

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

17 August 2026

The Parish Pastoral Council met recently, opening and closing the meeting in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, and members discussed several important areas of parish life and planning.

Parish Week preparations are progressing well, with all arrangements on schedule. Although registrations are currently low, it is expected that numbers will increase closer to the event. Lyn Anderson has been confirmed for the Wednesday evening session.

Youth Ministry continues to grow, with encouraging attendance after the first few weeks. The 24/7 Youth Ministry team will reach out to local schools, including Chisholm, to invite more young people to become involved. The Council also discussed the importance of setting clear goals and expectations for the youth ministry leadership, with members invited to provide suggestions.

Outreach opportunities were also discussed. Shopfront has agreed in principle that a partnership with Morley Parish may be possible, although approvals and resources are still needed before this project can begin.

Carmelite community update: Fr. Adalbert shared news from the recent Carmelite Chapter meeting in Sydney. Final decisions have not yet been made, so current parish arrangements will remain unchanged for at least the next 6 to 12 months. The Council expressed its support for the Carmelite priests and discussed ways to encourage vocations within parish families and the wider community.

Finance update: The parish remains in a stable financial position, helped by a significant bequest now held in a term deposit. Planned Giving and second collection donations are lower than last year, largely due to the passing of some older parishioners. The Council discussed the value of regular financial updates and longer-term planning for maintenance and capital works.

Other parish updates: Photos of PPC members for the church foyer are nearly complete, pending one remaining photo. Fr. Adalbert has invited four parishioners to attend Acolyte Training, and the Archdiocese will hold the investiture ceremony for our area at our parish on 11 December. A retreat will also be hosted at the parish, and eligible younger servers will be invited to become senior altar servers.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday, 5 October at 7.00pm.