



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 10 April 2024

Venue: Emmaus Room 7pm

Opening Prayer	Fr Gayan
Present	Fr Gayan, Emma Mizzi (Chair) Trish Maguire (notes) Darrell Grima, Dave Pritchard, Cathy Hey, Cath Littlejohn, Cathy Vogt, Michael Pastoors.
Apologies	Melissa Beggs, Mary McGuinness
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the March 2024 meeting were approved via email.

MATTERS ARISING:

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Multicultural Dinner:** The sub-committee has arrangements in hand for the forthcoming dinner to be held on Friday 10 May. Sign-on sheets have been placed in the church foyers. PPC members will approach people after Mass on Sundays and invite them to the dinner. Set-up in the Old Church will take place on **Thursday 9 May, commencing at 4.30pm**.
The Parish Strategic Plan will be formally introduced at the dinner. Fr Gayan will refer to it in his welcome address and copies of the plan will be placed on each table.
The committee will meet again in a fortnight to finalise arrangements.
- **Plans for Bethany:** Flooring is the only outstanding item. Fr Gayan is currently seeking a quote from another supplier.
A religious sister has approached the parish regarding the leasing of Bethany for two years whilst she undertakes nursing studies. Terms of the arrangement to be negotiated with the Parish Priest.
- **Parish Survey / New Parishioners:** Fr Gayan shared a form which has been used previously to capture this information. It was felt that the form needed some revision. Emma will meet with Father to review.
Father also sought suggestions on what can be done to welcome new parishioners apart from a special morning tea.
- **Laudato Si' initiatives for 2014.** Laudato Si' week will run from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday (16-24 May) with this year's theme being "*Seeds of Hope*". The sub-committee will meet via Zoom, at a date and time to be arranged, to discuss how this theme will be promoted.
- **Feedback from the Gathering of the Diocesan, Deanery & Parish Pastoral Council Executives 18 March 2024:** Emma was unable to attend this meeting; however, a copy of the minutes and a slide presentation are attached to this document. One topic considered at this meeting was the renewal and revitalization of pastoral councils in the Diocese of Parramatta.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Despite the flood, there was a good attendance at **Fr Thomas' farewell**. Fr Thomas has now left the parish; Fr Shinto will begin his ministry in the Parish on the weekend of 20/21 April.

- Devotions were held and the picture installed in the Church on **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Thanks were extended to the donor of the picture.
- **The annual Parish white elephant / book stall** will be held in August. A call for donations will go out in July.
- Cathy Hey will include information regarding the Laudato Si' week promotion in the **Parish Gathering report** she is preparing for PPC members to deliver.

Meeting Closed	7.50pm
Concluding Prayer	Fr Gayan
Next meeting:	Wednesday, 8 May at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room. Cathy Vogt tendered her apologies for this meeting.