

Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah – Parish Pastoral Council

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Invitation to volunteer for one or more new Sub-Committees of the Parish Pastoral Council; or to express interest in joining a Ministry.

Following a wonderful response by parishioners to the recent Questionnaire, the Parish Pastoral Council considered the range of ideas put forward and discovered there were some suggestions which appeared in one form or another in many responses. It was decided to begin working with these widely-held hopes, and as a start it has been decided to form **two new sub-committees of the Pastoral Council with parishioners invited to volunteer to serve on one or both of these.** They are:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Please consider whether you could work with others to enrich fellowship and fun within Sacred Heart Parish. Many volunteers will be needed – some to form a Planning Committee and many to actually organise and run whatever events are decided. It is hoped there will be activities for all ages and interests – possibilities are almost unlimited! Indoor, outdoor, with or without food, active or not! Covid-19 restrictions mean there may be some delay in certain activities, but if we begin planning and organising now we will be ready as soon as restrictions ease.

CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE. Those who form this sub-committee will be involved in anything and everything they decide may raise the spirits and make life easier for those who need support, friendship, a listening ear or practical assistance either regularly or for a short time. At this time nothing is definite in terms of what would be done by members of this group, and those who volunteer will have many good ideas themselves.

Please turn over regarding **Expression of Interest in a Ministry.....**



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Please return your completed form by placing in the Parish Pastoral Council Submissions Box in the Sacred Heart Church.

To: Fr Anthony Lemon, PP
Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah 2484

Dear Fr Anthony,

I VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING SUB-COMMITTEE/S OF THE PPC

Social Committee

Care and Concern Committee

I understand that training may be required and a Police / Criminal Record Check and / or a Working with Children clearance may also be necessary.

Signed: Email:

Name (printed) Phone

Address:

Further information about myself

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WHAT IS ‘MINISTRY’?

In the book, *Modern Catholic Dictionary* written by John A. Hardon, S.J., Fr. Hardon defines ministry as “authorized service of God in the service of others, according to specified norms revealed by Christ and determined by the Church.”

In an extract from “Catholic Faith and Teaching” (Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn) we read: **“Lay ministry within the Church** can be divided into two broad categories: liturgical and faith related ministry, and ministry as employees of Catholic organisations. The first category encompasses lay participation in the Eucharist (readers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Communion), as well as the wonderful work done by catechists, children’s liturgy coordinators and pastoral chaplains to name just a few examples. The second category covers those ministering as parish secretaries, members of parish committees, diocesan staff and the many lay Catholics who minister in our schools, hospitals and other institutions.”

There are many other forms of Ministry within our homes, community, circles of friends and our workplaces.

We know some in the Sacred Heart Parish would like to join one or more of the Ministries listed in the form below – but have not been quite sure how to do that. If you are interested please complete the form below.

Please turn over regarding **Social and Care & Concern Committees.....**



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN A MINISTRY

To: Fr Anthony Lemon, PP
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Dear Fr Anthony,

Please consider my request to join the team involved in the following Ministry / Ministries. (Please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State School Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Programme |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) | <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Liturgy | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcomer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another Ministry (please state) | | |

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