

Amendment to the Pastoral Council Constitution to be ratified at the AGM 2026

(changes are marked in red)

1. Membership

- a. Members shall be baptised Catholics who participate in the life and worship of the parish and are available to attend a minimum of half the meetings in the space of one year.
- b. The Parish Priest is responsible for selecting the members in consultation with deacons and/or with the present council members. **In addition, two members will be elected by the parish Annual meeting to serve for a term of two years. At the end of their term, an elected member will be eligible to stand for re-election.**

For the avoidance of doubt, the two members elected at the 2025 Annual General Meeting shall be treated as having been elected for a two-year term, with their current term of office therefore ending at the 2027 Annual General Meeting.

c. Membership Voting Process for Elected Members

Where the term of one or both elected members is due to expire, or an elected position has otherwise become vacant, the following voting process will apply:

- **Nomination period** - Nominations for the two elected members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be open for a period of 14 days, ending no later than 21 days before the AGM is to take place.
- **Voting period** - Voting for the elected members will take place over the two weeks preceding the AGM. Ballots will be issued at the masses on the two Sundays before the AGM, but parishioners can vote in Church at any time before the AGM or on the night of the AGM.
- **Verification and counting** - Votes will be verified and counted by a designated committee at the AGM itself.
- **Announcement of results** - The results of the voting will be announced at the AGM, and the elected members will take up their positions immediately following the announcement.