

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014.**

Present: Sabina Van Rooy (Elected Chair), Kathy Teys, Ted Kildea, Fr Alfin Buarlele msc, Helen Kennedy, Matthew Phan, Agnes Phan, Carl Madsen, Fr Gerard McCormick msc, Marian England, Robert Breen (minutes).

Agenda Item 1 - Opening and Welcome.

Fr Gerard opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

Agenda Item 2 - Opening Prayer.

Sabina Van Rooy led the opening liturgy by noting it was the anniversary of the Rudd "Sorry Speech", acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and invited members to describe their dreams for the Council.

Agenda Item 3 – Chair for 2014.

Fr Gerard advised that Sabina had offered her services as Chair of the Council; he endorsed the nomination suggesting that initially this be for one year. Sabina was elected unopposed.

Agenda Item 4 - Apologies.

An apology was received from Victoria Scarano.

Agenda Item 5 – Correspondence.

Out: Nil.

In: Marian tabled a program of Archdiocese events published by the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Catholic LIFE) entitled "Dive In".

Agenda Item 6 – Business.

Article for Reflection

Fr Gerard distributed a paper "PARISH PRACTICE – Visionaries required" by Fr John Mulligan of the Holy Cross parish in Catford, south London. Members read paragraphs in turn discussing aspects as they went. Sabina proposed and members agreed that they take the article home and reflect on its contents for the next four weeks.

Parish Pastoral Plan.

Marian passed around copies of the Parish Pastoral Plan, 2013 – 2016 to refresh members' knowledge of the document. Fr Gerard described progress in implementing the Plan; Marian described some issues that had arisen including the matter of the "Parish Community" or "Neighbourhood Communities " which some considered to be not working. The name of "Parish Connect" had been suggested. Sabina invited members to read again the document and ponder it along with the "Visionaries required" paper. Fr Gerard stated a need to report progress in implementing the Plan, to the Parish. The Council agreed this should be on Sunday afternoon 30 March, 2.00 – 4.00 PM. This will be included in an amended version of the 2014 Calendar.

2014 Calendar.

Marian distributed copies of **Calendar 2014** which the Council discussed. The need for various amendments and additions (see "Parish Pastoral Plan" above) was noted. An updated version of the document will be issued in the near future.

Stewardship.

Fr Gerard described the activities this term encompasses and expressed the need for a conversation on liturgy, language and gestures amongst other things. He stated he is seeking to form a stewardship committee to have carriage of the stewardship issues.

Queensland Drought – The Give Back campaign – buy a bale of hay.

Marian described the origins of this item and proposed a retiring collection for the appeal. It was agreed the leaving collection should take place on Sunday 2 March. Marian will email members the internet link to enable them to familiarize themselves with the topic and will include the details in the "Compact" of 23 February.

Bibles for the Philippines.

Fr Gerard explained this move in Australia to provide bibles for people in the Philippines which has the support of senior church clergy. He acknowledged the importance of the matter but opined it is not of high priority for the parish. Helen suggested a coffee event be held in the library with an entry fee of \$10.00 with the proceeds being put towards the bible appeal. The merits of this suggestion were acclaimed with Ted opining it should be suggested to other parishes.

Liturgy Assembly.

This topic was discussed in the context of Calendar 2014 and included the liturgy conference on 17 May, Pentecost (8 June) for the commissioning of office holders and Passion Sunday – 13 April. Fr Gerard expressed the wish that the more effective utilization of space within the church be considered. To this end he has contacted a specialist on church design to facilitate a conversation on the topic.

Other Business.

PPC Membership Details.

Sabina asked Marian to arrange for the names of the members of the 2014 PPC to be published in "Conpact" together with their contact details. She also asked that photos of members be placed on the Council display board in the foyer.

Closure and Next Meeting.

Sabina led members in the recital of the silver card text "The Word", Jules Chevalier, 1900 and closed the meeting at 9.18 PM. The **next meeting** of the Council is scheduled for **Thursday 13 March commencing at 7.30 PM.**

Robert Breen
Minutes Secretary.

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