



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

Parish Pastoral Council MINUTES

Date	Thursday, 21 st March 2024
Time	7.05pm – 8.40pm
Present	Fr. Kevin, Fr Rooney, Beato, Cecil F, Joshua C, Savita S, Harlane P, Erica L, Sidney L, Ehklas A,
Apologies	Fr Ever, Tony F, Helina V
Welcome & Prayer	Fr. Kevin

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	Opening Prayer & Welcome	<p>Cecil welcomed Fr. Kevin to the PPC meeting. Fr Kevin introduced himself to the members and outlined his responsibilities as the current standing administrator to MQOF. He spoke on his role as the administrator of the parish, replacing Fr Regie, and the process of appointing a parish priest for 2025. He discussed the duties of both parish priests and administrators, emphasizing the importance of maximizing their presence in Blacktown MQF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecil then discussed the agenda, focusing on the journey of the parish, St. Michael's, and St. Patrick's. • During the meeting, a discussion was opened to the PPC members regarding the state of the parish and its history. Harlene noted that people from St. Michael's were initially upset about the merger but are gradually coming to terms, especially through efforts like formation nights. Surveys were conducted in both parishes. Josh highlighted survey findings indicating areas to address, particularly the decline in attendance after COVID-19 and the need for speakers to revive faith. Beato initiated a discussion on the merging of both parishes, focusing on past and present histories of priests and activities undertaken. Community activities were also discussed. • Josh brought attention to survey results indicating areas needing address, especially post-COVID when attendance declined and the need for speakers to revitalize faith. • Beato initiated a discussion on merging parishes, exploring past and present priest histories and community activities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They discussed pre- and post-COVID mass attendance, noting parish growth and strong post-COVID attendance, with Fr. Rooney emphasizing a focus on understanding the parish's evolving needs and enhancing engagement in mass.• Plans were made for monthly meetings starting in 2024, held on the third Thursday of each month from 7-9 PM. The previous PPC meeting focused on parish hopes, referencing the bulletin's mission statement, and informing parishioners about survey purposes to enhance parish commitment.• Fr. Kevin updated on diocesan developments, including the Mary MacKillop lounge. Discussion ensued on diocesan development energy, the Blacktown parish's role, and upcoming Easter events preparation by youth and Fr. Rooney. Accommodating parishioners with hearing impairments was addressed, along with the importance of mindful speaking by priests and assisting parishioners with transportation.• The meeting concluded with Fr. Kevin leading a closing prayer at 8:40 PM
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