

# St Michaels Catholic Church Rondebosch

## Parish Pastoral Council Report:

August 2013 – May 2019

Prepared and presented by John O'Leary.

The elected and appointed PPC members were as follows:

Name	Elected / appointed / ex officio	Portfolio
John O'Leary	Elected	Chairperson
Dcn Tony van Vuuren	Ex Officio	Deputy Chair
Dee Lewis	Ex Officio	Secretary
Venessa Padayachee	Elected	
Gerard Boulle	Elected	
Paula Howse	Elected	
Eugene Calitz	Appointed	
Henry Chapman	Appointed	
Gracia Munganga	Appointed	
Tsungai Jongwe	Appointed	

### What were the goals of the PPC for this period?

1: to collaborate with the parish priest in the mission of the parish so that the pastoral welfare of all in the parish community may be promoted as effectively as possible and community life promoted and enhanced;

2: to provide a forum for hearing the views and proposals of members of the parish community in all that concerns the life and mission of the parish;

3: as a planning body, to study the life and activity of the parish, research its needs, and establish short and long-term goals to enable the parish to be faithful to its mission;

4: as a link between the parish and the Archdiocese of Cape

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<p>Town, to participate through the chairperson of the PPC in the deliberations and activities of the deanery pastoral council (“DPC”).</p>	
<p><b>Were these goals met? Briefly say how or, if not, why:</b></p>	
<p>Mostly these goals have been met, especially 1, 2 &amp; 3 above, through the ministries listed below.</p>	
<p><b>What unforeseen circumstances aided or hindered achieving these goals?</b></p>	
<p>Resignations of elected or appointed PPC members for work or family reasons;  Drought and the related water management challenges;  Child abuse scandals in the wider church.</p>	
<p><b>How did the activity of the PPC and the achievement of goals build the faith community?</b></p>	
<p>Ministries</p>	
<p>Parish Priest Parish Deacon Parish Deacon Youth Ministry Co-ordinator/Lifeteen Parish Secretary Parish Pastoral Council Parish Finance Committee Parish Liturgy Committee Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: (By invitation only) Ministers of the Word Altar Servers Lifeteen Catechetics (Grade 1 – 7) 9.00am – Sunday Genesis Juniors Age 2 – 4 &amp; 5 – 7 St. Michael’s Choir (Sunday 9am Mass) Folk Mass Choir (Sunday 6pm Mass) Perpetual Adoration Genesis, Umoyo, Simunye Genesis Plus Genesis Tots  Justice &amp; Peace Child Safeguarding</p>	<p>Fr. Harrie Hovers Rev. Les Ruhmund Rev. Tony van Vuuren Dominique Ducray Dee Lewis / Lindsay O’Connor John O’Leary James Collett Paula Howse  Rev. Tony van Vuuren Dcn Les Ruhmund Neda &amp; Mike O’Donovan Dominique Ducray Joy Carkeek {Paula Boulle {Nicole von Bratt Contact the Parish Office Adrian van Stolk Renata Puccini Joseph Schauerte Colleen Francis Paula Boulle &amp; Nicole von Bratt Biddy Greene, Venessa Padayachee Elsabe O’Leary, Venessa Padayachee</p>

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St. Michael's Care Group Communion – Sick Lifts to doctors, etc.	Hilary Botha Rev. Tony van Vuuren Margaret Herron
RCIA course	Gill Greenwood
Baptisms & Weddings	Dee Lewis or Lindsay O'Connor
Hall & Centre Bookings	Dee Lewis or Lindsay O'Connor
Flowers	Lindsay O'Connor
Library	Mary Nassimbeni
Repository (Bookshop)	Renata Puccini
Sacristan	Margaret Kieswetter
Morning Market (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)	Gloria Kaminski
Lost Property	Parish Office
Catholic Women's League	Pat McEwen
St.Vincent de Paul Society	Anne Kinghorn
Fund-raising	Carol Rasmussen
St Michael's Website	Paula Howse
Social Media	Various

## Some suggestions for future PPC

### On a personal note, some specific things for which I am grateful:

I am grateful for:

- ❖ So much in the life of the parish, especially the dedication of all those who are active in the various ministries and those who support them actively and passively, practically and in prayer;
- ❖ The steady growth in diversity in the parish;
- ❖ Fr Harrie's ministry in a complex parish – we are blessed to have a Parish Priest who enables, encourages and nurtures lay ministries without micro-managing them;
- ❖ The huge amount of work done, (often unnoticed), particularly by the Parish Priest, Deacons, Secretaries, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, Sacristan and all those involved actively (and supportively behind the scenes) in leading ministries;
- ❖ The PPC members who have diligently and enthusiastically participated in the work of the council over the past five years.

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## **Some suggestions for the future PPC:**

- ❖ I think that we should consciously try to ensure that the growing diversity of the parish is reflected in the new PPC.
- ❖ I think it would be good to have lay involvement in a liturgy committee.
- ❖ I suggest that there should be specific portfolios for elected and appointed members of the PPC, for at least the following portfolios in addition to those groups already represented on the PPC:
  - ❖ Child Safeguarding;
  - ❖ Disaster Management;
  - ❖ Justice and Peace;
  - ❖ Environment / Care of the Planet;
  - ❖ Media and Electronic Communications;
  - ❖ Relations with other denominations and faiths; and
  - ❖ Archdiocesan Liaison.

I also think that in a big parish such as ours many people carry burdens silently and I think it would be good if the new PPC could open a conversation about how to accompany and show solidarity to those on the margins of our own community.

I urge everyone in the Parish to promote the values of inclusivity and tolerance in all that we do. This is not an easy time in the life of the Church, and it is easy to be tempted to exclude people who are different in some way or who think differently. It is also easy to exclude people by the way we exercise power and influence, and easy to become intolerant of the reactions of those excluded. I hope that we can consciously promote inclusivity and tolerance in what we do as a parish.

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Please do consider nominating people to the PPC – they must agree to be nominated, be at least 18 years old, confirmed Catholics, willing and able to serve the parish.

John O'Leary  
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