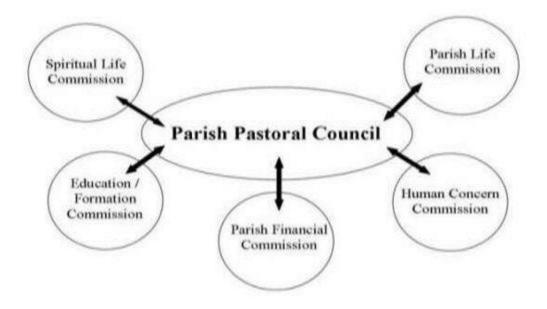


# St. Anne's Parish

## **Personal Reflections**



I was unsure and nervous about joining the PPC. I am not 'holy' or deeply spiritual but I have a strong faith and attend regular mass. I felt it was an opportunity to deepen my faith, to learn more about the parish and to offer practical skills in organising events and projects along with others. It has been a tremendous experience - I feel God plays a bigger part in my daily life. I have witnessed God working in our parish through others especially in the recent Mission. I would encourage others to consider what skills and experience they might offer to the PPC. (By the way there are always tasty refreshments at the meetings!)

### Angelina Fusco

My PPC journey has let me feel the joy and love in my faith to connect it back into everyday living, and realise that I need the support of being in a faith community to do this; and in praying and working for my community I was praying and working for me.

#### Carole O'Hara

Being part of the PPC for the last three years has helped to show me the many different ways in which God works among us in a Parish context. It has been a concrete example of how many rooms there are in Our Fathers house, different personalities and different spiritualities but one God working to establish his Kingdom.

**Douglas Gilroy** 

I can't believe it has been three years since I became a member of our parish pastoral council. I was surprised when a member of the parish asked me to consider putting myself forward to serve as a member. I was a bit apprehensive at first but soon settled into my new role in the parish with the help of my fellow members. The high point of my time over these three years has been the preparations for Conor McCarthy's ordination and the recent parish mission which was a great success. It has been a privilege to work along with fellow parishioners during these last three years and I would encourage anyone who may feel drawn to serving the parish in this way to allow their name to be put forward. Harry Fitzpatrick

I have enjoyed and felt very privileged to part of the PPC for the last six years. Not only have I made friendships with the all the others on the council but I have seen the possibility of what a parish of the body of Christ can be. I was concerned about the commitment that it would require but with only one meeting a month and a lovely 24 hours in Dromantine each year everything else that I was involved with eg the ordination, the mission, Gift the Lord gave me all I needed i.e energy and time to give my best effort.

#### Margaret Magorrian

