

# Parish Pastoral Council 2025 report

## 1. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) engagement

The PPC is a consultative body focused on pastoral matters. We are responsible for organizing and implementing pastoral activities for various ministries within the framework of the Parish Mission Statement. Additionally, we assist the priests by advising them on various aspects of Parish Pastoral life.

The year 2025 has been marked by stability, maturity, and growing confidence within the Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC membership is now stable at 12 members, and there has been a noticeable strengthening in how members understand and carry out their roles. Compared to the previous year, the Council is more confident, more aligned, and more effective in supporting the Parish's pastoral mission.

We have maintained a consistent meeting rhythm, convening at least once every quarter, ensuring continuity in our discussions, decisions, and support to the Parish.

While the core objectives remained consistent with 2024, a key focus in 2025 has been the strengthening of PPC engagement and enhancing communication at the parish level. The PPC continues to deepen its understanding of its consultative role and to support the Parish Priest more effectively. Efforts have also been made to improve visibility and communication of pastoral activities within the Parish community.

Feedback from Fr Paul regarding the role and support of the PPC has been very positive and fully aligned with expectations.

## 2. Ministries

The Parish hosts over 30 ministries, each providing opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship, guided by the Holy Spirit. Information on ongoing ministerial activities, such as Catechism, Men's Breakfast, and Walking with Purpose, can be found on the Parish website.

The ministries of the Parish are stronger than ever, with increasing interest and participation from parishioners.

### **New Ministry – Women's Brunch Fellowship**

A major highlight of the year 2025 was the launch of the Women's Brunch Fellowship, which has been a remarkable success.

Open to all women of the Parish, this ministry meets every second Saturday of the month and provides a welcoming space to reflect on diverse topics that nurture faith, strengthen spiritual growth, and encourage fellowship.

## Young Catholic Ministry

Another significant milestone was the reinstatement of the Young Catholic Ministry, which has returned with great zeal and dynamism. This is a vibrant, faith-filled, and Spirit-led group actively engaging young people in the Parish through:

- Adoration evenings
- Bible study sessions
- Social activities
- Volunteering at parish events

The group has also enhanced its communication channels through WhatsApp and Instagram, increasing its reach and engagement.

### 3. Liturgical events

The Parish continues to host key liturgical and spiritual events that strengthen community life:

- The annual **Interreligious Service** was successfully held once again
- The **choir concert** in November was well attended and warmly received. The concert was a success, with strong attendance and fundraising opportunities.
- On 11 October, the 11:00 Choir organised a full-day retreat and rehearsal, combining prayer, reflection, and professional vocal coaching. This retreat provided participants with valuable techniques in breathing and vocalisation, which enriched both the rehearsal experience and the concert performance.
- In preparation for Advent, the Ignatian Spirituality group organised a Day of Prayer, offering parishioners a deeper encounter with the richness of different forms of prayer.

### 4. Fundraising events

Fundraising activities remained consistent with previous years, with no major changes in structure. Key events continue to be highly successful, not only in raising funds but also in fostering fellowship within the Parish. The Barrio Fiesta (Filipino) took place in May, followed by the International Street Food Festival in June. Both events were tremendously successful. We extend our gratitude to the Parish office staff for their extensive planning and organization. We also appreciate all the volunteers who contributed to these events' successes.

#### **Advent Dinner (Reinstated)**

A significant highlight was the return of the Advent Dinner after a long pause due to COVID. The evening began with a soul-stirring choir performance in the church, followed by a transition to the parish hall for dinner.

The event was well attended (packed), filled with warm exchange and fellowship and highly appreciated by the Parish community

Overall, fundraising events were a great success, contributing meaningfully to the Parish, and also serving as special moments of fellowship, filled with love, joy, and laughter that nourish our souls.

## **5. Other events**

### **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

This year, we reinstated the Volunteer Appreciation Event in the form of a half-day gathering centered on the theme: "Service"

120 participants registered. A strong sense of unity, reflection, and sharing was observed. Participants appreciated the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas. This event was widely appreciated, and we look forward to building on its success in the future.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Fr Carlo del Rosario for his inspirational talk on Servant Leadership, which received very positive feedback.

### **Welcome Weekend**

In October 2025, we organized the Welcome Weekend. The Welcome Weekend continues to be organised with the same enthusiasm and positive spirit as in previous years. It remains an important moment for integrating new parishioners and encouraging active participation in parish life.

The PPC remains fully and wholeheartedly committed to its mission: to stand alongside the Parish Priest in building a strong, vibrant, and faith-filled Parish community.