

**St. Michael's and St. Bernadette's Parish Pastoral Council**  
**'A Time to Listen' – An Invitation for You to Take Part**

Dear Parishioner,

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is working to generate proposals and ideas for future development and direction for our parish. As part of this initiative the Council is inviting you all as individual parishioners to be involved in what we are calling "A Time to Listen".

This is an opportunity for you to influence the developing future of our parish. This may result in new ministries being introduced or a better focus for our existing parish activities and ministries. "A Time to Listen" will be a conversation between you and two members of the PPC. There will be no set agenda for these conversations. **You will be free to talk about any area of parish life that you feel is important to you.** Your thoughts will be taken forward into the PPC and all input shall be included in the process of formulating a new vision for growth within our parish life. The PPC want this to be a very open and inclusive activity. Whether you are an individual, a family, or parish group you are encouraged to take up this invitation and take part in this initiative.

Members of the PPC will be happy to answer any question you may have about "A Time to Listen" before you decide if you would like to be involved; their names are provided overleaf. You will also see there some suggestions for topics you may wish to cover if you agree to have an arranged meeting with members of the PPC but please remember that you will be completely free to talk about the things which are important to you.

The PPC exists to serve the whole parish community. It is important for the PPC to hear first hand about your experiences of life in our parish, and to provide the opportunity for you to share your hopes and ideas. It is hoped that a large number of parishioners will accept this invitation and use this opportunity to take part in this important activity. The conversation you have with the two PPC members will take place at a time and in a place of your choice; it could be in your home, at church or in some other location.

**If you would like to take part PLEASE provide the information requested below and then give the completed form to any member of the PPC or put it in the yellow SUGGESTIONS BOX in the porch.**

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BELOW**

My name is ..... and I would like to accept the invitation to talk about our parish.

Please indicate where you would like to meet to talk about our parish by ticking **ONE** of the boxes below and providing the information requested.

I would like a home visit. Please provide your full address including postcode.

**OR**

I would like to meet after Mass. Indicate which Mass you usually attend by circling **ONE** of the following:

Sat 6.00pm      Sun 8.45am      Sun 10.00am      Sun 11.15am

**OR**

I would like to meet elsewhere. Please specify below where you would like to meet.

Please provide a phone number:

Please provide your Email address (optional):

**THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION, YOU WILL SHORTLY BE CONTACTED BY A MEMBER OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.**

**Who are the current members of the Parish Pastoral Council?**

The names and photographs of the current members of the Council are displayed in both porches.

**Here are some suggestions for topics you may wish to cover in your conversation with the members of the PPC:**

- How long have you lived in our parish?
  - How does our parish make you feel welcome?
  - In what ways do you feel supported by the parish?
  - What experiences of happiness have you had in our parish?
  
- Do you feel you have opportunity to share your experience with the parish?
  - Skills
  - Strengths
  - Knowledge
  
- What would you like to see our parish doing in the future?
  - Spiritual / faith
  - Involving people
  - Supporting people
  - Children's mass / Youth mass