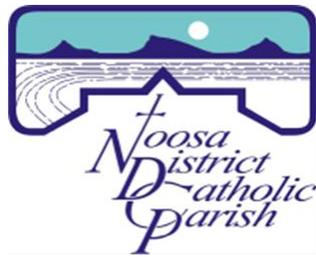


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30 January 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write this letter to you all as an invitation and an encouragement regarding these last weeks of the **Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue stage**.

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone who has thus far contributed to the Plenary Council by offering their submissions through the website portal (<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>). Some of you have shared these with me and I am grateful for the prayer, thought and discussion that have gone into these offerings for the Plenary Council's consideration.

However, I am also mindful that as we reach the deadline for these submissions to be made (**6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**), there are perhaps many of you who have still not taken up the opportunity but would like to do so. Our parish has quite intentionally not formally organised these listening sessions for you, because it is our firm belief that as an authentic movement of the lay apostolate anyone who truly wishes to make their voice heard by the Church will do so.

It has been timely that our parish has already been on its own journey of dialogue and listening in the discernment of and preparation for our new Parish Vision and the strategies and actions which will follow. This journey continues for us this year with proposing concrete and visible actions and desired outcomes for the flourishing of our parish community.

I do not want our parish to miss this truly God-inspired and once in a lifetime opportunity for the Church of Australia to make its voice heard through the Plenary Council, and to discern what God is calling us toward in the future. Therefore, in response to the request of the Plenary Council I would like to extend to all parishioners 2 offers for support.

Firstly, if you are willing to gather together a group of friends, family, and/or parishioners, but don't know how or where, then we are willing to provide the Tewantin Church Hall for your group, with the audio-visual facilities available if you want to view the information videos and the 'Listening and Dialogue

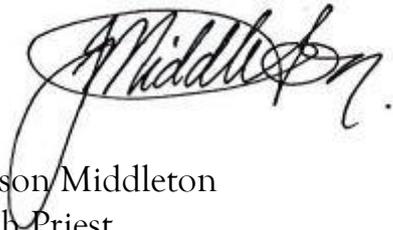
Encounter' guide. You can then pray together, discuss the question, listen to one another and then make your submission online in your own time based on the outcomes of that conversation.

Secondly, if you feel that you are not computer literate or unable to access a computer with the internet to make your submission online, we are willing to organise trusted volunteers to anonymously upload your handwritten submission on your behalf.

No one should feel that they have not been able to, or not been provided with the opportunity to, have their say if they wished to do so. Hopefully these two offers are an added support to anyone who has not yet been able to get together with others or individually, to provide your response to the Plenary Council.

I commend this important opportunity to you all and pray that the Holy Spirit may move in our hearts and minds to discern what we think God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Middleton', with a large, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the left.

Fr Jason Middleton  
Parish Priest