Draft Note for Parish Newsletter - 25th September 2016

**Election of Parish Pastoral Council 2016 – 2020**

***Ballot papers (coloured yellow) for the election of the new Parish Pastoral Council are available at the back of each church. Ballot boxes are also in place.***

***Three representatives will be elected from each parish area.*** The new Parish Pastoral Council will also include: The Parish Priest, a Safeguarding representative and up to two additional people, who may be co-opted by the parish priest in consultation with the elected members. One member of the new Pastoral Council will have special responsibility for youth ministry in the parish.

***Parishioners 18 years of age and over may serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Parishioners 16 years of age and over are entitled to vote.***

Full details about voting and return of your vote are outlined on the ballot paper. ***Please vote without delay as the election must conclude this weekend – 24th/25th September 2016.*** Ballots will be counted during the coming week. It is hoped that those who have received the most votes in their respective categories, in each parish area, will agree to serve on the new Parish Pastoral Council.

Outgoing Pastoral Council members who have served two consecutive four year terms are not eligible for election to the new Parish Pastoral Council, on this occasion.