

Parish Pastoral Council Elections 2019

Elections for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are due to take place in March. This year we need to elect six parishioners, or people who worship regularly at the Sacred Heart, to become members of the PPC for a two-year term of office, as our current Chair and Secretary have completed their terms of office and others have resigned due to other commitments.

What is the PPC?

The PPC is a consultative body that meets approximately once a month to pray and reflect on parish life. Together with the Parish Priest it is responsible for the ongoing life and development of our parish community. It works to support our efforts as parishioners to live as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ.

What does the PPC do?

The primary task of the PPC is to assist our Parish Priest in the work of parish pastoral planning. This means supporting our parish community, helping parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other, and encouraging us to be a Christian influence in the wider community. For more details about the role of the PPC please see the Parish Council Handbook at www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

What qualities might a member of the PPC need?

The PPC suggests that a person with some or all of the following qualities would make a suitable member:

- an enthusiasm for the future of the parish
- regularly worship in the parish
- already volunteer in one or more parish activities
- a good listener with an awareness of the needs of others
- an ability to discuss and work towards a consensus in a group
- an awareness of the role of the parish in the wider community
- a good record of fulfilling commitments made.

New faces, people from minority groups and people between the ages of 16 and 35 are particularly welcome to apply.

How will we elect members in 2019?

All parishioners are invited to recommend any number of members of the parish community who they consider would be suitable to serve as members of the Pastoral Council. Parishioners can, of course, also nominate themselves. Names of possible candidates, together with their contact details, should be emailed to Wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk or sent to the Parish Office by **Monday, 25 February 2019**.

At this stage it is not necessary to ask the person you are recommending if they would be willing to serve on the PPC – the opportunity to accept or decline will be provided at a later stage.

All those recommended will be invited by Canon John to an Information Meeting to be held at 7pm on Sunday, 3 March. At the end of the meeting they will be asked if they would be willing to join the PPC.

If the number of people willing to serve equals or is less than the number of vacancies, those recommended will be appointed. If the number of people willing to serve is more than the number of vacancies, an election will take place later in March.