



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

7pm

Opening Prayer	Jacqui Morley
Present	Jacqui Morley, Fr Thomas, Trish Maguire (notes), Mary McGuinness, David Pritchard, Cathey Hey, Emma Mizzi, Darrel Grima
Apologies	Fr Gayan, Rhonda Jones, Melissa Beggs
Minutes of previous meeting	Sent by email Accepted.

Promotion of Service via Ministries: As detailed at the previous meeting, there has been a decline in the number of parishioners serving in the various groups / ministries in the Parish, with many rosters unable to be filled. Current members of ministries will deliver a personal appeal for volunteers at all Masses over the next two weekends at St Monica's and St Gregory's. Ministry training will be conducted over four Saturdays commencing 16 July. This training is for new recruits and will serve as a refresher course for current readers / Eucharistic ministers.

Discussion re Parish Assembly Feedback

The meeting spent some time discussing feedback from the Parish Assembly. Responses have been collated under the following categories

- Spiritual / Catechesis
- Outreach – youth, elderly, new parishioners, community
- Communication
- Fund-raising
- Social

A written response will be prepared for display on noticeboards and published on the website.

In reviewing the feedback there would appear to be a lack of communication / knowledge about many parish activities. Suggested ways to address this were put forward including the development of a parish app. This will be investigated further.

Mary McGuinness will forward copy of a previously prepared parish information brochure to Cathy Hey who offered to have it formatted. This brochure contains information regarding Mass times, sacraments, parish groups etc and can be used to inform new parishioners as well as being distributed to new school families, B&Bs in the area etc.

Darrell has supplied a list of websites offering Catholic news, meditative music, prayers etc. It was agreed to publish the QR code to each of these sites in the Bulletin – one each week. This will take users directly to the website. Cathy Hey offered to arrange this.

Support of White Elephant / Book Sale / Cake Stall (24-26 June)

Discussion:

There has been a good response from parishioners in providing books and items for the white elephant stall. A volunteer from the P&F has come forward to coordinate the cake stall. Cake boxes are available for parishioners to fill with home baked items and return to the Parish meeting room on Friday 24 June.

During the meeting it came to light that a wedding involving some large vehicles had been booked for the 25 June some 18 months ago, coinciding with the fund-raiser. This will present a problem regarding the safety and use of the carpark during the book sale.

Action: Fr Thomas and members of the Parish Council will discuss this as a matter of urgency with the stall coordinators to try and find a solution to the problem.

Developing role in the Parish Council: developing or coordinating initiatives.

Due to time constraints, this matter will be included on the agenda for the next PPC meeting.

Other Business:

- The next monthly morning tea following the 9.30am Mass will be held on Sunday 26 June. This coincides with the Parish Baptism Anniversary Mass. Members of the welcome ministry and piety stall will provide the morning tea.
- Melissa Beggs was an apology for the meeting, however she provided the following note: "An update on our P & F. They are happy to support parish fundraising where they can throughout the year and work together to build a closer bond between school and the church. We have assisted with the labelling of the cake boxes for the stall and all families have been asked to make a cake, cookies etc. It has been widely advertised in our newsletter and on our electronic sign and advertising is up around the school boundaries."

Meeting Closed	8:40pm
Concluding Prayer	Fr Thomas
Next meeting:	Wednesday 20 July at 7:00 pm

Items for upcoming agendas:

July

- Developing role in the Parish Council: developing or coordinating initiatives

August

- Ministers & Volunteers' BBQ 14th Oct.