

**St Carthage's Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 23 March 2024 8pm**

**Attendees:** Joe Caddy, Constant Mews (chair), Michael Pirotta, Claire Renkin, Sean McManus, Penny McCann

**Apologies:** Ro Sheehan, Craig Martini

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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Discussion Points:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
1. Reflection.	Meditations by Teilhard de Chardin and Eileen Caddy	Led by CM
2. Apologies.	Ro Sheehan, Craig Martini	
3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	Report of last pastoral council meeting 5 September 2023.  Matters arising: Noticeboard attached to church fence Parish bookmark printed An organist for the pipe organ (Gabrielle Mercer), resident in Olinda, is willing to play the instrument on the 3rd Sundays of each month.	
4.	Update on Pastoral Committee membership and related matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following stepping down of David Menzies from Finance Committee, and public call from Michael P for expressions of interest, Mark Dohrmann has been appointed to the FinC.</li> <li>• CM, whose three year term expires 30 June 24, is willing to stand for another three year term.</li> <li>• Jack Rendle's position (currently filled pro tem by Craig Martini) finishes 30 June 24, as does the term of Ro Sheehan. This leaves two positions to be filled.</li> </ul>	CM will issue a call for potential nominees for Pastoral Council at Parish AGM.
5. Finance report	Michael Pirotta reported that he will be able to sign off on the Letter of Management Representation. The Parish has a surplus of around \$10K, with a deficit of \$3K, so effectively we are at a break even situation. Numbers attending mass are roughly level, but numbers contributing (as older parishioners pass on) are going down.	
6.	Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees It was discovered that the preliminary service and Walk this has moved from 12.00 to 10.30 (to accommodate another rally, for Palestinians). Because this would clash with our own service and	

	AGM, it was decided, with regret, not to be involved in promoting the Walk this year.	
7.	<p><b>Discussion of strategic plan for the Parish</b></p> <p>CM presented a draft strategic plan that generated helpful discussion relating both to the formal structure of the Parish and to identification of current activities and networks active within the community, as well as to the best way of promoting further involvement. There was discussion about how specific such a document should be in terms of identifying individuals. SMcM provided a list of Portfolios (Pastoral outreach and community, music and liturgy, Education and spiritual formation, Building and Refurbishment) under which various activities, both existing and proposed, could be developed.</p>	Draft Parish Strategic Plan to be presented at AGM in March 2024
7. <i>Date of next meeting.</i>	<p>Dates for 2024: Minimum of 12 March 2024 (planning for AGM)</p> <p><b>AGM Sun 24 March</b></p> <p>21 May 2024 7.30pm [reflection PMcC]</p> <p>6 Aug 2024 8.00pm (following Finance Council 7pm)[reflection SMcM]</p> <p>29 Oct 2024 8pm (following Finance Council 7pm) [reflection CR]</p> <p>Other meetings if needed</p>	

*Meeting closed at 8,45pm*