



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Record

Wednesday, 12 March 2025

Venue: Emmaus Room 7pm

Opening Prayer	Parish Council Prayer
Present	Emma Mizzi (Chair) Trish Maguire (notes), Fr Raymond, Fr Shinto, Dave Pritchard, Michael Pastoor, Cath Littlejohn, Cathy Vogt.
Apologies	Mary McGuinness, Cathy Hey, Melissa Beggs, Darrell Grima.
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were approved with the following amendment: <i>Fr Raymond suggested the Multicultural dinner, usually held in May to mark the foundation of the Richmond church, be moved to 27th August or a Friday very close to that date to celebrate the feast of St Monica.</i>

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Ambrose meeting re use of old presbytery:** Fr Raymond advised that he had nothing further to report at this stage but hoped to hear more in the coming weeks.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **2025 PRPC election candidates:** In line with the timeline published in the Bulletin, nominations of candidates to replace the five retiring members of the Parish Council closed last weekend. The following parishioners were nominated and have accepted the Parish Councillor position:
 - Narelle Godsell
 - Bernadete Xuereb
 - Denise Makepeace
 - Edward (Ed) Leddy
 - Michael Skinner

The above names will be published in the Bulletin; newly-elected council members will attend the April meeting.

- **Recording of annual parish events and outreach initiatives – to assist with transition to new PRPC:** This is a work in progress. Darrell has submitted a detailed timeline of actions for the organizing of the annual supporters' BBQ.
- **Feedback from Ministry meeting:** Some 30 parishioner, together with Frs Raymond and Shinto, attended this meeting facilitated by Mary McGuinness on 22 February. General discussion centred around the church community, how we engage with other parishioners – particularly new-comers – and aspects of ministry in general. Written responses to the questions
 - What are we doing well?
 - What could we do better?
 - What are some suggested changes?

were submitted and are in the process of being collated. A summary of the results will be published. Fr Raymond hopes to see more such meetings in the future, widened to embrace a broader reflection

of the parish community. There is also an opportunity to review the Diocesan Pastoral Plan with the intention of incorporating some aspects in the life of the Richmond Parish.

OTHER BUSINES:

- It was suggested that the Parish organise a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt.
- Fr Raymond would like to introduce an annual Parish Retreat.
- He would also like the Pastoral Council to meet five or six per year instead of the current monthly meetings.

Meeting Closed	8.05pm
Concluding Prayer	Fr Shinto
Next meeting:	Wednesday, 9 April at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room. This meeting will be a handover from the retiring to the newly-elected members of the Council.