

## From the Pastoral Council

- The Pastoral Council met on 8 July to consider how best to respond to all the many issues raised in the Future Directions survey of views within the parish. It is keen to implement the vision of synodality and inclusivity which our new Pope, Leo XIV, inherits from his predecessor, Francis. Following a decision by Roger Rassool and Peter Ryan to step down from the FD Working Group, the Pastoral Council calls for expressions of interest in joining such a planning group, with the role of developing a strategic plan and vision for the parish and of monitoring the implementation of new structures and practices. If you are interested in becoming part of this planning group, please contact the PC chair, [ConstantMews54@gmail.com](mailto:ConstantMews54@gmail.com) by **Sun 27 July**. Fr Tony Kerin will present his vision for the future of the parish on **2/3 August** within the Sat 6pm/Sun 10am mass. There are no set terms for being part of this planning group, which will then start working on an implementation plan to be presented to a **Parish Forum on Sunday 17 August 11.15-12.30**, followed by a shared lunch.
- The Pastoral Council comprises six elected positions (each for a four-year term, with the possibility of re-nominating at the end of one term). Its chair is elected at the beginning of each year. Three of the six positions technically fell vacant on 30 June 2025, and need to be filled. Two PC members (Constant Mews and Brigid Walker) are willing to renominate for those positions. If there are more candidates than vacant positions, elections need to be held by or on 17 August. If anyone is interested in standing for a position on the PC, they are asked to contact the Parish Office by **Sun 27 July** with a brief description about themselves and their background. The PC chair can also give advice about roles and responsibilities. The PC next meets on **Tues 8 August** (8pm), following the Finance Council at 7pm.
- Following the success of a working bee to clean up the church and its immediate surroundings last December, the Pastoral Council is proposing a **working bee** on **Sat 2 August 11.00-1.00**, followed by a shared lunch. Those interested should contact **Brigid Walker** [blwalker7@gmail.com](mailto:blwalker7@gmail.com). Constant Mews, Chair, Pastoral Council