



Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

Parish Pastoral Council MINUTES

Date	Thursday, 26th Aug 2024
Time	7.00pm – 8.35pm
Present	Fr. Wim, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Ever, Josh C, Cecil F, Sidney L, Ekhlaz A, Beato P, Cryste D, Erica L, Harlane P,
Apologies	Deacon John, Savita S, Helena V
Welcome & Prayer	Fr. Wim

Item	Agenda/ Issue	Action/ Notes
1.	Opening Prayer & Welcome	<p>Cecil welcomed the PPC members and Fr. Wim who has been appointed as our Parish Priest.</p> <p>The July minutes were tabled, but it was recognized that the list of members present were incorrectly represented. Action for Cecil to resend the July'24 minutes after updating.</p> <p>Fr. Wim was open to being introduced to the team. So each one took the chance to update Fr. Wim with a short introduction of themselves & their connection to the parish.</p> <p>Some of the messages from the team relevant to the PPC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cryste – VICTUS youth age group 16 yrs & above, core group of leaders meets once a month, have had many sessions with the youth in Winter, Fr. Andrew is their spiritual mentor & guide. - Josh – Children’s Liturgy consistent at St. Michael’s 9.30am mass, but has been sporadic at St. Pat’s 10am mass. We are following the curriculum of a catholic website, where the children hear the Gospel message of the Sunday & draw or colour in pictures related to the Gospel - Cecil – Our parish has been focusing on it’s mission – to evangelise – following on from the structures & people put in place during Fr. Reginald’s time as Parish Priest. - Fr. Wim thanked each one for giving of their time & talents in their role as members of the Pastoral Council here in MQOF.
2.	Discuss a possible Planning Day this year	<p>On the topic of pastoral planning for the year 2025 - Cecil asked the team to discuss some format & ideas for</p>

		<p>a planning day, which could be held on a day in this last quarter of 2024. The floor was opened up for ideas & discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beato – Invite the leaders/representatives of the various ministries to the planning day - Discussions on whether to have this planning day - as a one day event that could be held on a Saturday or Sunday – it was agreed that it would be on Saturday - Erica – the day should evaluate what plans worked or did not work in 2024, based on the previous planning day in Feb’24 - Josh – in terms of the programs – having speakers of repute on different topics – we know from 2023 that these sessions worked well – examples cited were of Simon Carrington talking to our youth (over 100s of youth attended), Fr. Chris Alar (over a 1000 people attended), Joelle Marin (about 150 people attended). - Cryste – the various ministry leaders who come to the planning day – could come with their set plans for the year or submit them in advance of the meeting, e.g. the Youth already have 7 or 8 events planned for the year – this will help avoid clashes of dates among the various ministries. - Erica – it would be nice to engage our community with something light – like a trivia night, or a picnic, or dance – these could bring the families together – a bush dance used to be held in the days of old – the youth could help with the organization - Ekhlal – having a retreat for the parish could be an idea - Cryste – family snow trip, Christmas concert are other ideas - Sidney – any fund raising ideas during the year, he put forward an idea of offering a good cup of coffee after every mass on Sunday – so that parishioners could hang around and have a chat - Erica – we could have a news letter or bulletin, which parishioners could use to buy & sell items, this could help generate some funds for the Parish. Fr. Wim indicated that this has been successfully done in other parishes – he will get the name of the person in Baulkam Hills who has set up website where people could trade, in our case it could be done through the Parish website (Action: Fr. Wim to follow through) - Questions were raised on the visibility of the funds being raised for the roof & wanted to know the latest status - Fr. Wim gave an update – the project to repair the roof at St. Pat’s Church will be about \$1.5 million or even more – there is talk about
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		<p>doing it in stages – awaiting more quotes – Bruce is now coordinating these quotes – we have about \$230k so far, plus what we have generated through the Fiesta – this represents a good deposit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fr. Wim enquired on the Fiesta booklet & whether it is online (Action Fr. Wim to follow-up with Sarah) - Fr. Ever – indicated that there should be a framework for planning – Action for Cecil to work with Ged to put this up on the website – so that parishioners can have a say before the meeting - The Final Diocesan pastoral plan (2024-28) launched by the Bishop this month needs to be part of the planning for the year. - The team deliberated on a date for the planning day and finally decided on the 16th Nov'24, 9am-4pm (St. Pats) – starting with mass at 9am. Action for Cecil to send the names of people that need to be invited to Fr. Wim – so that the letter of invitation is sent by him as the Parish Priest.
- 4.	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions on the Children's Liturgy at St. Pats – we have had a lack of teachers – but Josh indicated that we needed 2 people, and now have Lorens as a name – Ekhlaas's daughter is willing to help. Action for Josh to follow through
7.	Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fr. Andrew led the closing prayer at 8.35PM
8.	Next PPC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday 26th Sept 2024 Time: 7:00PM Location: St Patricks Parish Room

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