

## ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

14 May 2013

#### Opening

The May monthly meeting of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council for 2013 commenced at 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 May 2013.

#### Present

Doug Black (Chair) Terry McKiterick, Margaret Summers, Fr Des, Sally Murphy, Julie Ritchie, Barbara Green and Denise Morgan.

**Apologies:** Kate Fogarty, Brendan Atley, Matt McLindon.

No internet contact was available to connect with Anne Kotsiakos.

#### Prayer

A scripture reading, intercession prayers and discussion forum was provided by Barb Green

#### Formation

This was provided by discussion after the prayer.

#### Reports

There were no written reports submitted.

#### St Mary's Parish

Reconciliation Week starts at St Mary's on Sunday 26 May 2013 when we will see the new Message Stick introduced for the commencement of Reconciliation Week. This is part of a worldwide initiative.

Ecumenical Week ends at St Mary's on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. with Ecumenical Prayer led by Uniting Church Minister Rev Charity Majiza. **We should all make an effort to support this event,**

#### St Joseph's College

Sally Murphy indicated that all Year 7 places are filled for 2014 and that 40 applications had to be rejected. There were 185 applications.

The integration of St Joseph's students into the general community was discussed as an effort in community liaison. This is already happening, e.g., at the Uniting Church lunch times and at the St Vincent de Paul shop. The students enjoy having something practical to do. We should look for more opportunities.

**Correspondence in:**

None

**Correspondence out:**

None.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Business arising from Minutes**

- **BEC's:** The core group continues to meet. Their next meeting is Friday, 17 May 2013. The launch date is Thursday, 13 June 2013. We decided to combine this with our ordinary PPC meeting to avoid 2 meetings in the one week.
- **Sacristy Facelift:** Plans were distributed but no discussion. The proposed hand rail causes health and safety issues so lectors are asked to use the ramp or the front steps if they are having difficulty.
- **Social Justice Group meeting with Njernda** was cancelled due to the death of one of the elders. The group is working on an international sponsorship for East Timor and a fundraising cake stall for first Sunday in June.
- **Parish Website:** This is fairly stable now after we had an issue with exceeding the bandwidth allocated to our level of funding. Doug corrected this but if we run into this situation again, Doug is looking to upgrade to the next band width - only an extra \$50-\$60 p.a.No action needed as yet and Doug will monitor. Doug is keen to get contribution from other groups for the website.
- **Altar Servers Group.** Matt provided an email which I will attach.
- **Prison Ministry** continues, and Matt expects to receive his "green card" which will allow unrestricted visits to the prison without supervision.
- **Centrecare.** We need to contact Paul Fogarty for an update before he retires. The annual appeal is on this weekend.

**General Business**

- **Srs Cecilia and Bernadine** will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their profession on 7 December 2013.
- **Youth Group:** Sally Murphy reported a core group of four was interested at St Joseph's, but ideas are in short supply. Denise suggested contacting chaplains at each school to see if there is any enthusiasm. Doug and Barbara suggested that "hands on" activities might be a good start for discussion.
- **D Group.** The next Stronger Rally will be at Kyabram on Friday, 21 June 2013 from 6 – 9 pm.
- **A Parish Pastoral Councils Handbook** was tabled. Doug will scan and distribute this.

- **Strategic Plan.** To be annexed to minutes and one section revisited at each meeting to monitor progress. July 2013 will concentrate on BEC's progress.

**Prayer Leader for next Meeting:**

Not applicable for June as it is combined with BEC's Meeting.  
T McKiterick for July meeting.

Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 June 2013 at 7.30 in the Main Hall (Note change of date and venue.)  
Denise Morgan is unavailable for meeting for a couple of months while attending an education course.

**Key Agenda Items**

BEC's.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Minutes approved: Doug Black

20 May 2013