

**Parish of St Paul's Coburg & St Oliver Plunkett's Pascoe Vale**

**NOMINATION FORM  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2026**

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**WHY DO YOU WANT YOURSELF OR YOUR NOMINEE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?**

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**WHAT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE WOULD YOU BRING TO THE COUNCIL?**

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**This Nomination is Confidential: Closing Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Completed form to be emailed to [application.parish@outlook.com](mailto:application.parish@outlook.com)

Or placed in an envelope marked PPC CONFIDENTIAL and passed directly to Fr James

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## NOMINATING FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Parish Pastoral Councils** emerged widely after Second Vatican Council to strengthen the Church's mission and encourage all parishioners to live their universal call to discipleship. Fr James established our Parish Advisory Board as a first step, guiding us faithfully through Covid, the *Take the Way of the Gospel* process, and our Jubilee Year celebrations. As our parish grows, it is now time to align with the wider Archdiocese by forming a Parish Pastoral Council—Christ-centred, inclusive, and mission-focused.

**Faith Formation** will be vital, supported by an Archdiocesan facilitator who will help us discern needs, shape pastoral plans, and strengthen our community.

**A Parish Pastoral Council is a key consultative and planning body.**

**Drawn from the parish community, its members serve to help carry forward the mission of Jesus Christ, working co-responsibly with the Parish Priest.**

Fr James now invites parishioners to express interest in joining a PPC of approximately eight to ten members. While these parishioners will take on a particular leadership role, they will need the support of us all, for each of us is called to continue Christ's work until God's values of love, justice, and peace shape every heart and mind.

### STAGE 1

#### A **Parish Prayer and Discernment.**

Prayer and discernment are the foundation and guide that ensure that the decision making and lives of the people in a particular parish are consistent with Gospel values, the teachings of the Church, the policies of the diocese and the values of the parish.

#### B **Gauging the interest of parishioners** in becoming members of the 2026 PPC

We must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us all to best represent the wonderful diversity of our local community. What works well in one parish may not necessarily suit another

### STAGE 2

#### **Calling for Nominations**

A parishioner may nominate themselves or another parishioner and obtain the endorsement of at least one other parishioner.

Nominations must be made in English and on the form provided in the foyer and on the website. This form will ask you to tell us about yourself; especially the two crucial things we need to know:

- 1 Why you want to become a member of the PPC, and**
- 2 What skills and interests you would bring to the appointment.**

All nominations will be treated with respect and privacy and will be considered in setting up the first PPC Council – and then as vacancies occur.

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### What's involved:

The commitment for each member involves far more than attending monthly meetings. Members will be asked to assist in at least one ministry and all lead or contribute their time and skills in gathering parishioners together to parish functions and fundraising efforts of the parish. Agendas may raise awareness of the need for problem solving. New initiatives will need to be introduced, and changes will always need to be managed. Listening to parishioners and developing relationships across the parish helps build community.

It is generally a three-year appointment. The PPC works in a cooperative way and rarely votes on matters before it, preferring to reach a consensus across its membership. When nominating, keep in mind that members need to be able to work well with others. Each member needs to be able to maturely navigate challenges and be attentive to the Holy Spirit praying that he will guide Fr James and the PPC throughout 2026 and the years to come.

### STAGE 3

**The Closing date for applications is PALM SUNDAY: 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
Completed Application Forms**

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As Fr James responsibilities allow, applicants will be short-listed and interviews will take place. All successful applicants will receive notification of invitation to join PPC.

To those not successful, an expression of gratitude for nomination will be offered in the hope that they will contribute significantly in the forthcoming parish ministries.

### STAGE 4

Fr James will call the group together and arrange an introductory meeting. Once the business of this first meeting is concluded a date will be set to introduce the PPC to the Parish, at which time there will be a **Commissioning Mass**.

***Our Parish thrives on the energy of its parishioners, and I urge you all to consider nominating yourself or someone else you believe has a lot to contribute and will cooperate with me to actively and faithfully support our Parish.***



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Fr James Puppady PP