

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 18 November 2020

7.00pm

Opening Prayer	Plenary Prayer by Scott Buchan
Present	Fr Gayan, Fr Thomas, Scott Buchan, Melissa Beggs, Martin Crew, Mary McGuinness,
Apologies	Bill Jansen, Jacqui Morley, Laurence Peril
Minutes of previous meeting	<i>approved via email.</i>
Business arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of Hearing Loop to be investigated (Bill Jansen) <i>Action: Still on going.</i> • Men' Group: 21 November 2020. <i>Action: Martin reported all is in hand following a series of planning meetings. Twenty men expected to attend. Scott Buchan will be the MC for the meeting.</i> • Parish Council photos for both parish Centres. <i>Action: all photos have been sent to Pater Buckley.</i> • Mass celebrations for Our Mother Mary's birthday – information from Neal, so it can be promoted in Parish. <i>Action: September 8 celebration now Parish Calendar</i> • Full Financial Report for the last financial year will be given by the Finance Committee Chairperson at each of the Masses in St Gregory's and St Monica's on 14th & 15th November. This is in-lieu of the Parish Assembly. <i>Action: Positive feedback of the given report has been received from a number of Parishioners. The Stewardship Report in the Parish Bulletin will continue. A summary of the Finance Report will be included in the Parish 2020 Report to be distributed in December.</i> • Sound system at St Gregory's to be serviced on Friday 20th November
	<p>Publication of Parish 2020 summary: Due to the current health restrictions we are not proceeding with a Parish Assembly at the end of this year. However, Father Gayan has proposed that we still publish a shorter summary of reports that recognise the 'life of the parish' that has continued even during these difficult times. Reports would be limited to 250 words. Suggested reports would include: Parish Priest, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Ministries, Parish School, Fr Thom & Pastoral Care. Can anyone think of an appropriate title??</p> <p><i>Action: Reports need to be submitted to Scott Buchan by December 7. Distribution in booklet format will be on Week 3 of Advent. Available on Parish Website plus through email. Parish activities for the first six months of 2021 to be included on centre pages. Based upon suggestions given, Scott to make up a few mock possibilities for the cover/name of the report for next PPC meeting.</i></p>

2021 Calendar of events -

Book Stall: Father Gayan confirmed that Helen Garrick and her helpers will be holding the Book Stall on the 21st November to the 29th November. This will operate in a Covid Safe way. Volunteers needed to help with the event.

A question was raised - Could we ask the Chancery of Parramatta Diocese for the guidelines that they have set for fundraising activities in Parishes? We can then take this into consideration when planning our fundraising activities.

Action: Scott and Fr Gayan to investigate.

Advent Programme for 2020 will be emailed by Teshana to all parishioners. Organise Parish Groups.

Action: Mary to write notice for Bulletin to encourage people to use the programme for their personal preparation for Christmas.

Forward planning for 2021 - Events

Suggested Strategic responses in action may consist of:

January - St Paul's Festa

Scott and Jacqui attended meeting with St Paul's Festa Committee to offer Parish Council assistance. Due to Covid restrictions, St Paul's Fiesta will be celebrated at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th 2021. There will be no other festivities after Mass.

February/March - Lenten Prayer Groups

There will be several groups in the Parish. Father Gayan & Teshana will advertise. Invitation to the prayer groups and the promotion of the events will be published through the Bulletin and Website. Lenten Programme published by Bunbury Diocese will be used. Father Gayan to distribute this when available.

March 20th Pastoral Care Prayer Reflection Day is now on Calendar. Mary to arrange.

Anzac Day April 25th 2021 is a Sunday. This will be a special feature at each weekend Parish Mass.

April – July: Developing Faith initiatives:

- a) *Discussion about using the 'Faith Feed' Program – podcasts and Activities as part of adult faith formation in the Parish. Have small groups of parishioners coming together at the Parish to discuss and share in faith conversations.*
- b) *Start preparations for running an Alpha course in the Parish next year. Liaise with Institute for Mission.*

Action: Jacqui to develop a program for approval after surveying parishioners about possible times for meeting and areas of interest.

	<p>c) <i>Possibility of re-starting or gaining information about Bible Study groups in the Parish to be discussed.</i></p> <p>May: <i>Father Gayan has already begun discussion with Ann Moloney who conduct refresher liturgical ministry Parish courses.</i></p> <p>May 23rd Feast of Pentecost. Action: <i>Discussion was had re making this day a significant day of celebration in the Parish. Suggestions made include: have Prayers of Intercession at each Mass prayed using different languages; Commissioning of Ministers on Pentecost Sunday rather than First Sunday of Advent.</i></p> <p>August - Fundraising for the Parish and the School – FETE. Apart from logistical issues, the following questions were raised in discussion: How do we maintain and enrich the relationship between Parish and School? And with the wider Hawkesbury Committee? Action: <i>At this time there is no plan to hold a Fete next year.</i></p> <p>Other items for Parish Calendar: to be explored or further discussed and finalised:</p> <p>August - Parish patron/ Saint Feast Day: St Mary Mackillop of the Cross (8 August) St Monica’s Feast Day (27 August)</p> <p>September - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Annai Velankanni) arranged by the Indian community. (8th September)</p> <p>Working Bees for grounds and maintenance.</p> <p>October - Parish Retreat/Pilgrimage</p> <p>November - Parish Assembly and elections. <i>Remembrance Day</i> (Thursday 11th Nov) Masses. Mass: Feast of <i>Christ the King</i> (Thank you to Volunteers)</p> <p>December - Advent Prayer Group/s</p> <p>Other: <i>From Invisible to invincible Programme/s for the Youth Fundraising/ Social Justice events</i></p>
Parish Ministries	<i>Report submitted: Principal’s Report. Parish Coordinator of Ministries</i>
Other business	
Next meetings: December 2020	9th December 2020
Closing prayer	Fr Gayan led us in prayer.