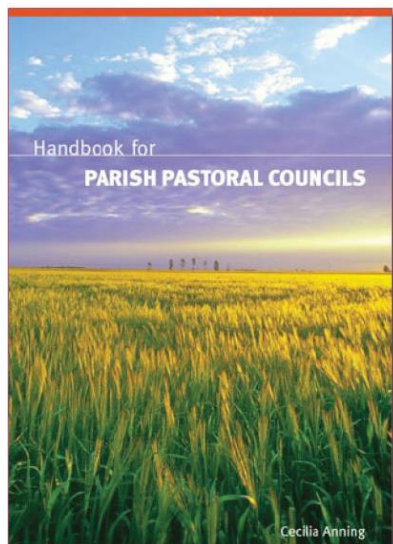


## ***Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils - Cecilia Anning***

*Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils* is a valuable resource for Parish Pastoral Councils. It is a resource written for the Australian Church and touches on all areas of the role of a parish pastoral council. The resource also includes examples of practical resources which may be helpful.



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The following reflections offered in Chapter 2 may be useful in renewing the Council's understanding of the role and function of a Pastoral Council.

- What role does the Pastoral Council take in planning for the life and function of the parish community?
- In what ways can a Pastoral Council provide encouragement and support to parishioners living out their faith in daily life?
- To what extent does the Pastoral Council coordinate, encourage and draw together the work of all Parish groups?
- In what way does the Pastoral Council manage the affairs of the parish?
- Does the Pastoral Council focus mainly on tasks delegated to it by the Pastor?
- What is meant by *pastoral issues which are to be the focus of the Pastoral Council's efforts*?

This resource is a good accompaniment to the Archdiocese of Perth E-handbook – Guidelines and Resources for Building Effective Parish Pastoral Councils found at <https://www.parishrenewal.com.au/>