



# Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

## Parish Pastoral Council MINUTES

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| <b>Date</b>                 | <b>Thursday, 18th July 2024</b>  |
| <b>Time</b>                 | 7.00pm – 8.35pm  |
| <b>Present</b>              | Fr. Kevin, Fr. Andrew, Cecil F, Savita S, Ekhlash A, Cryste D, Erica L     |
| <b>Apologies</b>            | Fr. Ever, Beato P, Deacon John, Josh C, and Sidney L, Harlane P. Helena V, |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b> | Fr. Kevin  |

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Agenda/ Issue</b>                   | <b>Action/ Notes</b>  |
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| <b>1.</b>   | <b>Opening Prayer &amp; Welcome</b>    | <p>Fr Kevin Redmond lead the opening prayer</p> <p>Cecil welcomed the PPC members and Fr Redmond to the meeting, and briefly discussed the June 2024 Minutes.</p> <p>The minutes were not passed, due to the short notice given to the team – We discussed some of the open actions from June Meeting as called out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following up on the “Welcome at the Weekend masses” – an update from members; Cryste - the young people have been introducing themselves &amp; handing out the flyers at the youth masses as part of the welcome</li> <li>• Youth planning trivia night – for the whole parish – has a date been fixed in September?</li> <li>• Fixing Dr. Poon to talk to the Parish on St. Michael’s Feast day on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Topic</li> </ul> |
| <b>2.</b>   | <b>Pastoral Learning &amp; Discuss</b> | <p>Cecil showed our Parish’s model to grow missionary disciples – as a slide, presented as reminder &amp; a context for the video to be played.</p> <p>Watched a video that encouraged us to think about the WHY we instigate the pastoral and culture programs in our Parish.</p> <p>The floor was opened for discussion on the contents of the video. – some of the comments played out as below:</p> <p><i>“Start with the YES and all the positives when answering the WHY instead of the negatives”-Fr. Kevin</i></p>  |

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|            |                                     | <p><i>“Why can’t our Parishioners be more generous with their gifts &amp; talents, maybe we need to make some extra efforts to explain the Why in a positive way”-Erica</i></p> <p><i>“Maybe we could give our Parishioners something back, or a special invitation, or maybe have an invite for them to invite a friend to the Parish feast. - Cryste</i></p> <p><i>Overall our Parishioners like to feel valued and a sense of belonging – which is why we are having a celebration for the feast.</i></p>  |
| <b>,5.</b> | <b>Parish Feast Planning Update</b> | <p>Savita and Erica provided an update of the Parish Feast Planning and the Novena leading up to it. Leaders have been contacted who will prepare special food that will be in the stalls, but there will also be a BBQ to cover all the people, in case we run short with the food from the stalls.</p> <p>Erica has been making phone calls to get Ad sponsors for the brochure.</p> <p>Novena Day 1: The PPC group will be organizing a sausage sizzle following the Marian Talk hosted by a Franciscan priest from Notre Dame at St. Patrick's Church at 6 PM.</p> <p>The Parish Feast Committee will meet again on <b>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, 6PM</b>. There will be another update to provide at the next PPC meeting, of where the PPC can assist.</p> <p><b><u>Action (Savita &amp; Helena) - CLOSED</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide advance notice for St Michael’s 9.30am Mass cancellation on the feast day, Sunday 20 August,2024 – <b><u>Action - CLOSED</u></b></li> </ul> |
| <b>a6.</b> | <b>Other Business</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fr Andrew recommended a Simon Carrington one day programme for men on Chastity – the PPC members discussed the idea &amp; decided to go ahead &amp; this was provided to the Parish team to lock in a date and logistics.</li> <li>- Fr Kevin Redmonds announced that this was his last meeting at the PPC as administrator. There will be an announcement on the last Sunday of this month of a newly appointed Parish Priest for MQOF Parish.</li> <li>- The PPC thanked Fr. Kevin for his service to the Parish and for leading the Parish as Administrator. We wished him well in his new role as Parish Priest of St. Andrews.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Closing Prayer</b>               | Fr. Andrew led the closing prayer at 8.35PM   |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Next PPC Meeting</b>             | <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2024</p> <p>Time: 7:00PM</p> <p>Location: St Patricks Parish Room</p>   |