



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

Parish Pastoral Council MINUTES

Date	Thursday, 18 th May 2023
Time	7.05pm – 8.30pm
Present	Fr Ever, Deacon Tom G, Cecil F, Joshua C, Savita S, Beato P, Helena V, Erica L, Harlane P and Sidney L
Apologies	Fr Regie, Fr Andrew, Deacon John, Blake B, Tony F, and Ekhlas A
Welcome & Prayer	Fr Ever and Cecil

Item	Agenda/ Issue	Action/ Notes
1	Opening Prayer & Welcome	<p>Fr Ever -Welcomed the PPC members and said the opening prayer.</p> <p>Cecil welcomed the PPC members to the meeting and also apologised for the delay with the April Meeting Minutes, as he did not have the chance to go through them before the meeting this evening.</p> <p>Erica Passed the March minutes and was seconded by Beato. No Changes were made. Action for Savita to pdf and give to Ged to upload to Parish website.</p>
2	Synodal update & discussion (40 mins) Cecil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief discussion on the SYNOD- Bishop Vincent has produced a report to the Pope and this report is available and has been distributed. • Cecil explained the logistics of the Synodal process and the involvement of the Parish (Facilitators – Blake and Richard) • Our Parish Synod Consultation Meeting Meetings will be held over several sessions with various ministries of the church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Consultation Meeting -PPC & Finance Committee - 2nd Consultation Meeting - Clergy Team - 3rd Consultation Meeting - Parishioners • Cecil opened the floor for discussion of ‘What direction we want the Blacktown Parish to head towards’ with regard to the Synod discussions & for providing our feedback and individual responses. • This purpose is to collect information from Parishioners (forming small groups) and have open discussions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member shared their feedback and mentioned that they will attend the next Synodal Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at St. Patrick's Parish (Clancy Meeting Room). • Fr. Ever asked the question on how we could open up other channels for our Parishioners to feed their views into the Parish Synodal process – Action for Cecil to explore other channels with Deacon Tom, Blake & Richard • Deacon Tom also raised the question on how we should try and get the unbiased views on the questions being posed in the Parish Synodal process. Action for Cecil to explore this question with Fr. Ever, Deacon Tom, Blake & Richard
3	Children's Liturgy (CL) update (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh – shared and reported on the CL for the last 2 weeks • Josh is currently working on more creative content and Ged had advised Josh of the Parish subscription • Erica suggested the Youth assist as ushers and split the groups of children and adults separately • More volunteers are required to assist with the CL – Josh is to speak with Ged about this - Action • All volunteers are required to have a current Working-With-Children check which also needs to be sent through to the Parish to be forwarded to the Diocese – Action for Josh & Erica to ensure. • No Children Liturgy on Sunday 28th May due to a visit with Fr. Chris Alar at St Patrick's Church after the 10 am mass.
4	Pentecost Plan (10mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Chris Alar visit – with over 1000 Parishioners expected in attendance • All volunteers are to be on-site by 9 am to assist with Ushering • Helena to help coordinate with the Men's Group and PPC members, that will help with the ushering of the car park & within the Church • Youth will organize the cooking and distribution of food and drinks to cater for over 1000 guests. Sausages will be sold at \$5 each, with funds going toward the WYD • BBQ to be held on the grass triangle at the entry to the church from the carpark at approx.12.30 pm

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecil to organize through a sponsor for the sausages, food & drinks for the BBQ (Looking to have 3 BBQs running) • Beato and Filipino Chaplaincy will set up the Marquees on the grass area • All of the above are actions to be completed prior to the next meeting
5	Any other Business (15 mins)	<p>WYD Update - Youth group to sell tickets for the movie held on Tuesday 13th June 6.30pm at Blacktown Hoyts, Tickets are sold at \$30 Per ticket</p> <p>Deacon Tom to organize through Ged for an announcement to go out in the bulletin for a BBQ(s) to be donated and volunteers needed for the Children's Sunday Liturgy at both churches. – Action for Deacon Tom</p> <p>Next meeting on 15th June'23</p>
6	Closing Prayer	<p>8.25pm Meeting concludes</p> <p>Deacon Tom closed the meeting with a prayer</p>