

Parish Pastoral Council General Information

What is the Parish Pastoral Council ?

The Parish Pastoral Council has been established since 2000 under a mandate from the Arch Diocese to provide a leadership role within the parish to enable priests and people to work together with a shared responsibility for the mission of the church. The Council is presided over by the Parish Priest/Local Administrator and the priests, parish sister and parish secretary are ex office members. The remainder of the Council are parish laity elected at the Parish Assembly (every two years) and/or nominated by the Council (a copy of the council's constitution is available from the Parish office)

What is the purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership structure that enables priests and people to work together to build up dynamic Christian communities that are characterised by faith, evangelisation, worship and service. To this end they discern what is best for the parish in light of the gospel, the church's teaching and what the Holy Spirit is saying through the People of God. Their major tasks involve:

Reflection and planning	Establish needs of parish community
Animation	Enable baptised to discover their call as disciples of Christ –discern the gifts of parishioners –develop by formation
Action	Match needs of Parish with the gifts and resources in the Parish
Communication	Ensure effective dialogue within parish –wider community
Evaluation	Review life/activities of parish

Reference -a handbook for Parish Pastoral Council –Jane Ferguson (page 20/21)

Who Are We?

We share a common mission – gospel based – which is bigger than any particular interest group. A pastoral council must articulate, in dialogue with the whole community, a vision of itself and the parish. It is to this ideal that we are striving.

Council Members 2015 - 2018:

President: Fr. Tony Coote

Chairperson: Kevin Galligan

Secretary: Ailish Carney

Fr. Paddy O’Beirne (Ex Officio), Fr. Conleth Meehan (Ex officio), Sr. Catherine Greene Parish Sister (Ex Officio), Patrick Kelly, Gerry Brady, Jacinta Quinn, Helen Horan, Eveline Deegan, Marie Aherne, Gillian Úi Almhain, Ray McMEnamin

What Do We Do?

The Parish Pastoral Council offers a genuine forum for reflection on the pastoral concerns, hopes and ideas of parishioners.

The Council meets on the second Monday of the month. The Parish Pastoral Council is concerned with issues that affect the life of the parish rather than the administration or financial management of the parish.

The Agenda is set one week in advance of the meeting. Parishioners are invited to submit in writing issues they would like to see included on the Agenda. Submissions can be left in to the Parish Secretary, Sheila Behan or given to any member of the Council

Parish Finance Committee

A separate committee appointed to manage the Parish Finances. The Pastoral Council has no responsibility for the Parish finances

Parish Pastoral Centre

A separate management board under the chairmanship of Eoin Farren has been established to manage the affairs of the Pastoral Centre. That board manages its own finances for the Centre, both income and expenditure. The Board is answerable to the Pastoral Council for the pastoral usage of the centre.

Co-Operation with Neighbouring Parishes

The Archdiocese has requested that the Parishes of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion establish strong links with a view to sharing resources and planning joint initiatives.

Suggestions for Parish Pastoral Council

You are encouraged to use the facility of the suggestion box adjacent the Pastoral Council Notice Board. All suggestions will be considered and acknowledged.

Parish Website

Go to www.kilmacudparish.com

Child Protection Policy:

Your attention is drawn to the notices around the Church illustrating our Child Protection Policy and copies of the detailed policy are available from the Parish Office. These notices contain, among other names, our Child Protection Representative and her contact details.

The council has appointed an overseeing group to keep the implementation of the policy under review.

All Church workers involved with children are subject to a Garda vetting.

Contact – kilmacudparish@eircom.net or 2884009