

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Nomination of Elected Member of the Parish Council
For the years 2018 / 2019

Candidate's name : _____ (*Chinese if applicable*) _____

Home Address : _____

: _____

Tel. no. / email : _____ / _____

Self-introduction : _____

: _____

: _____

Experience in Parish : _____

Service / Activities : _____

: _____

Aspirations for the Parish : _____

: _____

Candidate's Signature : _____ Date : _____

Nominators : 1. _____ Signature : _____

(Parishioner)

: 2. _____ Signature : _____

: 3. _____ Signature : _____

Parish Priest's Signature : _____ Date : _____

Note : Please submit the completed nomination form together with a copy of the Baptism certificate and one recent photos to the Parish Office on or before **3September 2017**.

Parish Council Election

Attributes of a Parish Council Member :

1. Willing to offer oneself for the achievement of the mission of Christ and the Church.
2. Has participated actively in the work of the Parish or in possession of good experience in this respect. Has good understanding that the Parish is a part and function of the Diocese.
3. Enjoy communicating with people and prepare to accept others' strengths and weaknesses.
4. Possessing a visionary, unbiased and open mind with knowledge of working as a group in a community.
5. Willing to participate actively in discussing Parish matters at meetings of the Council and take part in activities organized for them.
6. The Chairperson of the Council should also possess good spiritual strengths, biblical knowledge, impartiality and leadership.

Election of Elected Parish Council Members

1. Any member (aged 18 or above and baptised) of this Parish who can obtain the nomination of any other three members of the Parish and the endorsement of the Parish Priest may become a candidate for the election.
2. The candidate should submit the endorsed election form to the Election Working Group (EWG) at least 45 days before the scheduled Election Meeting(EM).
3. The EWG shall publish the list of the candidates and their particulars as well as the date of the election at least 30 days before the EM.
4. The election shall take place at least 14 days before the EM. The ways of the election are as follows :
 - i. voting will be by secret ballot,
 - ii. a total of not more than 10 candidates can be chosen in a ballot paper,
 - iii. those 10 candidates with the highest number of votes are to be elected.
 - iv.
5. If the total number of candidates is equal to or less than the total number of seats, then a vote of confidence will be arranged at least 14 days before the EM. The ways of the election are as follows :
 - i. voting will be by secret ballot,
 - ii. a total of not more than 10 candidates can be chosen in a ballot paper,
 - iii. those candidates who can obtain more than 10% of the confidence votes are to be elected.
6. If the total number of elected candidates is less than the total number of seats for elected membership (the current number is 10), then the vacant seats will not be filled by a by-election during the same term of office of the Council.
7. The EWG shall announce the list of elected candidates at least 7 days before the EM.
8. Any disputes arising from the election will be considered and resolved by the Parish Priest together with the EWG.

Term of Office

The term of office for all Parish Council Members is two years, commencing from 1st January of the year following the election.