

Minutes PPC Meeting 22 February 2022

Present: Russell Hoggins, Anne Wilson, Dianne Culleney, Margaret Speechley, Patricia Brougham, Pat Murphy, Steve Moss, Deacon Pat Edwards, Fr John

Apologies: Cecilia Quigley, Peter Youil, Nat Izzo, Tamara Smith, Josette Charles, Debbie Scuteri

Welcome: Russell **Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45 Anne W

Guest: Deacon Pat Edwards

- PPC has enormous potential for Christ's mission. Last October Pat wrote article in bulletin about White Cane Day, and said he hoped it would spark conversation. Pat wrote again last weekend and continued discussion about need for inclusion. Mahatma Gandhi said, I like your Christ but I don't like Christians. Do I mirror Christ in my life? Love your enemies. To model him. Jesus says that God's glory will shine through the little ones - the sick, the battlers, the children. Jesus had many people come and listen to him in his early ministry. He delighted to be with people who see themselves as sinners.
- Do we model Jesus' ministry as a Christian community? We need to be showing God's glory through the way we embrace the little ones. Having joined ranks of disabled, I can tell you that it is very hard and isolating. We can think of those who live in the margins. How good it would be if our community reflects Jesus in our welcome to those on the margins. We as Catholics have been humbled and the way ahead is to care for those on the margins. Patricia Brougham spoke of her adult disabled daughter who attends a Baptist church on a Tuesday night. God's glory can shine through the care and welcome given to the poor and needy. Discussions already with Uniting Church re soup kitchen. Might attract young people in these types of service.
- Pat asks to please reflect on this and talk about next meeting.

Previous Meeting November 2021

Moved: Margaret Speechley; Second: Patricia Brougham

Business Arising

- Brochures: are at the front of the church.
- Carpet: Fr John has report from liturgical expert and will call a small committee to reflect on carpet for OLV, and make proposal.
- Community Building Group. CBG contributed significantly to parish life and it would be good if this activity could continue. Seeking new members for new group. Action: in bulletin, and a speaker at Mass.

Correspondence

- Report from Stewardship Renewal 2021. Report to be emailed to PPC members; letter of thanks from St Peter's Church for Christmas Trees; Catholic Mission; Catholic Charities letter of thanks;

Reports

- How to receive reports? Reports to be written and submitted before weekend prior to PPC meeting. Financial Report: Peter includes the narrative, can Peter also include the figures of assets, income and expenses? PPC should have a good idea of overall financial situation of parish. Finance Council to give an overview to PPC.

Topics in Parish Life

- PPC Guidelines are on the website, at top on PPC tab; can PPC members please read and see if we agree or need to change some aspects. Do we listen to everyone on PPC? We need to be representative.
- Membership: PPC agreed that there would be 10 members nominated/elected by parish community, one ex-officio member (Principal) from each school, APRIM to take place of Principal if needed, and Fr John, ex-officio Parish Priest. (APRIMs welcome every meeting).
- Continuing members: Russell Hoggins began 2021; Ann Wilson began 2021 (away June, July, Sept); Dianne Culleney began 2021; Margaret Speechley began 2020; Pat Murphy began 2019; Patricia Brougham began 2019; Cecilia Quigley.
- Not certain Steve Moss began 2019; Peter Youil began in 2021;
- Not continuing Henriette Greenfield; Michael Noonan;
- Role of secretary – very brief notes.
- Vote for Chair, wait till all members are on PPC and then elect Chair and Deputy Chair.

- Question: what does it mean to be Catholic in 2022? Fr John spoke about Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission. Synodality means walking together – no-one is to dominate; listening and respect needed.
- Mission Statement, PPC to review. Mission Statement is at the end of the PPC Guidelines.

- Topics to consider throughout the year: 1. Environment, 2. Family/Marriage, 3. Youth engagement, 4. Faith education,
- Discussion about marriage and family
- Lenten Groups. Please encourage.
- Special Collections for East Timor seminarians approved as requested by Peter Hurley.

- Children's Liturgy has started at OLOG Glengowrie; will start at OLV on 6 March.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 22 March at 7pm