

ST CARTHAGE'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3 December 2024

7.30 pm at the Parish Centre

PRESENT: Fr Tony Kerin, Administrator, Penny McCann. Sean McManus; Constant Mews Chair; Michael Pirota, Finance Council Representative; Claire Renkin; Tony Cavanagh

		DECISION/ACTION
1. Apologies	Brigid Walker	
2. Reflection	Constant: Poem James Harpur (Constant) <i>The Song of Richard Rolle</i>	
3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	Fr Isaac Zaki- parish enjoyed his presence over several weekends (new Chaplain to Hospitals) Could he be welcomed for an event including medical /care people?	
4. Report from Finance Council	<p>* Tony asked for more detail on numbers etc Michael P. summarised: "\$10,00 p.a. less due to people dropping off"</p> <p>*Newsletter updated re payment methods</p> <p>*Michael P. reported: New portable Tap'n'Go machine to be introduced before Christmas. This will be used at collection time.</p> <p>*Proposal re options on getting support from archdiocese for use of parish house, in light of valuation as of "exceptional"- well-maintained standard.</p> <p>- Advice taken from Archdiocese (A/D) re council and taxation rates if not used for charitable purposes. Repairs are needed on Parish House roof. Suggestions re cost: Could A/D be approached to pay for parish house repairs? Or to</p>	<p>Michael P. to speak at Masses about machine.</p> <p>Finance Cttee to</p>

	<p>advance a loan to be repaid at negotiable terms. These options might be more attractive if we become part of the Brunswick collective.</p> <p>Michael reported: 18 December risk/safety audit by Archdiocese through their contractor Ultum. "Essential Safety Measure for Parish Buildings."</p> <p>Fr Tony reported that A/D looking at best use of assets that we have (does not necessarily most financially advantageous, but best use in terms of mission)</p> <p>*Mentioned: Issues with rubbish bins- The Church does not seem to have access to any Council Bins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seek quotes on roof of Parish House - Clarify with Melbourne City Council usage of colorbond v slate; loss of slate would diminish value of house;
5. Working bee	<p>Discussion of planned Working Bee at Church on Saturday 7 December</p> <p>Tidying, polishing, clearing out accumulated cupboards, rooms, spaces, porch; cleaning of sacred vessels and church furnishings;</p>	<p>Brigid W to work with Clare R. Robert and Angela; Liz Clifford; Borna And Alan; Sean Mc to look at Music store;</p>
6. Liturgical issues	<p>Thanks to Brigid for flowers each Sunday– well received</p> <p><u>Advent</u>- 4 reflections after communion</p> <p><u>Christmas Masses</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Chantelle Wright 2.Jim Barber 3.Alan Ivan 4.Joan Healy SOSJ <p>6.00pm Christmas Eve (family Mass) -Rassoul Music Group</p> <p>7.30pm Carols (Rassoul)</p> <p>8.00pm Christmas VIGIL (Rassoul)</p> <p>Supper after Vigil at Parish House</p> <p>10am Christmas DAY (Morag/Sean/Rick/Juliette Music]</p>

	Gabrielle Mercer unable to continue as occasional pipe organist.	
7. Parish website and communications with parish	<p>Two ideas because of the new presence of Borna Gasemi.</p> <p>1. Possibility of Borna Gasemi (professional website developer) to look at Parish Website. Willing to do this on voluntary basis. He has sent a draft presentation.</p> <p>Would need to consult with Leanne Pereira- possible collaboration. Leanne has the connections and Archdiocesan knowledge.</p> <p>Issues of <u>set-up</u> then <u>maintenance</u></p> <p>Who else can be involved into the future in maintaining parish website?</p> <p>Query:</p> <p>Is a Facebook page worth pursuing? e.g. for streaming of Masses? (or is this already old media?)</p> <p>Comment: we are quickly becoming more cross-cultural.</p> <p>2. Borna is a documentary film-maker- idea of some documentary film about the parish? This could be a way of promoting the parish as well as Parkville Heritage. Tony K commented on other historical links: Kevin Chamberlain ex Mayor of Melbourne (grandmother donated font); Selling our location and link hospitals;</p> <p>3. Another related possibility: look at Newsletter Format</p>	Constant to organise a meeting with Borna and Leanne

<p>8. Planning priorities for 2025, including parish forum 16 Feb</p>	<p>1.Communicating PPC matters to council more routinely e.g. re state of finances</p> <p>2.St Marks/Pilgrim Uniting Church- invitation to join ecumenical Lentan Program/ Discussion group based on Rowan Williams' <i>Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement</i>. 6 weeks Zoom Discussion</p> <p><u>3.Strategic plan</u> (from 2024)</p> <p>Discussion about Parish future:</p> <p>Fr Tony: We are not in survival mode-Pruning for growth Focus on Growth.</p> <p>Suggestion: We could invite a speaker to AGM with relevant experience e.g. Fr Brendan Reed Strong support from Meeting</p>	<p>1.Paragraph dot summary of PPC / Finance Council Meeting for Newsletter (Constant/ Michael P Sean)</p> <p>2.Constant to publicise through newsletter</p>
<p>9. OHS issues</p>	<p>A/D OHS survey/checklist</p> <p>OHS Policy for Parishes to use as template</p>	<p>Action?</p>
<p>10. AOB</p>	<p>Church is open sometimes during the week (by Mark & Liz Dohrmann) Are there formal times? (without burdening Dohrmanns)</p>	<p>Constant to follow up with M&LD</p>
<p>11. Dates of meetings in 2025</p>	<p><i>Meeting before Parish Sun 16 Feb 11.00-12.00 parish forum in St Carthage's</i></p> <p>Tues 11 February 7.30-8.30 Pastoral Council (Preparation for Parish Forum)</p> <p>Sunday 16 February 11am – 1pm Parish Forum</p> <p>Tues 11 March 7.30-8.30pm Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) (preparation for AGM)</p>	<p>Add meeting before Parish Forum</p>

	<p>Sun 23 March 11.00-12.00 Parish AGM</p> <p>Tues 8 April 8.00-9.00pm PPC (following Finance Council)</p> <p>Tues 3 June 7.30-8.30pm PPC</p> <p>Tues 5 August 8.00-9.00 PPC (following Finance Council)</p> <p>Tues 28 Oct 8.00-9.00 PPC (following Finance Council)</p> <p>Tues 2 Dec 7.30-8.30 PPC</p>	