

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

10 JUNE 2014

Opening

The June meeting of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council for 2014 commenced at 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 June 2014 at the Parish Centre.

Present

Doug Black (Chair), Terry McKitterick, Jenny Mayes, Denise Morgan, Barbara Green, Christine Sebire, Clem Mulcahy, Matt McLindon, Fr Des

Apologies: Anne Kotsiakos, John Moyle and Brendan Atley. Absent: Kate Fogarty.

Prayer and Formation

Christine Sebire led a prayer based on a scripture reading (Matthew 5:14-16) and extracts from *Evangelii Gaudium*, the 2013 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis..

Correspondence in:

- none

Correspondence out:

- none

Reports

St Mary's Parish

Christine Sebire submitted a written report that was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Christine also spoke to the various issues in this report, especially the Sacramental Program, BEC's, Youth Ministry and Social Justice matters.

Schools Reports. None received,

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Moved Terry McKitterick, Seconded Barbara Green.

Business arising from Minutes

- **Trish Clifford.** Barbara Green has contacted Trish who indicated that she did not want any formal recognition of her retirement from the parish office. Her contribution will be acknowledged at the Parish Luncheon and Janis Ovens will be welcomed at the same time.
- Social Justice Committee members are looking for new people. They meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. John Mahady of Moama is to be approached as a possible member.
- Adult Education: As Anne and Kate were both absent, there was no report.
- e-Conference is scheduled for 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 11 June 2014. Set up has been arranged in readiness.
- Men Alive. Mat reported on his experience in Melbourne and his willingness to arrange for an Echuca group to attend a Ballarat session on the weekend of 4 and 5 October 2014. \$50 per head, accommodation can be arranged privately, with the aim of a later Echuca conference being held. This project was agreed to. Matt will report at future meetings.
- Parish luncheon. Sunday 22 June 2014. Numbers are small so far. Each PPC member is to ask another person to come along.
- Stewardship and Sustainability. Christine has supplied a website for each of us to check - "earthsong" and also

www.catholicearthcare.org.au

"Earthcare" is the practical, "Earthsong" is the spiritual.

Christine will try to arrange a young people's spiritual session (2 hours) for Sunday, 31 August 2014. The spirituality experience will be for all parishioners but especially encouraging young people as an opportunity they may appreciate

General Business

Strategic Plan.

Sustainability and Stewardship - deferred to next meeting.

Adult Education

- Men's Retreat - a facilitator and location still needs to be organised.
- Sr Cecilia has offered to conduct an evening series on "Evangelii Gaudium".
- the parish has just received 8 copies of the document.
- an E-conference is scheduled for 11 June, 2014 (see earlier).
- "Men Alive": (see earlier).

Other

- Sacristy:
The sacristy renovations are about to start.
- Prison Visits:
Matt has recruited a couple of volunteers.
- Altar Servers:
Conflicts with sporting fixtures are being experienced.

Prayer:

- Matt McLindon volunteered for the June meeting (continuing our reflection on *Evangelii Gaudium*.)

It is intended to use "*Evangelii Gaudium*" as the basis for each monthly prayer for the rest of 2014.

Next meeting:

15 July 2014 at 7.30 pm. **NOTE LATER DATE - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

Meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

Minutes approved: Doug Black 17th June 2014