

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

15 July 2014

Opening

The July meeting of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council for 2014 commenced at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 July 2014 in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

Present

Doug Black (Chair), Terry McKiterick, Fr Des, Barbara Green, Clem Mulcahy, John Moyle and Matt McLindon.

Apologies: Brendan Atley, Jenny Mayes, Kate Fogarty, Denise Morgan, Christine Sebire and Anne Kotsiakos.

Prayer and Formation

Matt McLindon lead the prayer with a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, excerpts from *Gaudium Evangelii*, a recent reflection by Jim Quillinan and followed by a "parish examination of conscience" as to: who we might exclude from our community; why we do this; do we positively favour the poor in our community; do our baptised feel a sense of belonging; how do we create innovative spaces for prayer and communion; are we obsessed with financial security and have we been robbed of missionary enthusiasm and become mummified.

This provoked some spirited conversation and was allowed to continue for nearly one hour in the absence of other matters.

The reflection ended with a song by Don Francisco entitled: "I don't care where you have been sleeping."

Reports

None were received.

Correspondence in:

Nil

Correspondence out:

- Letter to Campaspe Shire Council enquiring about progress with the bus parking issue. Approved to be sent.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Business arising from Minutes

- **BEC's** – Christine is updating addresses.
- **Social Justice Group.** Swags are being distributed.

Shower facilities for those in need have been proposed. The PPC is in favour of allowing the shower facilities in the shed at rear of the Old Priory being used so long as an management program is put in place. The room would not be available after office hours.

- **Parish Office.** All reports are favourable. Janis' three month review is due. Doug, Brendan and Fr Des to communicate on this.
- **Website.** Doug has proposed a transfer to a new hosting service at a much cheaper rate. Agreed.
- **Men Alive retreat.** Matt distributed leaflets for the Ballarat retreat scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday 3-5 October 2014. Matt reported on the value of this retreat (in Melbourne).
- **Parish Men's Retreat.** This is planned for weekend of 15 & 16 November 2014 at Morning Glory, via Mathoura. More details later.
- **Pastoral Council Formation Day.** Fr Des reported that Philomena Billington of Catholic Education Office, Sandhurst, has agreed to lead the day. The date initially proposed is Saturday, 23 August from 10 am to 5 pm. (Later: some key members are not available for this date, a poll is being taken)
- **Sacristy:** Works are well under way.
- **Fr Des** will be on leave for all of September. A visiting priest has been arranged.
- **RCIA.** Anne has been following up with Chris and Wendy. RCIA Sandhurst Forum meeting will be in Echuca on Friday 25 July 2014 at 5.30 pm. All welcome.

General Business

Caritas 50th Anniversary Luncheon.

- Sunday 3 August 2014. Please diarise the event.

Strategic Plan

- Sustainability and Stewardship will be held over until our next meeting.

Adult Education

Sr Cecilia will conduct a series of evenings on 31 July, 7 and 14 August on *Gaudium Evangelii*.

Other

- **"Living Communion: The Ministry of Parish Councils"** is an event/lecture in Bendigo next Tuesday 22 July 2014 at 7 p.m.

Prayer : Fr Des volunteered for the August meeting

Next meeting:

12 August 2014

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Minutes approved: Doug Black 16th July 2014