

Parish Letterhead

XXXX Parish 5 Year Review Trial Survey XXX

August 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Three years ago, Teresa Brierley and I met with parishioners to update them on:

- Parish leadership matters,
- Reviews for leaders and parish, and
- Remembering the how and why of pastoral planning.

<i>Individual and Parish Review Cycle</i>	
Appointment Year	Activity
Year 1	Welcome to Parish – SWOT – Pastoral Planning Cycle External Financial Audit and Financial Plan
Year 2	
Year 3	Individual Parish Leader/s review
Year 4	
Year 5, end of	Parish Review
Year 6	Determination of new appointment

Now it is time to review how you, as a community, have done. Especially in relationship to your parish pastoral plan.

The questionnaire is anonymous. It will not be misused as a disciplinary or punitive measure.

Its aim is to provide feedback to the parish, so that they may identify areas in which the parish does well and in areas that still need effort.

A member of bishop's office will facilitate the process.



Parish Review Survey - Name of Parish

You may complete the questionnaire:

- online by following the **QR code link** with your smart phone's camera,
- complete an online form accessed via <https://forms.office.com/r/64CNAr4yY>
- or fill in a paper copy and return it to the box placed near the piano in the cathedral.



It should take about 20 minutes maximum.

It is essential that as many parishioners as possible can contribute.

Thus the parish leader is required seek the support of the following bodies to ensure all involved in these bodies can participate:

- Chairpersons of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Team, Parish Pastoral Team
- School Principal/s and School Religious Education/Ministry Coordinators
- Directors/Managers of any diocesan agencies present in the Parish/s (Catholic Care, St Nick's, etc.)

It is required that the Parish Leader share the results with the entire parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Muller', located below the text of the sign-off.

MATTHEW MULLER

CHANCELLOR AND CANONICAL ADVISOR,
DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE



Identity and Community:

The Parish fosters Christian community, hospitality welcome and respect... The Parish has an identity grounded in 'communio.'

<i>You are asked to respond using the five point scale to the following statements.</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>This doesn't matter to me</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
People are invited to be engaged in the pastoral life of the parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have a strong sense of belonging to this parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are many people from across the parish involved in ministries that attempt to make the parish a welcoming and vibrant community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Many Parishioners are invited to participate in the annual renewal of ministries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parish is involved in the wider catholic community – Schools, St Nicholas Early Education, Catholic Care, St Nicholas Outside of Hours Care (OOSH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anything else you would like to add?					

Worship and Prayer

The Parish gathers people for prayer, sacrament and liturgical celebration... The parish is Eucharistic in life and worship

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Parish liturgical practices are vibrant, inclusive, inviting and engaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parish Liturgy team is effective (omit if you don't have one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are many opportunities for Liturgy and Prayer other than Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The church and its surrounds are clean, inviting and well-maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anything else you would like to add?					



Formation and Education

The Parish facilitates spiritual growth and promotes empowerment through education and formation.

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The parish offers opportunities for me to engage in ongoing formation activities to deepen my relationship with the teachings of Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formation and education programs across the parish assist in deepening the sense of community enabling all to participate in the life and mission of the church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Sacramental Program operating within the parish actively promotes engagement with and involvement of the parish community in the initiation of the candidate/s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our parish actively seeks to promote and engage in conversations with members of the parish community seeking ideas on ways to strengthen our mission of service to the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our parish community continually facilitates spiritual growth and promotes empowerment through education and formation for our teams working across the parish to live our mission.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anything else you would like to add?					



Mission and Outreach

The Parish engages people in the transformation of society- outreach through mercy and justice to build the Kingdom of God

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Our Parish community strives to make links to other Christian Churches in the area with a view to collaboration wherever possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parishioners are involved in the mission of the church to the wider community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Many teams exist in the parish whose purpose is to reach out the broader parish and wider community.					
Do you regularly take part in parish activities reaching out to the wider community					
Anything else you would like to add?					



Leadership and Structure

The Parish fosters effective Christian leadership, communication, organisational and maintenance structures.

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Our Parish Pastoral Council is effective in its work (omit if there no Parish Council)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parish has regular and open recruitment processes for Council and Teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parish Pastoral Team is active and effective in the mission of the Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parish Pastoral Plan is communicated and reported on					
Parishioners are an annually updated on the Parish financial report					
Our Parish Finance Council is effective in its work					
Leadership across the parish is being exercised collaboratively					
The parish has a clear vision, goals and direction for its ministry and mission					
Anything else you would like to add?					

