Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting for September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The Pastoral Council had our meeting last night by ZOOM. Sadly as we are still in lockdown the Council had to meet yet again via zoom. However, it was good to see each other even though via the internet.

Those present: Fr Joe Caddy, Constant Mews, Jack Rendle, Michael Pirotta (Finance Council representative), Carmel Frost and myself. Apologies from Rosemary Sheehan and Judith Benson.

Here is a summary of what was discussed and decisions taken.

Firstly we thanked Fr Joe for arranging ZOOM gatherings for parishioners on Sundays at 10 am. It was very welcome, and Fr Joe has agreed to continue the sharings whilst we remain in lockdown.

Trivia Night

Due to the extended lockdown, it has been impossible to go ahead with the Trivia Night. The Council members suggested that we delay it until next year.

Parish Dinner

Jack Rendle kindly contacted Treacy Centre where we normally hold the Parish Dinner and we has tentatively made a booking for

5 March, 2022,

so please keep this date for your diaries!

Parish Discussion Groups

Thanks to Constant Mews for organising and running the discussion sessions. The first was the presentation by Bishop Vincent Long on the Plenary Council which will begin soon here in Australia. If you wish to join in just send Constant your email and he will arrange the rest: constant.mews@monash.edu

Finance Reports

Michael Pirotta, the Finance Council representative on the Pastoral Council, will give regular reports to Parishioners on the financial situation of the Parish when we are back in the Church. We thank Michael for his work in keeping the accounts for us all.

Discussions re Relationship between Parishes

We have begun to explore ways that parishes with similar demographics or interests may work together. Richard Curtain and myself were at a meeting via ZOOM to understand the demographics of our area. Further discussion will be held to see how we can get to know the other parishes in our region.

Other Business

A reminder, if you wish to be on the Parish Database, please send an email to the Parish Secretary at : parkville@cam.org.au. There have been some parishioner who have said they are not receiving the emails; please forward your contact details again, please, we have had quite a few hiccups with the network, but it is now working well.

Also, if you wish to have a topic raised at the Pastoral Council please email me, heatherwfmm@gmail.com.

Heather Weedon, Chair, Pastoral Council, 16 September, 2021