

Pastoral Activity Categories – Ranking Result

After significant input from Parishioners, the Pastoral Categories have now been ranked in order of importance. They are listed below from the most important down to the not quite as important.

All Pastoral Categories are integral to the development of the Pastoral Plan and all will be addressed in it. However, there will be slightly more emphasis placed on the more important Categories and slightly less on the less important ones.

1. **Spirituality & Faith Formation** – to nurture people spiritually in their community and help to growing their faith – prayer groups and bible study groups, teachings, missions, retreats – Lent & Advent reflection days and sacramental preparation courses – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
2. **Liturgy** – the celebration of the Eucharistic and other services – to ensure conscious, active and full participation from all present – the choice and arranging of readings, music and liturgical rites at every service – the prudent use of artistic elements to enhance the beauty of the Worship Space.
3. **Welcoming & Hospitality** – to ensure the Parish is somewhere people can feel comfortable – where they are treated in a fair and friendly manner - where they can always ask for help if needed - where there is always a smiling face and a friendly greeting to give a warm welcome to regulars and newcomers alike.
4. **Community Building** – to build relationships amongst Parishioners – to energise and stimulate vitality in Parish management, programs and activities – to foster a deeper sense of belonging and strengthen identity as a Parishioner – to generate greater enthusiasm for participation in Parish programs and activities.
5. **Evangelisation** – to spread the Good News in the local community – to witness to the Gospel by being a good example to others – to build relationships with lapsed Catholics and people of other denominations and faiths – to utilise sacramental programs, social events and outreach services to spread the Word.
6. **Leadership** – by both ordained and secular – to play key roles in Parish vitality – to inspire, motivate and empower people to participate actively in Parish life – to work collaboratively for the development of community.
7. **Outreach** – to provide service and assistance to the wider local community – to form links with government agencies and community groups, e.g. Caritas, Catholic Mission, SVDP – to support the needs of overseas community through funding for building projects, education and other development needs.