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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 29 March 2022

1. Welcome: Chairperson - This was a virtual meeting due to Covid protocols and also combining March & April meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council. Attendance: Fr Manu, Carolyn Ost, Hans Woznitza, Louella Walker, Rosanna Samarzia, Alesia Sala, Shannon Bertram 2. Prayer: Parish Prayer Apologies: Therese Meyers, John Jarrad, Tash Souter 3. 4. Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting on 8 February 2022. Accepted as correct: Shannon Bertram Seconded: Louella Walker **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** 5. Letter has been sent to Dom & Anna-Maria thanking them for their service to ParaHills/Modbury parish Some education and reflection on Lent has been carried out with a PowerPoint and video being shown at recent Masses. 6 Standing Items 6.1 Reports: Pastoral - Delivered by Fr Manu: a) Baptisms are increasing at present. Recently a number of families have only attended the Welcome & then attending for the Baptism and have not completing the Baptism program. From now on Baptism dates will only be confirmed when the program has been completed. Tash has been advised. Currently due to Covid protocols no visits to Nursing Homes. Mass numbers have been decreasing in the past few weeks. Tash has indicated that she will be leaving due to difficulties balancing work/home responsibilities although this will not occur until after the sacramental program has finished. Possible changes to Tash's job role & title to Sacramental & Liturgy coordinator. If anyone knows of persons who may be interested let Fr Manu know. b) Parish Finance Committee – No report available as last PFC meeting cancelled. Fr Manu advised that: Finances still looking OK. John Jarrad has informed Fr Manu that he will be resigning as PFC chairperson due to health issues. c) Liturgy Committee Report tabled

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6 6.1 Cont'd

- d) St Francis Xavier School report tabled. Rosanna also advised that:
 - Family Mass arranged at HT on 19 June
 - Held an outside Mass at the school, which is a first & created some interest. If weather holds next one will be 31 March at 2.15pm.
 - Further potential dates for family masses for 2023 to be advised to Fr Manu
- e) Gleeson College Alesia delivered:
 - Shrove Tuesday celebrations, preordered pancakes provided and delivered in Covid safe manner
 - Ash Wednesday celebrations held with classroom liturgies. There was no distribution of Ashes this year.
 - Year 9 had retreat with the theme of Loving Tenderly with God which was a mantra of the late Archbishop Gleeson and also of the school.
 - Alesia to investigate if Gleeson can participate with family Masses for 2023 and let Fr Manu know.

6.2 Correspondence:

Letter from Archdiocese regarding Good Friday collection

6.3 Child Protection

No child protection concerns raised or identified. However Child Protection training run by the Archdiocese in our parish is unlikely to take place this year. We may have to consider running the program in the Parish ourselves.

7 New Business:

7.1 Mass Time Survey

After discussions & responses agreed to amend as follows:

- Q1 replace the word Vigil with Saturday Evening
- Q3 remove the time in the third response & amend to More likely to attend if later in the evening
- Q4 remove the reference to the time in the third response
- Also agreed to include in the preamble the reason for the survey to give parishioners the context.
- Survey to be made available in paper format and also electronically from the Parish website.

7.2 Welcome Pack Update

- For Baptismal families and new families with children **include flyers** from St Francis and Gleeson.
- Include as part of the welcome that if a new parishioner is **interested in any of the activities** or joining any group to contact the Parish office & they will arrange for contact to be made with them.
- Consider having updated Groups & Activities distributed to all parishioners on a yearly basis as a refresher of activities available

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7.	 7.3 Sacristans - Preparation for special Liturgies (eg Ash Wednesday/ Funerals/Baptisms) Fr Manu has no assistance in preparing the Church for these occasions. We need to support Fr Manu. Also when visiting Priests come to celebrate Mass they need assistance. Consider some options like: Other parishes pay a small honorarium if a parishioner undertakes the task. This will need to be considered by PFC. Have a group of volunteers to assist, but volunteer numbers in parish are decreasing May have to charge families to pay for Sacristans. With Tash relinquishing her role consider if this is something she may
	be interested in and consider if Tash's replacement would carry out the role.
8.	AOB Nil
9	 Actions Tash's replacement & role change to be undertaken. Fr Manu, Carolyn & PPC SFX to advise potential further dates for family Masses. Rosanna Gleeson to consider family Masses for 2023. Alesia Mass time survey amendments. Carolyn Possible Sacristans, financial options be considered by PFC & Tash approached. Fr Manu/Carolyn to confer with PFC & Tash. Update of Welcome packs. Carolyn
10.	Next Meeting: 10 May 2022
11.	Concluding Prayer led by Fr Manu & Meeting closed 8.10pm