

SUMMARY OF MEETING OF THE ST. BRIGID'S, GISBORNE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024

In Attendance: Fr Vincent Nguyen, Kevin Petherbridge (Chair), Carolyn Peterson, Frank Murone, Hayden Legro, Janet Murray, Enzo Floreani and Joe Farrugia (Secretary).

Apology: Jayne O'Callaghan

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS)

Discussions are continuing with representatives from the Archdiocese and MACS regarding the Parish Hall and Car Park.

In 2020, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) took over the responsibility for the governance and operation of approximately 300 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne (including St. Brigid's and Holy Cross Schools).

Pending Election for Parish Pastoral Council Members

Two members of the PPC are expected to stand down late in 2024. As a result, nominations will be sought from Parishioners. If the number of nominations exceed the positions available, an election will be held.

The Charter and Guidelines (Role, Responsibility etc) for the Parish Pastoral Council can be viewed on the Parish Website in the Policies Tab.

St. Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary

Four Parishioners have currently volunteered to be on the Working Party for the 150th Anniversary. At least one further volunteer is being sought.

Due to the unavailability of Archbishop Peter Comensoli, the celebration will no longer occur on Parish Day but will be later in the year (probably during May).

Once the Working Party is established, input from the Parish Community will be sought.

Finance Committee

- 1) The financial result for 2023 was much better than expected, with a surplus of \$3,631. However, the draft budget for 2024 is indicating a deficit in the order of \$30,000, with the main cause being the significant increase in insurance costs. A full breakdown will be available when the 2024 Budget is finalised.
- 2) Parish Levy letters to parents of school children have not been sent yet but will be done soon.
- 3) The issue of the installation of electronic donation machines was discussed. However, it was agreed that the cost would be prohibitive, together with the problems associated with internet access.

Archdiocese of Melbourne Mission Committee / St. Vincent de Paul Society

- 1) The Mission has stalled again due to the resignation of Royden de Souza. At this stage, a replacement has not been appointed to the role by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- 2) Requests for assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul conference have slowed a little, to about 6 or 7 per month. The overall advertising material at outlets will be reviewed. Special thanks to Frank and Robyn Murone for donating a considerable Easter Raffle prize to distribute to needy families. A relationship is to be established with the Minnie Vinnies children at St. Ambrose Parish in Woodend over the next few months. A co-operative arrangement with 'Christians Against Poverty', a not-for-profit organisation, is being pursued.

Report from School Principals

The School Principals advised that there was no Report to be considered at this Meeting.

Liturgy Team

The Meeting of the Liturgy Team held on 14 March 2024 predominantly considered the Holy Week Ceremonies.

The next Meeting will be held on 18 July 2024.

Other Business

A draft Survey to Parishioners regarding proposed changes to Sunday Mass times will be distributed in the near future.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held in the Parish Office on Thursday 20 June 2024 at 7pm.