



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Agenda/Minutes

Wednesday 16th February 2022

7pm

Opening Prayer	Fr Gayan
Present	Fr Gayan, Fr Thomas, Jacqui Morley, Trish Maguire, Mary McGuinness, Joe Portelli, Darrell Grima, Emma Mizzi, Rhonda Jones, Dave Pritchard, Melissa Beggs
Apologies	Nil
Minutes of previous meeting	Approved by circular motion.
Agenda Items	
1. Prayer & welcome. Office bearers.	Fr Gayan opened the meeting with a Prayer and extended a welcome to all present. Jacqui Morley was announced as Chair; Trish Maguire will act as secretary.
2. Role & focus of PPC for 2022	Jacqui reminded those present that the role of the Council is to represent parishioners and to be a consultative body for Frs Gayan & Thomas in the running of the Parish. Should a parishioner raise an issue with a council member, they should contact Fr Gayan so that, if appropriate, it can be discussed at the next meeting. It is important to ensure everyone is heard. Who are the Council members? A poster showing members' names and photos will be placed in the foyer at St Monica's and St Gregory's. Parishioners are made aware of the work of the Council via meeting minutes posted on noticeboards at both Mass centres and published on the Parish website. Any new ideas or initiatives to be added to the monthly agenda are to be passed to Fr Gayan, Jacqui or Trish. The formation session which was to have been held 16 February has of necessity been postponed and will now be held on 16 March.
3. Feedback from Parish Assembly	Fr Gayan expressed his sincere thanks to everyone who supported / participated in the Parish Assembly. There have been 150 views of the livestream since the Assembly. Council members reported on their experiences within the discussion groups. Responses to the questions posed have been gathered; further analysis and grouping will be undertaken to better focus on areas of concern at future meetings. Principal issues raised include support for the elderly, youth ministry and spiritual formation. Fr Gayan advised that beginning after Easter

	<p>a short video on different aspects of the liturgy would be shown at each Mass.</p> <p>Darrell asked whether, in addition to Adoration, Mass could be celebrated on First Friday evenings. Fr Thomas pointed out that the majority of parishioners were elderly who preferred to attend the morning Mass rather than go out in the evening.</p> <p>Special thanks were extended to Ann Moloney and Mary McGuiness for their work in preparing the Parish Handbook. This will serve as a blueprint as to how things are done in Richmond Parish.</p>
4. Report on St Monica's school	<p>Melissa spoke to a written report on school activities for the start of 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten enrolments have been strong • Meet the teacher nights scheduled • Catholic Schools Week coming up in Week 7 • 100% participation rate has been set for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge • A dance program and after-school cricket skills program have commenced • Staff continuing their personal development with enquiry learning in RE and continued focus on maths and reading
5. Upcoming events – Parish Calendar	<p>A calendar showing regular Parish activities was distributed. Members were asked to review and advise any amendments or additions. A thank you BBQ for volunteers is planned for June and a Parish dinner in October.</p> <p>It was agreed that, apart from exceptional circumstances, Council meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month.</p>
Any other business	<p>Arrangements have been made with the Dept of Corrective Services for a group of men undertaking community service to help with gardening at St Monica's on one Saturday each month. This assistance will be much appreciated.</p>
Concluding Prayer	<p>Fr Thomas closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.</p>
Next meeting:	<p>The 16 March meeting will be devoted to Pastoral Formation for the group.</p> <p>The next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 April, commencing at 7.00pm</p>