

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

Present: Fr Alfin Buarlele msc, Henri Clementine, Marian England,
Ted Kildea, Carl Madsen, Fr Gerard McCormick msc, Agnes Pham,
Angela Pisciotta, Victoria Scarano.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening and Welcome.

In Sabina's absence it was agreed that Gerard and Marian would co-chair the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 - Opening Prayer.

Gerard introduced the communal discernment method of prayer. This form of prayer has been developed by Fr. Brian Gallagher msc and Sr. Sue Richardson. It is a method of prayer using scripture and silence to listen with the ear of the heart. The MSC's are advocating this form of prayer for groups to use in their decision making process.

Marian led the prayer with a reading from the Prophet Isaiah which is the first reading for Palm Sunday. Before commencing the prayer Marian asked that in listening to the scripture that we discern the following:

What does it mean for me?

What does it mean for our Pastoral Council / parish / archdiocese?

Agenda Item 3 – Apologies.

Apologies were received from: Helen Kennedy, Matthew Pham, Kathy Teys,
Sabina Van Rooy (Chair), Robert Breen (minutes).

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - Correspondence.

Out: Nil.

In: Nil

Agenda Item 5 – Article for Reflection.

Following on from last meeting we completed the Reflection on Time, Talent and Treasure. A small discussion on what are my talents and how can I be a good steward of my talents followed.

Agenda Item 6 – Business.

Stewardship

There was a good response to the Time, Talent and Treasure appeal. The response for the Sunday 6:00pm mass was low. We need about 80 volunteers for Communion ministry and we received about 45. Volunteers for church cleaning were about 50% of what is needed. There were 13 volunteers – the ideal number would be 27.

Whilst we have introduced ‘Stewardship’ this year it really needs a committee to develop it. We will look at establishing a stewardship committee later this year.

A discussion ensued around promoting parish groups in the church. Some ideas suggested are:

- Photo board of members of the various groups.
- Spoken about in mass
- Website
- Identifying ministers of communion within the church – how?

Liturgy Assembly – Saturday 17 May.

Gerard advised that the seminar has been given a sub title of *Sacred Space and the dynamics of worship.*

The suggested format for the day is

9:15 am	Welcome & Prayer
9:30 am	Presentation - Dr. Rev Stephen Hackett msc
10:30 am	Morning Tea [20 minutes]
10:50 am	Presentation - Dr. Rev Stephen Hackett msc
11:50 am	Break
12:15 pm	Break out discussion groups
1:00 pm	Summary – Dr Rev Stephen Hackett msc
1:30 pm	Finish

The idea of having the presentation recorded was posited. Ted suggested Joseph Lai and will ask him if he would be available to video the seminar.

Open Parish Meeting – (Pastoral Plan 12 Months on). Setting a Date.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 8 May will be open to the whole parish. The meeting will concentrate on the Parish Pastoral Plan 12 months after its implementation. Sabina will facilitate the event which is expected to last two hours “at the most”.

The March minutes stated that this open meeting will be available for the different groups within the parish to report on their activities. This will now not happen as the open meeting will concentrate solely on the Pastoral Plan. The various groups will be invited to the 11 September meeting where reports on their activities can be presented to the Parish Pastoral Council.

Another suggestion put forward was that the parish holds a ‘family day’ where extended families would be invited to attend a mass. An organizer would be needed.

Reporting System for Parish Groups to PPC.

We are still looking for a process that the various groups within the parish to share information with the PPC. The St Vincent de Paul Conference is very good at producing a newsletter which is made available on the parish web site.

The St John the Apostle Conference of St Vincent de Paul held an information night on Monday 7 April. There were approximately 18 people in attendance including Conference members. This was a very informative evening with the result that two parishioners have joined the Conference.

Seniors Retreat – August or September 2014.

The date of this retreat will be determined by the availability of Br. John Walker msc. Gerard will contact John to ascertain a suitable date.

Agenda item 7. New Business

School – Parish BBQ

The School Community Council had an idea of a school/parish BBQ after one of the third Sunday [children's mass]. The PPC agreed to this idea in principal and Marian will contact Rebecca Jeffreys to organize which third Sunday is suitable for the school – probably 18 May 2014.

