

St John the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

| MINUTES



Meeting date: 9 June 2016
Meeting location: Parish Library

Time: 7:30pm

Chair

Minutes Secretary Marian England

Members:

Leilah Ayton, Henri Clementine,
Marian England, Tim Gill, Helen Kennedy,
Carl Madsen, Gerard McCormick msc,
Stephanie Stewart, REC Rob Breen [minutes]

From the Twilight retreat.....

As the Parish Pastoral Council of St John's what does it mean for us as a group to "go and do likewise?" (Referring to Jesus' washing of the disciples feet)

- ***Humbly share what we have in the way of skills and prayer***

As one selected for leadership in the parish community of St John's what does it mean for me personally to "go and do likewise?"

- ***To love as Jesus loves***
 - ***To also pray and ask God what he wishes for the community***
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1. OPENING AND WELCOME:

Fr Gerard welcomed Lulu Mitshabu, Archdiocesan Director of Caritas Australia and Kevin Vassarotti who came to talk to us about Caritas Kitchen. The goal is to make Caritas known to the wider community. 800 million people go hungry daily. Caritas Kitchen is a means of either raising money for Caritas or simply making the work of Caritas more widely known. Lulu or a member of Caritas is always available to talk at a Caritas Kitchen function if desired.

2. APOLOGIES: Rob Breen, Tim Gill.

3. PRAYER:

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

In: Archbishop Christopher Prowse re: amalgamation

Out: MSC Provincial re: commitment to the parish

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 5a. Acceptance of the minutes
Minutes were accepted.

i. Parish meeting of all groups

A date for this meeting is still to be decided.

ii. Children’s role in the Liturgy - Developing a policy

Gerard presented a draft policy [see Attachment A]. Once the policy is completed it will go to the PPC as a proposed policy. The Liturgy Committee will develop procedures from the policy.

iii. Belconnen Region Parishes

Correspondence as per item 4. The Belconnen Region Working Group last met on the 10 May 2016; there have been no updates since then.

iv. Sanctuary project – buildings

Established Builders has now engaged Blackforest Joinery to build the Sanctuary platform. The project will take six weeks – three weeks in the factory and three weeks on site in the parish. Due to commence 1 August in the workshop and 22 August in the church with a completion date of 9 September. The cost of this part of the project is \$56,100.00

6. BUSINESS:

Election of Chair

A discussion was had on the role of the Pastoral Council and the duties of the Chair person. The Pastoral Council is a vision group not a doing body. There is an expectation that the Chair of the PPC would be a presence at most parish functions. On the occasions that require a speech or an address to the parish the expectation is that the Chair person would make that speech.

Carl Madsen accepted nomination for the position of Chair and was duly elected unopposed.

Parish Pastoral Plan



We will look at setting up four bodies that will look after the 4 quadrants of the pastoral plan.

- Building Community
- Education & Evangelisation
- Pastoral Care & Service
- Prayer & Worship

2016 Pastoral Plan focus

Pastoral care

A pastoral care team has been formed comprising Barbara Gardiner, Helen Kennedy, Manel Samarasinghe, Br/John Walker msc, Fr. Gerard and Marian England. The Committee has met four times and is still in the process of identifying the needs of the parish.

Meeting Closed 9:00pm

Nest Meeting Thursday 14 July 2016 - 7:30pm
