

What do you Value at St Kevin's to be continued?

9am mass at Holy Cross Monastery

A leader who is enthusiastic, has a strong sense of faith and family & believes in the community

Acceptance

Adaptable to change, help with the challenges in the Church

Approachable & friendly parish.

Being able to practice our religion & access to the sacraments

Bereavement support

Care for the Elderly (nursing homes)

Caring community

Celebrating the Eucharist

Challenging us out of our comfort zone

Collaboration with planning liturgies

Committees

Community

Community aspect of parish - both spiritual & social issues to

Community gathering

Community gathering continue

Community of service - outreach

Community spirit & the ongoing of community groups: liturgy, youth, social justice, school community

Community supports Christian values

Connected Community

Connectedness

Connection between school & parish

Connection between school & parish needs to be maintained and enhanced

Connection with the schools - young people - priest goes into the schools & the children know him

Continue all that we currently enjoy and have in our community and parish

Continue to have our coffee after mass 'Betty' community spirit - when people meet

Control of our own parish (autonomy)

Coordination of ongoing masses - priests on rotation from elsewhere

Emotional support

Empathy/spirituality critical to be maintained

Encouragement of parish to lead as charitable community

Existence of parish groups - all parishioners have an opportunity to be involved

Family Values

Fellowship

Friendliness of our Parish

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Friendships, Community, Pastoral Care, Celebrations - Easter, Christmas, Baptism, Sacraments

Funerals

Gathering as a community - social extension, helping one another

Gathering Space as a community room

Great homilies

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Having a leader that we can go to for spiritual guidance
Having someone/somewhere to go when in need - immediate, firsthand
Helpfulness
Highly visible leadership - not hidden in administration
Hope and love
Hope, love, and care for all - feeling of being looked after
Hospitality
Inclusion of children
Inclusiveness
Inclusiveness
Inclusiveness - involving young people
Inclusivity for all people - refugees, Gospel values displayed at St Kevin's
Individual Identity
Interfaith Group & local government relationships
Keep the structure the same - governance, schools, mass options (music/no music)
Keep this church as the centre of our community
Knowing our Pastoral Leader
Large Liturgy team - 10-12 members
Liturgy celebration of the community -collaborative approach to planning
Liturgy Meetings
Love
Loving a space to gather
Maintain friendship
Maintain the quality & relevance of the liturgies as an expression of the parish community
Maintaining of school communities which will develop future leaders in the parish & community
Maintaining the parish schools - support shared faith program & fostering interschool connection
Maintaining the various support groups on location so no one slips through the cracks & feels isolated
Mass - friendship of liked minded people
Masses
Non-judgemental & welcoming inclusive community
Open to Interfaith group
Openness to change & the ability to communicate with staff in the schools
Opportunity to be involved/to participate in parish life
Overtly celebrating life - big birthdays and Australia Day honours
Parish keeps us included in decision making, e.g. Liturgy
Playing a strong leadership role in engaging with the school communities & children
Plenary Council participation in our Catholic Governance & Administration
Positive outlook
Progressive and forward-thinking community
Promotion of social justice issues - Refugee Sunday
Regular gatherings
Regular support of our school communities in their faith journey - Sacraments
Runs community engagement activities for broader demographics
Sacramental duties - baptism, funerals, weddings
Sacraments of Baptism etc

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School / parish community links
Sense of 'thinking outside the square'
Sense of welcoming, respect, understanding, values
Simplicity of our current parish priest - lives the reality that we are equal as baptised Catholics
Special cohesion - don't want to lose it
Spirit of belonging
Spirit of Place
Spiritual Leadership
Spirituality
St Kevin's & its school community look after our family holistically & spiritually through social & emotional learning
St Kevin's is small and small is beautiful
Support for the needy - pastoral care across parish aged care facilities
Support of Gentle Hands & Patupat
Supportive
The broad-minded attitude given to us to continue
The parish is our family, and we must stay together
Tolerance
True collaboration
Understanding
Unity
Value our Groups - Knitting group, Bereavement, Catechists etc
Value small parish with a big vision
Value the informal, real approach
Value the ritual & tradition
Variety of preachers/lay preachers giving us a multi-perspective to life
Very vibrant, active, inclusive community/culture
Vibrant liturgy with music/singing, children's participation
Want to be Involved
Wanting to maintain the multi-age community from Baptism right through
Warmth
Welcoming
Welcoming / accepting community
Welcoming attitude
Welcoming community
World Day of Prayer
Youth Group
Youth of parish - we have a chance to get them back if we are still here

HOLY CROSS Monastery

The 9am mass at Monastery is very popular & the collection is profitable
10th Jan 75 people
17th Jan 110 people
24th Jan 62 people (public holiday weekend attendance)
Ability to interact with Passionists
9am mass because of its longevity of community/vibrance

Why is this important?