Proclaim 2014 – 21-23 August 2014

We have received flyers advertising a Conference on the New Evangelisation – *Proclaim 2014* which will be held at the Concourse Chatswood in August this year. Marian will enquire about costs and report back at the next meeting. Gerard and Marian both expressed an interest in attending the Conference. Refer Attachment A

What the Catholic Church teaches on Asylum and Migration

A brochure explaining what the Church teaches on Asylum and Migration was distributed to the members. This brochure is a forerunner to the 4th National Conference on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees which will be held at North Sydney MacKillop campus of the Australian Catholic University from 1-3 October 2014.

Other Matters.

Talks during the season of Lent

Henri put forward the idea of having a series of guest speakers give talks during lent – along the lines of a preached retreat. This idea will be developed and discussed further during the year in preparation for Lent 2015.

Condolences

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council express their sincere condolences to Sabina on the recent death of her father Kees.

Closure and Next Meeting.

The meeting concluded with the prayer of Jules Chevalier "The Word". In leading the prayer Gerard prayed in particular for the repose of the soul of Kees Van Rooy and for Sabina and her extended family.

The meeting closed at 9.15 PM.

The **next meeting** of the Council will be the open meeting on **Thursday 8 May commencing at 7.30 PM.**

Minutes were taken by Victoria Scarano & Ted Kildea
and typed by Marian England
11 April 2014

PROCLAIM 2014

Registrations will open by Easter.

The Early bird rate ends on 30th June 2014. Rates are as below.

Rates 3 Days 1 Day

Before & on 30 June 2014 (Early Bird)

Adult – Catholic GST Religious Group*	\$390	\$180
Adult	\$429	\$198
Student/Pensioner - Catholic GST Religious Group*	\$290	\$130
Student/Pensioner	\$319	\$143

After July 2014

Adult – Catholic GST Religious Group*	\$440	\$200
Adult	\$484	\$220
Student/Pensioner - Catholic GST Religious Group*	\$330	\$150
Student/Pensioner	\$363	\$165

*Further information about the Catholic GST Religious Group is [available here](#).

It is recommended that **Parishioners register through their Parish for the Religious Group Fee which is GST free.**

For registrations you will need to provide the following:

- Personal details for each person being registered
- The type of registration for each person being registered
- The days of registration for each person being registered
- For members of the Catholic GST Religious Group: ABN number
- For Pensioners/Students: Pension or Student ID number
- A copy of the full program marked with the workshop selections for each workshop session for the registered days for each person (download here)
- Credit Card or Cheque details

Cancellation Policy

Please read the Cancellation Policy before proceeding. By paying you are agreeing to the terms set in the policy.

In the event of a participant wishing to cancel their registration for PROCLAIM 2014, in the first instance the registered participant will be encouraged to pass the registration on to another person.

If that is not possible and the registered participant wishes to proceed with cancellation, if this is done before Thursday 30 July 2014 a full refund can be made.

From Friday 1 July until Thursday 14 August 2014 the organisers reserve the right to keep 50% of the total booking fee.

From Friday 15 August until the commencement of PROCLAIM 2014 no refund will be given.

- See more at: <http://www.proclaimconference.com.au/register#sthash.NzPXbcMO.dpuf>

Attachment A cont.

PROCLAIM 2014 Program

This is the version of the program outline as of 4/4/2014 of the PROCLAIM 2014 Program and may change closer to the event date.

	Thursday 21 st August	Friday 22 nd August	Saturday 23 rd August			
	8:30	Registration				
M1	Registration	9:00	Prayer	9:00	Mass	
		9:20	Session B: Thoughts so far?			
	10:00	Welcome & Prayer	10:00	Keynote 2: <i>Finding a Way Forward</i>	10:00	Morning Tea
	10:30	Keynote 1: <i>Make Church Matter</i> - Fr Michael White & Tom Corcoran			10:30	Keynote 3: <i>Moving Members from Consumers to Contributors</i> - Fr Michael White & Tom Corcoran
	11:15	Tea	11:00	Tea		
M2	11:35	Session A: Response to Keynote and engaged discussion	11:30	Session C: Finding a way Forward in our Circumstances	11:30	Panel Response
	12:15	Mass	12:15	Mass	12:30	Lunch
	13:15	Lunch	13:15	Lunch		
A1	14:30	Workshop Session 1	14:30	Workshop Session 3	15:00	Commissioning
	15:30	Tea	15:30	Tea		
A2	16:00	Workshop Session 2	16:00	Workshop Session 4	16:00	CLOSE
	17:00	CLOSE	17:00	CLOSE		
E	18:00	Concert + Diocesan Dinners	19:00	Youth Rally		

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