



# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

## Pastoral Council

### Role of the Council

Our Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world.

Our Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

### *To fulfil this role and develop a Pastoral Plan we will:*

- Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in holiness and to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission and so transform society
- Listen and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Encourage and support the continuing good work of existing groups within our parish
- Set short-term and long term pastoral goals for our parish
- Provide support for our Parish Priest, working collaboratively with him and with each other
- Development, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners to continue to live as effective Christians reaching out to all people in society.

### *To fulfil our responsibilities as members we will:*

#### *In a spirit of prayerfulness -*

- Attend the regular meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Provide input into the deliberations of the Council
- Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners
- Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Council
- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist with effective participation in the councils operation
- **Actively participate in the implementation of a Pastoral Plan of action.**

### *Parish Priest*

- Father Anthony Lemon

### *Pastoral Associate*

- Barbara Grant

### *Council Representatives*

- Christine Wightley - Chair
- Philomena Zambelli – Deputy Chair
- Denise Banner - Secretary
- Faith Buchanan
- Carolina Carnio
- Alex Lever
- Tim Waugh
- Tony Zambelli

## **References**

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