



# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 19 April 2023

Venue: Emmaus Room 7pm

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Fr Thomas
<b>Present</b>	Fr Gayan, Fr Thomas, Trish Maguire (chair / notes), Mary McGuinness, Darrell Grima, Jacqui Morley, Dave Pritchard, Rhonda Jones.
<b>Apologies</b>	Emma Mizzi, Cathy Hey, Melissa Beggs.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the March meeting were tabled for approval and accepted.

## AGENDA ITEMS

- Parish Prayer:** Council members reviewed the two final drafts of the Parish prayer. Adjustments were made to merge lines from draft 2 to draft 1 before the final version was formally adopted. The prayer will be printed on cards for distribution at the Parish Dinner and introduced at Masses on the weekend of 13/14 May. It was suggested that the Parish Prayer alternate with the Prayer for Ukraine each weekend, with intercessions for the Parish and Ukraine included in the Prayers of the Faithful on the “off” weekend.
- Parish Foundation Multicultural Dinner – 12 May:** Jacqui Morley gave a report of meetings held in preparation for the dinner. Promotion has been via the bulletin, a slide shown before all Masses and inclusion in the Parish notices. Date for RSVPs is 30 April. Jacqui requested assistance with setting up on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> from 4.30pm.
- St Gregory’s Morning tea:** The 14 May morning tea at St Gregory’s mentioned at the previous meeting will not now go ahead as the church will be closed that weekend for renovation. It was felt important that a member of the Parish Council attend these morning teas which are held on the second Sunday of each month. Darrell and Jacqui will be present at Mass for the next few months.
- Upcoming Parish Council nominations:** Three councillors will retire at the end of year and elections to fill these vacancies will be held in November. Promotion will begin in June. Anyone interested in joining the council should contact Fr Gayan.
- Parish Bulletin:** Fr Gayan distributed a copy of the Parish Bulletin, prepared by a representative from the Diocese who has offered to come to Richmond to help design a new format. Rhonda and Darrell offered to work with Fr Gayan on this.
- Parish Survey:** Jacqui presented raw data extracted from electronic and paper survey results. A notice will be placed in the Bulletin advising that these results will be displayed on a pinboard in the foyer at St Monica’s. The Council will work with this information to determine future directions.
- Laudato Si’ Initiative:** A reminder to turn off lights from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on Sunday 23 April will be printed in this weekend’s Bulletin.

- **Parish Re-alignment Plan** Youth Ministry

This focus area requires considerable work. The Parish needs a new leader to start afresh – advertise for a leader in the Bulletin.

Several parents have put their names forward to work with young people.

Is there anything happening at a Diocesan level? Mary McGuinness will get a group of young people and parents together to research what is happening in other areas.

<b>Meeting Closed</b>	8.00pm
<b>Concluding Prayer</b>	Fr Thomas
<b>Next meeting:</b>	Wednesday, 17 May at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room.