

**St Carthage's Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday 19th July 2022 (in person & via Zoom)**

Attendees: Constant Mews (chair), Rev Joe Caddy, Jack Rendle, Br Sean McManus, Michael Pirotta, Claire Renkin.

Agenda Item:	Discussion Points:	Action/s:
1. Apologies	Penny McCann, Ro Sheehan.	
2. Reflection	Final statement from Plenary Council recent mtg.	Lead by Sean.
3. Minutes of last meeting	Mins of last mtg circulated by Constant. One correction, shortfall of \$7K (not \$70K).	
4. Updating of Parish Website		
5. Final profit from parish dinner	Jack estimates the profit was approx \$800 following all expenses paid. Cash from raffle tickets from was placed in presbytery safe and collected by David Forrest. \$2K cheque added to St V de P.	Final profits from parish dinner should be published in parish newsletter.
6. Membership of Pastoral Council	John Drennan has brought to the attention of PC that names are out of date and need to be updated along with the end date for each members term. Constant has circulated an email indicating each PC members name and end date.	
7. Follow up from Plenary Council (Fr Joe)	The Plenary Council has produced broadly agreed set of statements of where we are as a church in Aust. Plenary Council is not final word on matters. There will be other opportunities for people to have a voice. Joe is pleased with acknowledgement of First People's recognition. The Church to some extent acknowledged the wrongs of the past. Equality of men and women, great strength of council. There were many graced moments of people sharing and getting to know others. People were prepared to take risks and share their stories. Hélder Câmara	Joe to publish summary of Plenary Council for parishioners. Collection of links / explanations from Plenary Council to be made available for parishioners.

	<p>website reports Pope Francis has referred back to Bishops’s Council for the consideration of ordination of women as deacons.</p>	
<p>8. Rescheduling St Carthage event & other parish activities</p>	<p>Constant proposed holding a celebration (also involving Chris Watson & Cathy Connolly, harpist), now in revised form: St Brigid and St Carthage: welcoming the outsider on Sun afternoon 2 Oct in the church, as part of a series of monthly events around a theme involving renewal (for example women preaching the Word). This program could include talking about significant figures in the church. We could alert and involve other communities in the Parkville region. Claire R spoke about the need for us to have an opportunity to listen to what people feel is nurturing and helpful to being hospitable and including all, regardless of all. How can we be this community with more passion and engagement? Feeding and nurturing the role of the laity. What’s the unfinished business of Vat II? Some documents from this time challenge us to do things differently. Claire suggested groups could gather and read / reflect on various documents that refer to laity and those beginning religious life. What does it mean to be “co-responsible”? What does it mean to be a full member of the Church? Nourishing people on the faith journey. How can we expose people to the richness of Vat II? How can we assist victims of domestic violence in our community and our church? Claire spoke of practical things that we could support such as partnering with the Good Samaritan Sisters</p>	<p>The PC supported a proposal from Joe C that the theme for a broader program be Reading the Signs of the Times in the Light of the Gospel (from <i>Gaudium et Spes</i>, on the Church in the Modern World).</p> <p>Constant proposed establishing a steering group to further develop these ideas around a series of events, and call for individuals to become part of a planning committee. It does not have to be just members of PC. Ideally it would be a variety of parishioners who would bring a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. Useful to have a planning committee.</p> <p>Claire is willing to make contact with the Good Sams once a planning group has been established.</p>

	<p>who support women who are escaping from domestic violence. Good Sam sisters are located in Ivanhoe West. Other practical supports include listening to someone, shopping, providing a survival kit of toiletries and clothing etc. Joe would be happy to support initiatives of Good Sam Sisters. Parish of Ivanhoe is giving Good Sams a house as a refuge. CM suggested a monthly Sun afternoon event for people who are comfortable to attend in person over several months. Meetings/events would be advertised in parish newsletter. We could connect with Newman & St Mary's College at Uni Melb as well as local secondary schools.</p>	
	<p>There is also a place for purely social events, like the Trivia Night in past years, held at St Michael's School North Melb usually in October. Denise Hussey, its Principal attends Mass at St C. Simon & Jan Hood have kindly run Trivia Night for about past 5 years. It has been a social and fundraiser event. Local Carlton / Parkville businesses have donated prizes.</p>	
<p>9. Post communion reflections Father's Day (4 Sept) & liturgical issues</p>	<p>Father's Day. CM is looking for possible parishioners to do a post-communion reflection on Father's Day (4 Sept), and to prepare a similar list for 4 Sundays in Advent.</p>	
<p>10. Safety Officer & practical parish matters</p>	<p>Numbers at Masses remain low at 5:00p.m. Mass. Sat Vigil Mass is also low, attended by many religious and elderly who have been attending for many years.</p>	<p>Claire suggested purchasing cards and a handwritten message to each catechant.</p>

	<p>Jack suggested that this is a result of both COVID at the same time as Michael Elligate's retirement.</p> <p>Joe reported that Sacramental program is progressing well. Approx 30 children are enrolled.</p> <p>Handrails for church. Rails have been installed at entrance to church as well as to lectern. Total cost was approx \$2400.</p> <p>Sean asked about heating in the church. Heating is in the floor. Not particularly effective.</p> <p>Safety Officer. Child safety needs to be on agenda at each mtg.</p> <p>John Drennan has asked about rubbish disposal. Skip could be placed in lane way for storage and collection. There is a lot of hard rubbish around church and garage that could be disposed of.</p>	<p>Leanne could connect City of Melb to seek further details of skips available.</p>
<p>11. Report from Finance Council (Michael)</p>	<p>Since last mtg, Fin Council has written to all people concerned with expired credit cards. MP reports that of 67 letters sent out, have received 10 replies to date. \$10K to church a/c and \$600 to house account. This possibly still leaves us with a shortfall in budget. No longer a spread sheet that has to be updated. Moving to a system that advises when a credit card is expiring. Letters have also been sent to parishioners who are still on envelope system.</p>	
<p>12. Any other business.</p>	<p>Chris Watson has offered his property at Korweinguboora (near Daylesford) as a place for a council retreat, a suggestion much appreciated by the council.</p>	

13. Date of next meeting		Next mtg Tues 13th Sept 2022.
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Meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.