

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016.**

**Present:** Carl Madsen (Chair), Marian England, Henri Clementine, Fr Gerard McCormick, Stephanie Stewart, Leilah Ayton, Helen Kennedy. Robert Breen (minute secretary).

**Agenda Item 1 – Opening and Welcome.**

Carl welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

**Agenda Item 2 – Apologies.** Timothy Gill.

**Agenda Item 3 – Prayer.**

Marian tabled the MSC 'Constitutions and Statues' and 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep. (Luke 15:1-7); Stephanie read Paragraph 7 of the Constitutions and Marion the Parable. A period of silence and contemplation followed.

**Agenda Item 4 – Correspondence.**

**Out.** The planned letter to the Vicar general had been sent, no response has so far been received.

**In:** No inward correspondence was reported.

**Agenda Item 5 – Minutes.**

Moved Marian England, seconded Henri Clementine that the minutes of the September 2016 meeting of the Council be accepted. CARRIED.

**5a, Business Arising from the Minutes.**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Agenda Item 6 – On Going Items**

Open Meeting + BBQ – 12 February 2017. The meeting reviewed plans for this event and confirmed it will proceed. An organizing team composed of Carl, Marian and Fr Gerard with Murray Bruce (to be invited) will make the plans and arrangements.

Men's Lunch. The meeting noted that the Men's Lunch planned for 27 October had not taken place. This item is to be kept on the agenda for future consideration.

Belconnen Region Parishes. See Agenda Item 4 – Correspondence, Out. The planned letter from Fr Gerard to the MSC Provincial will now not be sent until the Provincial Elect Fr Chris McPhee, assumes office in July 2017. Marian advised the ‘Parish Nurse’ aspect of the plan is advancing.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Business**

Parish Pastoral Plan. Marian tabled a draft brochure for the ‘Care’ element of the Pastoral Plan and invited members to consider the name ‘SJACC CARE’ for the unit. Discussion led to general agreement that the name ‘SJA CARE’ would be satisfactory.

Welcome to new parishioners – Friday 11 November 2017. This activity will not take place on the day following the Council meeting but was tentatively rescheduled for 24 March 2017. There was opinion that two such activities may be needed each year.

Men’s Lunch – Thursday 27 October 2016. Similarly this activity did not take place – the subject is to be kept on the agenda for future meetings.

Departure of Fr Paul Browne. Gerard announced that Paul has been transferred to the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese (Foster area) with effect the end of January 2017 - no replacement is foreshadowed at this stage. It was agreed a farewell cup-of-coffee will be held on Sunday 22 January.

Blessing of the New Church Works. The idea of a formal blessing of the rebuilt altar and ambo facilities was discussed. It was generally agreed this should await the installation of the proposed new baptismal font.

SFX College Youth Ministers. Leilah reported keen interest amongst some SFX College students to become involved in youth ministries. Council expressed strong support for the movement.

National Church Life Survey. This survey having the approval of the Archbishop, will be held at the masses on Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November. Marian provided samples of the survey forms for member’s information.

Liturgy Committee Membership. Marian advised the Liturgy Committee is seeking new members and asked Council members to provide the names of those who might be interested.

### **Closure and Next Meeting.**

Carl closed the meeting with the recital of the silver card text “The Word”, Jules Chevalier, 1900.

The **next meeting** of the Council is scheduled for **Thursday 9 February 2017 commencing at 7.30 PM.**

**Robert Breen**  
**Minute Secretary**

**16 November 2016.**