



PPC – Para Hills/Modbury Parish

Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 13.12.2016

Chairperson: Carolyn Ost

Minutes taken & prepared: Marie Haydon

Item number	Details / Action Required	Who?	Due Date
1. Welcome and apologies			
Prayer and Welcome	Carolyn welcomed members and led prayer.		
Present	Carolyn Ost Therese Meyers, Paul Haydon, Marie Haydon, Jeni O'Neill, Michael Flavel, Arnold Callado, Graham Speed,		
Apologies	Fr Manu, Leonard Gan, Anna Neave, Betty Roper, John Jarrad, Helen Podgorski, Rony Abraham, Louella Walker		
2. Previous Minutes			
2.1 Confirmed & Seconded	Minutes moved as accepted by Graham Speed and seconded by Jeni O'Neill.		
2.2 Business arising			
2.2.1	No report yet tabled for Craft Market.	Helen	Jan
2.2.2	Parish Liturgy Committee formation has been deferred to early 2017.	Carolyn/ Fr. Manu	Feb
2.2.3	Fund raising Policy now complete and accepted as policy <i>Please be mindful that any actions identified in the minutes need to be reviewed and actioned as identified.</i>		Closed
3. Standing Items			
3.1 Reports	Those written reports received were circulated prior to the meeting. A review of these was conducted. Key points shared:		
3.1.1 Pastoral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment in the sacramental program up to 30. Welcome mass for children and families well attended at St John XXIII RE classes at HT led by Jeni until Phyllis returns Baptisms – 2 in Dec. The Deanery Year of Mercy concluding rite was well attended. Volunteers BBQ was well received although concern voiced regarding how those who don't recognise their actions as 'volunteering' to attend. 	Jeni O'Neill	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Pastoral Carers to visit the sick in hospital still needed • Christmas masses Preparation in full swing • Confirmation Mass to be held on 3rd June with 1st Communion masses on the following weekend 		
3.1.2 Gleeson College liaison	<p>Summary included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Year End mass and Graduation day Wed 7th Dec. • An article in the "Globe" newsletter regarding local parish activities and mass times is available at Gleeson website for reading • Ongoing connection with Andrew Baker and Adam Cibich to be maintained. • Discussion around Social Justice activity for the College - possible Fred's Van involvement and Project Compassion in 2017 	Michael Flavel	
3.1.3 St Francis Xavier School liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of term/ Graduation on tonight so Angela not present. • Acknowledgement of Angela's commitment to SFX 	Carolyn	
3.1.4 Parish Finance Committee	<p>Key points summarized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of income and expenditure published monthly in bulletin – good feedback re this. • HT Shed to be built early 2017. • Deficit anticipated to be less than originally forecast 	John Jarrad	
4. New Business			
4.1 Diocesan spring Gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around the Key Characteristics of a Health, Vibrant, Renewing Parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parish is a community in which each member is called to a personal relationship with Jesus. - Eucharistic Liturgies are prayerful and fully participative. - The word of God is proclaimed in good preaching and in faithful lives - There is a warm sense of community outreach and welcome. - The parish community is visibly engaged with those who experience poverty and need with those at the margins of society and the Church. 	Jeni & Fr Manu	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The parish bears witness to God's love for all the creatures of the earth. - The parish is led by a priest with a pastoral team. - Eucharistic communities that are visible will be enabled to continue. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using 'Maintenance', 'Improvement' or 'Challenge', the members discussed the 8 characteristics of a vibrant parish to attempt to discern where we should focus our Renewal efforts in 2017 • The conclusion was that all areas could be considered either as Maintenance or Challenge, but the primary area is regarding developing a personal relationship with Jesus and that from this point all other areas would then be able to be developed • Possible ways of developing this include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we need to spread the Word - develop a survey / handout asking parishioners to describe their relationship with Jesus or what help they would want to improve it. - Consider ways of reaching out to those outside of church – particularly those who have drifted away from the Church or feel unwelcome in the Church. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Manu wishes to hold a meeting with the various groups within the parish to determine their activities and understand the principles and functions. 		
5. Actions from this meeting			
5.1	Carolyn to acknowledge Angela's involvement on PPC as SFX representative		
6. Summary			
	Marie summarised Key Actions from the meeting and Carolyn invited final comments		
7. Close and prayer			
	Meeting closed at 8.55pm - Jeni led closing prayer		
Next Meeting	Tuesday, February 14th 2017 at 7pm at St John XIII		

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