

# ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Opening

The June meeting of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council for 2015 commenced at 7.08pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

#### 1. Opening Prayer

Doug Black led the prayer opening with the song "With all I am" followed by a reading (Matthew 5:13 – 16) and reflection.

#### 2. Welcome

#### 3. Present

Doug Black (Chair), Fr Des, Anne Kotsiakos, Denise Morgan, Christine Sebire, Brendan Atley, Barbara Green, Kerry McLoughlan and Olivia Gregory.

#### 4. Apologies

Michael Delaney, Dave Callanan, John Moyle, Jenny Mayes and Clem Mulcahy.

#### 5. Correspondence

- In – Nil
- Out – Nil

#### 6. Parish Pastoral Council Goals for the Future

Each member was asked to put forward what they each see as the top three goals the Parish Pastoral Council should focus on in the next 12-18 months. Following group discussion and analysis of the goals put forward the group starting drafting the PPC Annual Action Plan.

#### The St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council Action Plan:

We aim to be inclusive in all aspects of the parish. This requires effective communication and information and can be achieved by a focus on liturgy, outreach and social justice.

1. We aim to nourish and build our community through inclusive and engaging liturgical experiences.
2. We aim to be a truly inclusive parish through real and effective outreach and personal dialogue with ALL members of our catholic community.
3. We aim to be true to the Gospel and relevant in our local and global community with open dialogue and information and response from a catholic perspective on issues of justice.

The PPC members then briefly discussed the area of actions relating to the three goals. While it was agreed that further discussions around actions items would occur next meeting the following areas were highlighted:

1. Come and See, active participation, school liturgy (involving the community), music, information to ascertain appropriate experiences.
2. MenAlive, BEC's, home communion, youth ministry, school families, Come and See, hospital visits and visiting the sick, bereavement, aged care (and liturgies), soup and sandwiches, future expo, PPC conduct active visits with parish groups, evaluation of the effectiveness of ministries.
3. Advocacy, Justice September.

Parish Pastoral Council members were asked to provide at the next meeting a brief sentence or two introducing themselves to the community and to provide a photo of themselves. The photo and introduction will be used to update the PPC Members list at the back of the Church and on the website.

## **7. Reports:**

### St Mary's School:

Brendan advised that Catholic Education Week was well celebrated with great celebrations of community and connectedness highlighted by a very successful grandparent's day. The school expects enrolments to be strong again this year with a high sibling base.

Pastoral Associates: Christine encouraged members to attend and promote with friends and family the St Joseph's Refugee Mass being held at 9am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Anne advised that this year's parish luncheon has been booked for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Anne reminded members that the eConference is being held at the St Mary's Parish Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 from 10:00am to 2:30pm.

Come and See: The next Come and See gathering is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015. In recognition of Refugee Week the theme for the gathering is "Those that have come across the seas" – celebrating what refugees and migrants have brought to our community. The gathering is being largely organised by a joint effort between the social justice committee, St Joseph's School and the Come and See team.

MenAlive: The Echuca MenAlive weekend is being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at St Mary's Parish Centre. At this stage it is expected that approximately 50 people will be attending but it is hoped this will grow to about 60 attendees. The response to the request for volunteers to assist with catering has been good. **Update is that 62 men attended the weekend and it was an outstanding success.**

## **8. General Business:**

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Approved by Barbara Green and Seconded by Olivia Gregory.

## **9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- The Parish Pastoral Council Action Plan - in particular, action items for the goals identified.
- Please forward your photo and introduction to Denise before the next meeting and bring them along to the next meeting.
- Please forward any items for the next meeting to Denise by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

## **10. Prayer Leader**

Barbara Green

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 **at 7:00pm**. Apologies received from Kerry McLoughlan and Christie Sebire.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm.**

Minutes approved: Doug Black 19th June 2015