



## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

*Wednesday, 6 December 2023*

**Venue: Emmaus Room      7pm**

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Fr Gayan – Council prayer.
<b>Present</b>	Emma Mizzi (chair), Fr Gayan, Fr Thomas, Trish Maguire (notes) Darrell Grima, Jacqui Morley, Mary McGuinness, Melissa Beggs, Dave Pritchard, Rhonda Jones, Cath Littlejohn, Michael Pastoors
<b>Apologies</b>	Cathy Hey
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the November meeting were approved via email.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Welcome:** Fr Gayan and Emma extended a warm welcome to three new members - Cathy Vogt, Catherine Littlejohn and Michael Pastoors - who will join the Council in the new year: The new members introduced themselves and the Council members in turn gave a brief outline of their background and their relation to the Parish.
- **Commissioning new PPC members:** It was agreed that the commissioning will take place at the 9.30am Mass at St Monica's on Sunday, 11 February. All Council members will be in attendance.
- **National Recycling Week:** Students from St Monica's and Bede Polding are preparing Christmas cards for the residents of the four nursing homes in Richmond. These will be ready for distribution on Friday, 15 December. Cath Littlejohn offered to take cards to Kurrajong Nursing Home, Jacqui Morley to Ron Middleton and Fr Gayan will take cards to Hawkesbury Living and Hawkesbury Village.
- **Christmas Cake:** Donated cakes will be sliced and packaged for the inmates at John Moroney from 10.30am on Sunday 17 December. Volunteers are asked to bring a knife and cutting board. Br Cyril will collect same on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Change of meeting day 2024:** Since the third Wednesday of the month conflicts with the St Vincent de Paul meeting, it was agreed to move Parish Pastoral Council meetings to the second Wednesday, commencing 14 February.
- **Parish Assembly:** Two members of the sub-committee met with Fr Gayan on 25 November. Mary McGuinness reported:
  - The Assembly will be held on **3 March** from 10.45am – 12.45pm, with promotion commencing via the usual channels in late January. Refreshments (sandwiches and fruit) will be available.
  - The theme for the Assembly will be *"Being God's Difference for the World"*.
  - The venue will be the Old Church, using tables and chairs for ease of writing.
  - Consideration being given to inviting Eleanor Bonwick, Project Youth Project Coordinator, to speak. Also asking Bede Polding students to give their views on how they experience the Church today / Church in the future.

- Written reports will be collated into a booklet. Fr Gayan has asked someone to design the cover. Fr Gayan will contact parishioners contributing to the booklet requesting reports covering the year 2023 to be available by 3 February.
- The next meeting of the Parish Assembly sub-committee will be held on **Monday, 22 January**, following 9.30am Mass in the Emmaus Room.
- **Covid Realignment Plan:** It was agreed that the February 2024 meeting will be extended to workshop this plan which will be re-named to remove the Covid reference.
- **Thanks to PPC members:** Having completed their terms, Jacqui Morley and Rhonda Jones stepped down from the Council. Mary McGuinness will remain in her capacity as Parish Coordinator of Ministries.  
Fr Gayan and Emma expressed the thanks of the Parish community for their work and dedication to the Parish.

<b>Meeting Closed</b>	7.30pm followed by a Christmas celebration.
<b>Concluding Prayer</b>	Fr Thomas
<b>Next meeting:</b>	Wednesday, 14 February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room.