



Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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Dear Parishioners

Over the last year or so we have been working to bring our two parishes of St Columba and St Theresa together. We have rearranged the times of Holy Mass and we have begun the process of bringing the two parishes together in Church law. The next stage of this process is to renew the Parish Pastoral Council. I thought it would be helpful to outline what the Parish Pastoral Council is.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a collaborative and consultative body that allows the Parish Priest to obtain the input of parishioners and to hear how they stand on various issues affecting the parish. The Parish Priest is called to lead the parish, to preach the Gospel and to celebrate the sacraments and is ultimately responsible for the spiritual, pastoral and material well-being of the community. Members of the parish council are called upon to offer their opinions, expertise and advice and so enable him to fulfil this role responsibly.

For the Parish Pastoral Council to be effective it is important that it is truly representative and diverse in terms of sex, culture, age, outlook, expertise and in our case there needs to be a balance of parishioners from both St Columba and St Theresa's.

The previous Parish Pastoral Council has met for the last time and I hope to have a newly constituted Council in place to meet in mid September. I have already received a number of nominations but I would be very grateful to receive any final nominations by 31st July. You can nominate a parishioner by emailing one of the parish offices or by completing a nomination form at the back of Church.

With Prayers and best wishes.

Fr. Jonathan Brandon
Parish Priest