

**ST ANNE'S PARISH**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

We the undersigned, having read the qualifications for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council, being over the age of 16 and participating in the life and worship of the parish, wish to nominate the person named below for election to the Council.

Name of the person you are nominating .....

**FIRST NOMINATOR**

Name .....

Address .....

Post Code ..... Telephone No .....

Signature .....

**SECOND NOMINATOR**

Name .....

Address .....

Post Code ..... Telephone No .....

Signature .....

**ACCEPTANCE OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED**

I agree to my name going forward for election to the Parish Pastoral Council. I have read the statutes and if elected I am willing to serve as a member for three years according to the provisions detailed in these statutes.

Signature .....

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Email ..... Telephone No .....

Please outline less than 40 words your interests and/or current involvement in the parish or other relevant activity. This information will be published within the parish to assist voters in making an informed decision (See note A).

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*Full details of the vision for the Parish Pastoral Council and how it collaborates with the Parish Priest can be found in the Statutes.*

*The following extracts from these statutes details some of the key requirements for people who agree to be nominated for election to the Parish Pastoral Council.*

2.1.4 All baptised Catholics over the age of sixteen who participate in the life and worship of the parish and who are available to attend a minimum of half the meetings of the Council in each year, are eligible to be members of the Council.

2.2 Members of the Council are required to:

2.2.1 attend meetings of the Council [see 2.1.4 and 2.4];

2.2.2 contribute to the deliberations of the Council;

2.2.3 assist, where possible, with the implementation of parish policies;

2.2.4 grow in knowledge and awareness of what is happening in the parish;

2.2.5 take part in the training / induction of all new Council members and avail of on-going formation.

2.3 Members of the Council shall serve for a term of three years.

2.3.1 No elected or co-opted member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

2.3.2 After a three year break, previous members shall be eligible for further election or co-option.

2.3.3 After each three year term of office, the Council shall retain up to one third of its members (elected and co-opted) to ensure continuity.

2.4 Any member failing to attend three consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned. Vacancies shall be filled by co-option.

7.1 Prayer together, study and in-service education are of paramount importance for every member of the Council.

7.1.1 A programme for these activities shall be agreed at the first meeting of the Council each year.

7.1.2 Members are encouraged to attend events organised by the Diocese in support of their service as a member of the Council.

7.1.3 At least one meeting each year shall be an overnight meeting to allow an extended time for prayer and to share and discern the needs of the parish, in order to plan the work of the Council more effectively.

8.1 The dissolution of the Council, for whatever reason, is a matter for the Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

#### **Note A: Sample pen profiles**

Anna is a mother of 3 young children who is particularly interested in expanding faith development initiatives for young people. She believes it is vitally important to bring our faith alive for the next generation.

John is a member of a variety of parish groups including the One World and Spred Groups. He has served as a school governor for a secondary school outside the parish, and wants to further improve communication within the parish.

Alice is about to start a medicine degree at Queen's. She has been involved in the youth forum for three years and wants to get more involved in parish life and represent young people on the Council.