

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

7:30 pm Parish Centre

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

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Last Thursday evening we held an “Open Parish Meeting”; an opportunity for parishioners to meet with the PPC and offer their input into helping shape our future. At this meeting we focused on our Parish Pastoral Plan – tracking its progress and discerning possible implementation of the plan in the near future. The PPC offers guidance and direction, and the Parish Office coordinates, but the actual implementation of the plan is ultimately achieved through the various parish ministries. Ultimately, we are all responsible for the plan’s implementation.

One aspect of the plan we have been focusing on during the season of Easter is the liturgy. To this end we have been holding formation sessions for various ministries: Communion Ministers, Readers, Acolytes. These ministers play such an important role in our Sunday worship and their ministry cannot be taken for granted. Ongoing formation of these ministers is essential if we are serious about nurturing our liturgical life.

However, our major event will be the Liturgical Assembly: “Sacred Space and the Dynamics of Worship: Completing our Church.” Our Church Building and its liturgical layout is immensely important in determining how we gather and celebrate liturgy. We are fortunate to have Rev Dr Stephen Hackett MSC share his knowledge of the relationship of architecture to the celebration of liturgy.

For those who register a copy of Stephen’s article “Continuity and Contradiction: Post Conciliar Church Design” (recently published with other essays by various liturgists in a book titled: *Vatican Council II: Reforming Liturgy* eds. Carmel Pilcher, David Orr & Elizabeth Harrington, ATF, Adelaide, 2013) will be forwarded to you.