish Priest, Fr Martins and Assistant Priest, Fr Dominic
- ❖ the Pastoral Council's role is to offer considered advice and assistance to their Parish Priest, working together in a spirit of collaborative ministry to foster pastoral action:
 - action which is centred on and inspired by Jesus Christ;
 - action which proclaims the Gospel in terms that are relevant for members of the community;
 - action which builds the parish as a community for mission.
- ❖ The focus areas for the Parish Pastoral Council have been determined in the Parish Pastoral Plan and feedback from the broader community will be gathered at the Parish Assembly early in 2018

The St Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council meets bi-monthly from 5.00pm until 7.00pm. The night is currently the last Thursday of the month but this may be negotiated at the first meeting. Membership will be for an initial term of two (2) years.

The Process:

Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council:

You are invited to give prayerful consideration to nominating yourself or someone else to the Parish Pastoral Council who is keen and willing to work with others to bring about the Parish Pastoral Plan.

What qualities do I need to accept nomination as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council?

- ❖ Prayerfulness
 - ❖ Commitment to the Parish community
 - ❖ Sensitive to community needs
 - ❖ A good listener
 - ❖ Enthusiasm and a sense of humour
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Nomination Form:

I nominate _____ for the St. Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council. I understand that all nominations will be considered and that a discernment process may be held during November and I will be invited.

Signed: _____ **Nominee Ph:** _____

Address: _____

Signed: _____ **Nominator**

Signed forms and paragraphs from nominees must be placed in the box provided at the Church or at the St Bernard's Parish Office by **Tuesday November 7. Please include contact details.**

If you have any questions or wonderings do not hesitate to contact Fr Martins, Fr Dominic, Bernie Basevi or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Copies of the Parish Pastoral Plan 2017 – 2020 are available in the Church or on the Parish website.