Being family - being small doesn't mean it needs to be lost.

Being small helps, getting lost in amalgamation does not

Community should support the existing community who have been involved for most of their lives

Don't want the schools to get lost

Even if we can't have weekday masses we would still want to gather for prayer.

Fear the loss of school connection/community

Lay Leader equals a thriving parish Community

Maintain a guide/mentor/leader to schools & church

Maintain parish identity & support St Kevin's community

Maintain strong, caring & support for Parishioners

Our Catholic values are important for our children, there is a history & stability which provides comfort & support for all their needs.

Our community is stronger than before, it has grown so much - want to build on that.

Parish is well supported by the Parishioners

Schools have already lost their sense of community & this needs to be restored.

Sustainability for our community & encourage inclusivity and more relevance for today's families

To continue the spirit of participation especially among the younger group

Without a Parish leader, our parish will cease to exist

Why Yes?

A lay leader chosen by the community will have a better understanding of St Kevin's needs than a priest appointed by the diocese.

A lay leader would be a fully integrated, full time leader.

Already talented & dedicated lay people who help with the Parish

Appears our only option

As parish community we stick together

Avoid amalgamation & a priest who doesn't know our identity

Clever, sensible solution

Community - Friendship

Do not want parish to shut down

Do not want to be amalgamated

Ecclesial Lay Leader would keep identity of St Kevin's Alive!

Encourage broad church

Encouraging young people to participate

Ensure our community is not lost or swallowed up by a super parish

Ensures the Parish remains an identifiable parish

Fear of being swallowed up & lost

Fear of splitting our people

For the benefit of the people

Great opportunity for lay leadership

Hopefully enhance participation of parishioners in running the church

Identity - sense of belonging

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In the absence of a parish priest, a strong lay leader emphasises the importance of the laity within the Church.

It's an opportunity for the renewal of the church for the parish to choose a lay leader that is representative of the community

It's the best option - negative effects on schools if parishes close, enrolments will drop

Keep our Parish Ethos

Keep parish going, community spirit within the parish

Lack of Priests

Laity's time to step up

Lay leader ensure the survival of the Parish as an entity

Maintain independence

Maintain Parish community

Maintain Parish schools

Maintain the forward thinking of the leaders & the community

Maintain the survival and flourishing of the church

Male or female

Model parish where laity leadership roles not clericalized

Must select the right person, regardless of their gender

Needs of Parish should be met at local level

No alternative

One leader, but a partnership in way forward

One whole body - Body of Christ

Opportunity for the laity to 'step up' - close to church, our parish

Other unseen work

Parish Identity

Plenty of capable Lay People

Positive idea, already working in other places

Priests are not trained as administrators

Reality - priest numbers are declining

Regular & permanent 'face' & a focus point for the community

The Lay leader will represent the St Kevin's community & continue to nurture & promote its unique identity

The model has worked before

The people are the Parish

The problem will endure

The right lay ecclesial leader would keep all religious celebrations alive in our parish community

To have a central person to manage both the parish and school community

To maintain being an independent parish community

To maintain the current format as much as possible

Want to keep our own identity, maintain sense of community

Want to keep our spirit

We accept the reality that there is a shortage of priests

We are a progressive parish that welcomes & accepts all, if we amalgamate, we may lose this

We think this would be a good option

Women's chance to lead

Works in other religions and countries

Why Maybe?

- Concern over finding a priest for our liturgies
- Fear of lack of training & experience the lay leader may have
- Fear of lay leader taking over roles of parish groups, i.e.: bereavement, liturgy etc
- If we can't get our own priest, we don't want to go into big group of other parishes.
- In the interim until we get a parish priest
- Independent person not already apart of the Parish
- Lay leader must continue to support all community of the parish & encourage better connection with schools & families, otherwise it will be a short-term proposal
- Will a new leader continue to ensure all the liturgies & pastoral support
- Would finance committee still exist?
- Would parish pastoral council still operate?

Why No?

- Possibility to extend the life of the Parish by mixing with people from other parishes

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Totals
Individual responses	46	1	7	54
Group responses	121	1	6	128

Values and Importances of St Kevin's Parish

