

## **PPC UPDATE - SUMMARY OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETING – 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017**

**Report from SPC (Strategic Planning Committee) meeting** - Masterplan (2008) to be revised. Most works completed. Church roof leak an ongoing issue. Quotes received. Request for more car parks closer to Church allocated to those with mobility issues.

**PPC Membership:** Guidelines & Charter update - 4 year term upheld but allowing for life/time changes. Members limited to two consecutive terms but allowances made if membership is low. More detail of Chair, Assistant Chair & Secretary roles required. No resolution of currently only 3-4 members moving forward.

**Meeting with St Thomas & Sacred Heart PPC 5th Dec** - Informal night with some topics to be discussed. Future of our partnered Parishes, Working together, common visions whilst maintaining uniqueness.

**Blue Knot Day summary** - 102 attendants. Francis Sullivan spoke very well. A very informative and well presented speech. Majority of attendees in agreeance with what was said. A feeling of solidarity afterwards at supper. A follow up event required in the new year. Awareness of different opinions of parishioners relating to this topic. Recognising survivors and those who have suffered on 15 December (Royal Commission report released). Preparation of Parish for this day - topic included in homilies.

**Parish Survey** - Discussion of questions. Survey to launch 25/26 November. Available for 2 weeks. Overall feedback to highlight how important being part of this community is to people. Collation of hard copy surveys required. Need to reinforce importance of as many participants as possible.

**AGM date** - late February/early March

**Parish website review** - Sub-committee met with representatives from St Thomas and Sacred Heart to discuss individual Parish needs. There shall be a meeting with the Archdiocese IT representative to discuss options.

**Report from School representative** - School is addressing issues raised by Royal Commission (Family Violence). Promoting Respectful Relationships. Some funding from Government for resources. Important to address this issue to prepare students for current situations but also for their adult life. Catholic Social Justice events a great success (raising money for Uganda). Well done! Issues regarding gender role assumptions highlighted and addressed.

**The members of the St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council would like to wish the community of St Mary's Parish a Happy and Safe Christmas and a prosperous and energy-filled 2018.**