



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Venue: Emmaus Room 7pm

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- **Parish Prayer:** The sub-committee has had an initial meeting; a notice has been placed in the Bulletin Submissions close 6 March.
- **Parish Assembly Survey:** Forms have been printed for distribution and completion this coming weekend. An email will be sent to parishioners inviting them to complete the survey online. Jacqui offered to collate the results.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Laudato Si' Initiative:

Cathy spoke to the items listed on the agenda:

1. Clean up Australia Day will take place on Sunday 5 March. Equipment for 40 people has been ordered. Those interested in participating to meet in the café carpark opposite the RAAF base following the 9.30am Mass. Photos will be taken to promote this activity.
2. The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Invest in our Planet". During this time people will be asked to switch off all electricity for one hour.
3. Laudato Si' Week – May 21-28. Waiting on resources from the Diocese.

The Parish has registered to be an Earthcare Parish. At its next meeting the committee will consider the audit tool to be completed.

Parish Calendar:

Key dates in the coming month include a Parish Foundation Multicultural Dinner which will be held on Friday, 12 May. Volunteers to coordinate this event will be sought from the Parish.

In Melissa's absence the report on the first meeting of the Parish / School fete was held over. However, Fr Gayan reported that an enthusiastic coordinator had been appointed and the fete will be held on 16 September. More details to follow.

School children will lead the Mass to celebrate St Monica's Feast Day, 17 August.

Parish Re-Alignment Plan – 2023/24/25:

Mary McGuinness led discussion on a draft strategic plan which had been prepared last year. The key focus areas as presented were agreed. The document requires actions, responsibilities and timelines to be decided. Comments emanating from the discussion included:

- An audit of Parish IT will be conducted once the proposed Parish IT Committee is established.

- Examples of Bulletins from other Parishes being forwarded to Fr Gayan by the Diocese.
- The men’s shed will re-convene this year.
- It was suggested that a playgroup for pre-school children and their mothers be re-established.
- A youth group needs to cater for upper Primary school children – need to involve Melissa in this.
- There are 35 people undertaking Pastoral Care of the frail, sick and elderly Parishioners.
- Names of parishioners who would appreciate a phone call should be advised to Caroline Pritchard who has taken over the leadership of the Pastoral Care ministry.
- The existence of the Parish Handbook needs to be publicized. The document is too large for the website. Copies available in the foyer of St Gregory’s and St Monica’s.
- Reflection days to be conducted for both the Parish Council and Finance Committee
- Bible study groups will commence the second week after Easter.
- Dave Pritchard has volunteered to head a maintenance committee.
- Need to promote children’s liturgy. Helpers are available but few children attending the liturgy. Suggested helpers greet children as they arrive for Mass.

Work on the document will continue at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- In the interests of promoting connections between the school and Parish, Fr Gayan suggested that the school children be asked to take responsibility for weeding / watering the garden along the fence between the school and church. This was agreed.

Meeting Closed	8.00pm
Concluding Prayer	Fr Gayan
Next meeting:	Wednesday 15 March at 7.00pm.