

Minutes:
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8 June 2021

1.	<p>Welcome: Chairperson</p> <p>Attendance: Fr Manu, Carolyn Ost, Therese Meyers, Hans Woznitza, John Jarrad, Tash Souter, Rosanna Samarzia, Shannon Bertram, Louella Walker</p>
2.	Prayer: Parish Prayer
3.	Apologies: Rosanne Walston-Leo, Domenic Cavuoto, Alesia Sala
4.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting:</p> <p>Accepted as correct: John Jarrad</p> <p>Seconded: Rosanna Samarzia</p>
5.	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation for Para Hills nursing home still to be finalised. Initially a parishioner had agreed but had to withdraw. • Email issue with Gleeson students sorted. • Child protection approvals for Angela in order. Newsletter details still to be updated. • Parishioner of Inspiration information in newsletter but website still to be amended. • SFX newsletter has included acknowledgement of the parish's celebration of Catholic Education in Aust. • The collection of phone number of parishioners still to be use undertaken.
6.	Standing Items:
	Time Allocated: 20 Minutes
6.1	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Pastoral – report tabled – One round of Holy Communion celebrations has been completed. One all finished school masses to restart. Some long-standing parishioners' absence has recently been noticed at HT. Contact to be made to check welfare.</p> <p>b) Parish Finance Committee – report tabled - Roofing at J23 withstood the recent storm/rain. Raised that the collection at HT appears to be reduced over past month or so. John advised that to end of April collection has been within forecasts but will check over next month. It may be that direct debits/credits had led to this.</p> <p>Health & Safety- An incident occurred at HT when a parishioner missed footing & fell backward. She was attended to by a nurse and apart from being shaken & sore appeared to be OK. The fall did not appear to be as a result of faulty or slippery flooring. Follow up welfare check to be made.</p> <p>c) Liturgy Committee – report tabled - A number of parishioners commented favourably about the Easter PowerPoint presentations. Upcoming special events ie Justice Sunday 29/8 & Multicultural & Migrant Sunday 26/9 to be prepared. Newsletter to contain details & for Multicultural & Migrant Sunday if parishioners wish to wear national dress &/or present artifacts or items at the mass. Will start planning for Christmas celebrations next meeting.</p>

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	<p>d) St Francis Xavier School – report tabled - For First Holy Communion celebrations there were 13 children from St David's parish & 5 from J23 parish. St Vinnies winter appeal underway at school & it was requested that photo be sent for inclusion in newsletter. It was also requested that a photo of the planted tree from the Catholic Education presentation be taken & forwarded.</p> <p>e) Gleeson College - report not received - Shannon advised that Sue Knight has had permanent appointment as Deputy Principal.</p>
6.2	<p>Correspondence: Card from SFX school expressing thanks for the tree gift following Catholic Education week celebration. Email of thanks also received from Joe Corbo from Gleeson.</p> <p>Letter from Archbishop received regarding a Diocesan Assembly to be held 17 & 18 September 2021 with conclusion on 23 September. Refer to details in point 8 AOB.</p>
6.3	<p>Child Protection No child protection concerns raised or identified.</p>
7.	<p>New Business:</p> <p>7.1 Photographs of PPC members. It was agreed that new PPC members or those that may wish to update their photo's forward an electronic copy to Carolyn to update the information at parish centres.</p>
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Diocesan Assembly - The details about the purpose of the Assembly has some similarity to that of the Plenary Council. The resources for the parish to use to promote discussion & responses, although listed in the letter as available on a website, do not appear to be active at this point. That will make it difficult to promote given that responses from parish's closes 16 August 2021. Agreed not to restrict the potential for community responses but to keep the reflections as broad as possible to respond to the 3 question posed. The Assembly video (as of the PPC meeting date was not available) is to be played in parish over the weekend 26 & 27 June 2021 in place of homily. The Diocesan website to be checked for activation of resources and then details to be published in Bulletin & promoted at masses in order to have responses by 16 August date.</p>

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	<p>Parishioner in need - Sudanese parishioner (with very limited English) at HT has requested financial assistance for her son to return to South Sudan following the death of her husband there. Her husband has a number of wives and apparently it is tradition that the eldest son is required to look after his affairs and the rest of the family still there, hence the request.</p> <p>This raises some difficult questions and caution needs to be exercised so not to set precedents which would be unable to be met by the parish in the future.</p> <p>It is understood that the son is also the sole carer of the parishioner and that there is a disabled grandchild to consider. The relationship of the grandchild to the son is not known.</p> <p>The providing of direct financial assistance from the parish was not considered appropriate. However other assistance options to be explored including potential for direct assistance from airline or travel agent, any local Sudanese community support. Carolyn & Louella to make those enquiries</p>
9	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare permission to use phone numbers for parish use also include details in Bulletin. • Carolyn & Louella to make enquiries regarding parishioner in need. • Diocesan website to be checked for activation of resources for Diocesan Assembly & information for Bulletin. • SFX school to provide photo of St Vinnies winter appeal for Bulletin. • Notice to be prepared for Bulletin in September for national dress & artifacts for Multicultural & Refugee week. • Welfare check for parishioner who fell at HT • Carolyn to ring & check on some parishioners' absence from HT • Website to be updated to include details of Parishioner of Inspiration. • PPC members to send photos to Carolyn
10.	Next Meeting: 13 July 2021
11.	Concluding Prayer led by Fr Manu & Meeting closed.