

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

HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024 AT 7.00PM

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

Apologies: Janet Murray

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS)

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

Acquisition of part of Holy Cross property by Macedon Ranges Shire Council for bike trail – Council has confirmed that it will pay the costs of solicitor and valuation fees. The valuer has been instructed to prepare the assessment and a report is expected in around five weeks.

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).

Parish Pastoral Council Election (late 2024)

One member of the PPC is expected to stand down late in 2024. As a result, nominations will be sought from Parishioners.

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

The Minutes of the first Meeting of the Working Party held on 14 May 2024 were considered.

Trish Armstrong has taken the leadership role of the Working Party and has already done a lot of background work.

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 June.

Finance Committee

The Parish Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 and Budget for 2024 was considered, together with a covering email from Tony Wilson (Chair of Finance Committee).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

- 1) Gift cards and material assistance being given to around two families per week. Also collecting items from Gisborne and Woodend Foodbanks for those with limited mobility.
- 2) Neville Spiers is keen to meet with the new Parish Priest at Woodend (commences in July) to establish a working relationship similar to that with St. Brigid's Parish.
- 3) 'We are Here' posters being replaced with 'If You Need Help...', together with associated literature.
- 4) A winter appeal is commencing with a theme of addressing homelessness. Neville to discuss with Fr. Vincent.
- 5) The training of members in budget assistance is being explored by SVDP Victoria.

Report from School Principals

The 2023 Annual Report for each school was distributed via email.

Liturgy Team

Joe (Chair of Liturgy Team) advised that a Meeting of the Liturgy Team was held on 14 March 2024, which predominantly considered the Holy Week Ceremonies.

The next Meeting will be held on 18 July 2024.

Proposed Changes to Weekend Mass Times

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

Other Business

Jayne raised the issue of NAIDOC Week (7-14 July 2024). Fr. Vincent agreed that an 'Acknowledgement of Country' be read as part of the introduction to each Mass on 6/7 July.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held in the Parish Office on Thursday 29 August 2024 at 7pm.