

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Pastoral Council

### Chairman's report 2013/2014

It is my great privilege to present this report of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council for 2013/2014. It has been a very busy year with Fr. Joe always at the helm with his guidance and support. Fortunately there have been numerous people helping to carry out all the tasks needed to have a busy and vibrant parish community. Many of these parishioners stay quietly in the background and I want to acknowledge those people also.

There are many groups also active in helping Fr. Joe with the various ministries of the parish. I want to acknowledge each of these group members and if you are involved, thank you. I would like to be able to personally thank each of you but there are too many to do so. Our parish benefits greatly from the involvement of all of you.

We strive to meet as many of the needs of our parish family as possible, the social as well as the spiritual. We have a parish picnic every year that is well attended. For the past number of years Fr Joe has had a St. Patrick's Day mass where the readings are done in the language, and a concert is enjoyed by all afterwards. Father Joe also celebrates Migrant & Refugee Sunday. The most important feedback we receive from visitors about Sacred Heart parish is the friendly welcoming parish it is.

During the year the Parish Pastoral Council have tackled many issues within the parish. A 457 petition was submitted to the N SW parliament on behalf of the many migrants in our parish. A "Reconnect" program has been discussed. It was agreed by the Parish Pastoral Council to implement this program in our parish. Another program implemented was a discussion program during the Pastoral Parish Council meeting was a discussion on relevant topics to the church family. "How Large Is Your Heaven" was the first topic to be given for discussion.

A parish information brochure is being worked on by Sister Coral. An issue with parking by the Holy Trinity School bus on days when the students were attending mass at the Sacred Heart church was submitted to the Inverell Shire Council with a good outcome. The PPC was part of the welcoming groups who hosted Bishop Michael Kennedy to a "Soup & Buns" evening at the presbytery during his annual parish visit.

I want to thank Father Joe and all the members of the PPC for having the confidence in me to be Chairman of the parish pastoral council during the last year. Your support and guidance has meant everything to me. I have become privy to the background running of a small part of keeping our parish going in such a positive way.

Thank you all again and also thank you to the parishioners for their support. To the incoming and current members I wish you all the best and God's guidance and love in your coming years of serving the Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you

Patsy Armstrong.