

**New members on the PPC;**

Over the past 12 months the Parish Pastoral Council has welcomed a number of new members:

- Pat Cleary;
- Breta Cohen;
- Jane D'Souza; and
- Ann-Marie Diggins.

Welcome these new members to the St Francis Xavier and St Clare’s Pastoral Parish Council, we are most fortunate to have these new members to contribute their ideas and opinions to help improve the running of the PPC.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work of members who retired last year:

- Trish Nicholson;
- Vince Fazio; and
- Liz Allan.

**The development of a Strategic Plan for the PPC;**

During the past 12 months a member of the Parish Pastoral Council has been actively refining the Strategic Plan for the PPC. In mid November 2009 the St Francis Xavier and St Clare’s Pastoral Parish Council was very fortunate to have Dr Peter Price lead a seminar to help the Parish Pastoral Council name its key priorities over the next five years. As a result the following roles of the Pastoral Parish Council were examined and considered.

**Assessment of Priority Areas**

Priority Area	Ranking
Formation of Christian Community	1
Liturgy and Celebration	2
Service and Outreach	3

The Strategic Plan draft will be made available shortly and members of both parishes will have the opportunity to comment and feedback. Once refinements have been made the Strategic Plan will be operational on 1 July 2010 - to align with the new financial year.

**School Building Development;**

We hope to have the Blessing and Opening of the New School Buildings in October this year. More details regarding the school building will be provided over the next few months.

**Berengarra development at St Clare’s**

In September 2009, representatives from the St Clare’s Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council meet with the Principal and Business Manager of Berengarra School. The result of the discussions recommended to Fr Anthoni ofm that the Berengarra School be offered a five year lease with an option to extend for additional three years.

**How the PPC is seeking to improving communication via the Box Hill Buzz;**

Hopefully, all of you will have read at least one copy of the Box Hill Buzz. Given the last parish survey highlighted the need to improve communication the PPC has decided to publish 3 - 4 copies of the Box Hill Buzz. By highlighting new or ongoing activities, we hope this help inform our community and generates a greater sense of belonging.

Those who have a suggestion or an article or wish provide assistance are encouraged to contact Veronika Bellis on [Veronika.Urh@medicalboardvic.org.au](mailto:Veronika.Urh@medicalboardvic.org.au)

At St Clare's there have been works carried out such as general maintenance and other works to enhance the facilities for the use of the Parish.

At St Francis Xavier we look forward to the completion of the Parish Hall with the new facilities which will enable the revival of the much missed morning cup of tea after 10.00am Mass.

We also would like to acknowledge on behalf of all Parishioners the work of our Priests. Thanks Fr Anthony for your spiritual guidance and a special thank you to Fr Ben and Fr Bob who have experienced health problems in recent times, we hope you both keep well.

Anthony Kennedy and Peter Leonard  
Parish Pastoral Council