

**Recommendation /Offering Process for the St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul
Parish Pastoral Council**

Recommendations Close: 21 February 2021

Parishioners are invited to offer themselves or recommend others in the parish for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

This is done by:

- Completing a recommendation form. Agreement of the person being recommended is not required.
- Placing your completed form in the box in the foyer of the church. (Both churches)

Once recommendations have been received

- All parishioners recommended will be contacted and the role and work of the PPC will be explained in more detail.
- A brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the PPC is provided on the back of this form.
- Each person recommended will have the opportunity to either accept or decline the recommendation.

Parish Pastoral Council Recommendation for Membership

You are invited to recommend as many parishioners as you wish. You may complete more than one form.

You may also recommend yourself.

The number of times that any person is recommended will have no bearing on the final membership of the Council

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**I wish to recommend the following members of our parish as possible members of the
Parish Pastoral Council.**

Recommended Candidate 1.

Name: _____ Telephone (if known) _____

Email: (if known) _____

I consider this person would bring to the Parish Pastoral Council the following qualities, talents, experience.

Recommended Candidate 2.

Name: _____ Telephone (if known) _____

Email: (if known) _____

I consider this person would bring to the Parish Pastoral Council the following qualities, talents, experience.

Recommended by: _____
(Optional)

THANK YOU

This information will only be shared with current members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) – information for prospective members

Some of the identified challenges that face our parish community are:

- Reaching out to young families in the parish.
- Identifying new parishioners and making them feel welcome and part of the parish.
- Supporting and encouraging participation of our multicultural community in all aspects of parish life especially active participation in weekend Mass.
- Outreach to the marginalized.
- Meeting the needs of the elderly.
- Catering to the needs of the disabled.
- Attracting young people and keeping them involved in our parish.
- Progressing the Parish Pastoral Plan.

Role of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC's role as representatives of the parish community is to:

- provide leadership on pastoral matters and support the priest in ministry to the parish community.
- share in the responsibility for developing, improving and implementing initiatives to assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as followers of Christ and effective Christians in society.

What Are The Functions of a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)?

- Search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners.
- Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish.
- Encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish.
- Evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church.
- Set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish.
- Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.
- Develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society.

Personal attributes of prospective Parish Pastoral Councillors

- People of faith, commitment and openness of mind.
- People who are tolerant and non-judgmental.
- People who are able to listen to and respect other people's ideas and have common sense.
- People who can accept change and are adaptable.

Responsibilities

Accepting recommendation to be a member of the St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would require a commitment to:-

- attend meetings.
- participate actively in meetings and activities organised by the PPC.
- support PPC initiatives and share the workload undertaken by the PPC.
- listen to and understand the issues facing parishioners and bring these to the attention of the PPC.
- actively seek opportunities for personal faith development and gain skills that may benefit the PPC.
- provide prayerful support and encouragement for members of the PPC.

Term of Office

- Each member will be appointed for a period of 2 years, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.
- Approx half the members will be retained to ensure continuity and transfer of knowledge within the PPC.

Further information: Parish Office at belconnensouth@cg.org.au or 6254 1827.

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