# St. Anne's Parish Pastoral Council

# Election of New Members - 3/4th June 2017

St. Anne's Pastoral Council ends its 3 year term of office in June 2017. Some members will be continuing to serve for another 3 years and some will be leaving. We are now recruiting new members and hope to be ready to elect the new members on 3/4<sup>th</sup> June.

### What is a Parish Pastoral Council?

A parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a group made up of the Parish clergy and lay people who feel they would be willing to contribute to the building up of the Parish as a loving Christian community. Pope John Paul 11 said that Parish is "the Church living in the homes of its sons and daughters." The PPC is a representation of those homes.

The members of the PPC come together as individuals who have a Christian mission to follow Christ and to enable others to do so too. We are asked to "work together as partners in fulfilling the mission of Christ in our own place" (Share the Good News, 2010)

The PPC responds to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Parish, taking account of the current circumstances of the Parish, the teaching of the Church and the reflections of the members of the community in light of the Gospels.

#### Could I be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council?

All baptised Catholics over the age of 16 years old who participate in the life and worship of the Parish are eligible to be members of the PPC.

If you are willing to contribute to the life of the Parish in an atmosphere of coresponsibility, mutual support and open, effective communication please consider putting your name forward to join the PPC.

## What would I have to do?

Membership of the PPC is for a 3 year term.

Meetings are held monthly from September to June.

There is an overnight retreat each Oct/Nov for reflection and formation.

#### What do I have to do now?

If you are considering becoming a member of the PPC include these thoughts in your prayers.

Speak to one of the current PPC members if you want further information.

Take a nomination form, complete it and return it to the Parish office.

Forms will be available in the Church porch from 13/14 May.

If you return a nomination form Fr. McGrady will contact you about how the election is going to proceed.