



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Venue: Emmaus Room 7pm

Opening Prayer	Parish Council Prayer
Present	Fr Raymond, Fr Shinto, Emma Mizzi (Chair) Trish Maguire (notes), Darrell Grima, Cathy Hey, Cath Littlejohn, Cathy Vogt, Melissa Beggs, Mary McGuiness, Tom Misdrom, Tom Vogt, Melissa Ryan, Nadee Giniji.
Apologies	Dave Pritchard, Michael Pastoors
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were approved via email.

Members of the Parish Finance Committee were in attendance to meet and welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Raymond Ugwu C.S.Sp.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Parish Survey Form:** The updated form was agreed at the previous meeting and is now ready to be implemented. An electronic version will be available for completion online. A sub-committee comprising Fr Raymond, Emma Mizzi and Trish Maguire will meet to determine a date in September / October for the census to be undertaken. Information obtained will be used to update Parish records. Mary McGuiness reported that the update of the IT system was taking longer than expected due to the age of the server. However, the end is in sight.
- **Priests' Residences - update:** Priorities 1 and 2 electrical and plumbing items identified on the audit report have been completed. To date one quotation to undertake painting of the units has been received. Purchase of new furniture, including beds, is still to be organised. Old mattresses will be taken to the tip.
A schedule will be set up to ensure regular maintenance of the property.
- **Recent Forum – Fr Raymond / Mary McGuiness:** Following recent incidents in various places of worship, a gathering was held to address the importance of security in churches and church grounds. Cameras are in operation at St Monica's; security at St Gregory's will be reviewed. Mary stated it was important for people to be aware of who and what is going on around the church and to report anything unusual. This will be highlighted with members of the hospitality team. A register will be established to record any incidents. Fr Raymond noted that security is everyone's responsibility.
- **Installation of new Parish Priest:** The proposed date for Fr Raymond's installation by Bishop Vincent is Sunday 22 September during the 9.30am Mass. This will be followed by a morning tea to be held in the Old Church. The Liturgy Committee / Finance Committee and Parish Council will have separate roles in organizing the morning.
- **Fr Raymond:** Fr Raymond spoke of his hopes and goals for the Parish during his tenure. In return, he asked those present to write (anonymously) what they would like to see achieved in the Parish over the next few years. Catechesis and youth issues featured prominently in the members' responses.

At the conclusion of business, members enjoyed a supper to welcome Fr Raymond and congratulate him on the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Meeting Closed	8.10pm
Concluding Prayer	Fr Raymond
Next meeting:	TBA