

OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

St Brigid Parish, 392 Marrickville Road

Marrickville, NSW 2204



St Brigid's Parish Pastoral Council was established over 35 years ago. It is a response to the Second Vatican Council's call for the full participation of all the people of God in the life and mission of the Church.

The Parish Pastoral Council ...

WHY?

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to promote and support the evangelising, worshipping and caring mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest. It enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in mission of Jesus and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish's plans for the future.

WHAT?

As a consultative body, it provides advice to the Parish Priest. It focuses on the life of the Parish in a strategic manner, rather than on the daily operations of the Parish which are the principal concern of the Parish Team. It listens in consultation and dialogue to advance the mission of St Brigid's as "a Christ-centred Eucharistic community in which people of many cultures worship God and inspire each other to live the Gospel message". It develops with the Parish Priest, a Parish Pastoral Plan to identify the priorities and initiatives to strengthen its life and mission.

HOW?

There are eight to ten nominated Council members, plus the members of the Parish Team. Membership is determined through a process of consultation and discernment, including a process of recommendation by Parishioners followed by formal nomination. A ballot may be used if required. The Parish Priest may choose to appoint some members.

WHEN?

The Parish Pastoral Council meets about six times a year.

Membership on the Parish Pastoral Council is no longer than four years, ordinarily consisting of a two-year term which is renewable for a second two-year term.

To facilitate continuity, half the Parish Pastoral Council members ordinarily continue for a second term, as determined by the Parish Priest.

WHO?

The process of consultation and discernment seeks an overall membership that reflects

- a range of appropriate adult age groups so that the broader St Brigid's community is mirrored;
- a balance of women and men so that the genders of the broader St Brigid's community are mirrored;
- a range of cultural communities, so that the cultural compositions of the broader St Brigid's community are mirrored;
- a range of various personal and professional gifts and talents that can be offered to the community, as the need arises.

PPC members should possess the following qualities.

- A commitment to the practice and nourishment of the Catholic faith, the Parish community and its mission.
- An ability to collaborate and consult with others for the mission of the Church.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, including listening.
- An openness to ongoing formation, prayer and learning.
- A capacity to think strategically toward the development of a Parish Pastoral Plan and pastoral initiatives.

- A respect and commitment to the unity of the Parish and its works of mission.
- A willingness to deepen one's understanding of the Passionist charism in order to serve St Brigid's Parish.

**Fr Giltus CP PP is calling for nominations
to the Parish Pastoral Council.**

Please reflect on the information in this brochure and the desired qualities of members.

**If you discern that you should nominate yourself, or another parishioner with their
consent, nomination forms will be available soon.**