



OUTLINE FOR ST MATTHEW'S & ST VINCENT'S PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST MATTHEW'S HALL: SATURDAY AUGUST 4 2.00-4.00PM
"...we, who are many, are one body in Christ... Romans 12: 4-5"

Purposes of the Assembly:

- *To foster and build a commitment to co-responsibility to move forward as a united Parish community respecting and unifying the gifts of our communities*
- *To take stock and offer insights to inform the processes for developing a Parish Pastoral Plan and the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council*

Processes will be conversational & engaging of everyone's insights and shared story.

2.00pm: Session 1: Overview of Context - Shared Story

- Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer and Purpose Fr Simon
- Hopes for the Assembly Ms Phil Billington
- Taking stock: What is our context?
 - *Our Parish - Our Church - Our Pope - what is God asking?*
 - understanding and sharing our story until now
 - understanding ourselves as the People of God
 - understanding the call to be Parish - Pope Francis
 - the Plenary Council in Australia 2018 - 2021
 - Our Parish context

2.45pm: Session Two: Discussion in Groups - Moving towards a Parish Pastoral Plan - what are the gifts & opportunities for our Parish?

- **Small group discussions**
 - *What is going well in our Parish at present?*
 - *What could we do differently into the future?*

3.30pm: Session Three: Looking to the Future with Hope

- Gallery Display of Ideas - eliciting some trends
- *What is needed to be the living Body of Christ?*
- Mission & Ministry - *Partnership in ministry at service of the community*

Plenary: Our Parish Direction: Next Steps Fr Simon
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Working Group → formation of a Parish Pastoral Plan 2019-2021 & Launch Date...
Renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council → early in 2019
Annual Parish Assembly - conversation

3.55pm: Prayer of Thanksgiving