

ST JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Our vision as a parish is to spread the light of Christ in our community by being a recognisable ray of this light.

The Parish Council is about to draw up a new Parish Pastoral Plan and we need your help please. We have been asked to choose 5 Key Areas from the 13 below identified by the Archdiocesan Synod. All begin with the words “Go, you are sent...” Please put a circle around the areas you believe should be included in the Parish Pastoral Plan. These areas will become the foundation of our new Pastoral Plan as we move forward together as a parish. If you think there are other key areas that would help us achieve our vision but are not listed, please include them in Box 14 below.

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<p>1. To the peripheries of society Create an “infrastructure of pastoral care” for the disadvantaged among our own people and those in our local area.</p>	<p>2. To develop a spirituality of service Develop new and inclusive forms of spiritual growth which reflect the diversity of our parish and encourage people to re-engage with their faith and ongoing development.</p>
<p>3. To find leaders Identify adventurous, creative people with initiative to discern and offer their gifts in new and existing leadership roles.</p>	<p>4. To manage your assets wisely People are our primary asset. Pastoral needs, mission and the common good are paramount. Our church and sacred spaces are places of beauty. Buildings are open, welcoming, flexible, and multifunctional.</p>
<p>5. To deepen your bicultural relationship Deepen our understanding of Te Ao Māori and embrace biculturalism as an integral part of all our activities and decisions.</p>	<p>6. As members of the One Body Celebrate and reflect the diversity of our parish community. Bring together all ethnicities and ages as equal and respected members of the One Body.</p>
<p>7. To your own peripheries Create pathways for the inclusion of those who perceive themselves to be on the peripheries of the Catholic community including the disadvantaged, separated, divorced, and remarried.</p>	<p>8. To care for creation Make our “care for creation” an integral part of our activities and decisions.</p>
<p>9. To fellow Christians Actively promote more integration and partnership with other churches particularly in action on social issues and joint worship.</p>	<p>10. To accompany one another Remove the attitudinal and structural barriers to all our groups and communities “having a voice” and participating fully in the liturgical and spiritual life of the Archdiocese and our parish.</p>
<p>11. To support marriage and families Engage with families and parents to build trusting relationships, supporting them in educating and involving their children in the faith. Support older people in their social, emotional and spiritual needs.</p>	<p>12. To build community Be an inclusive and welcoming people. Create opportunities for the development of relationships between all parishioners. Strengthen the relationship between parish and school.</p>
<p>13. To communicate effectively Establish an inclusive parish culture of open, respectful two-way communication between all parishioners. Connect with the online formation and learning opportunities provided by the Archdiocese.</p>	<p>14. Other key areas</p>