

**ST GREGORY'S PARISH – NORTHERN MISSION:
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday 6 October 2020 5.30 – 7.00 pm

MINUTES

Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

Our mission is to go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. We are guided by the life of Jesus, sustained by the love of God and inspired by the light of the Holy Spirit.

Members: Selina Stanford, Chair; Fr Troy Bobbin, Parish Priest; Elenore Karpfen, Finance Committee; Gretchen Bell; Sheryl Reyes; David Sealey; and Chris Emmett.
Minute taker: Catherine Elton

Apologies: Mel Unwin; Deacon Chris Van Gessel; Veronica Hall, School Representative; Benji Reyes, and Elizabeth Holland.

Welcome: Selina Stanford

Acknowledgement of Country:

David

We wish to acknowledge that we are in the country of the Ngunnawal People.

We pay respect to their elders.

We acknowledge the memories of their ancestors and celebrate their continuing culture.

We acknowledge the deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Opening Prayer

Selina

1. September meeting minutes and action items. Moved: Elenore Karpfen **Seconded:** Chris Emmett

2. Parish Pastoral Council discussion

2.1 Effective Evangelisation

Troy

- It Bishop Barron's video (on Flocknote email): It was noted that there are more effective resources on this subject.
- Message Board – what do we want to write on the board?
 - *Update weekly.
 - *Invite parishioners and those outside the church to events.
 - *Bible quote.
 - *Find someone to be responsible for managing the board.
 - *More discussion next meeting.

2.2 Christmas celebration ideas

Troy

- *Make Christmas a statement using the belltower as a focus of light.
- *Discussions are underway with Jordan Hodge regarding lighting options.
- *Include inspirational messages reflecting God's love and hope.
- *Launch the lighting with a night of Christmas carols, inviting the community.
- *Invite the Tongan choir to lead the carols.
- *Invite lookers into the church using lighting, music and a nativity scene.
- *Place brochures on each seat for those who would like to look further.
- *Parish volunteers to be in the church.
- *Message on board inviting lookers to a suitable event (continuity for seekers).

3. Reports:

3.1 School

Veronica

- *Commitment Masses for First Eucharist to be held over two weekends: 10/11 and 17/18.
- *October is Catholic Mission month. The Catholic Mission mass has been cancelled. Schools have been asked to do a prayer liturgy instead.
- *Two teachers will facilitate the First Eucharist School of Religion.
- *Confirmation liturgies were successfully streamed via Facebook last month.

3.2 Parish matters

Troy

– New RCIA program – “Seeker encountering Christ” – RCIA team development

- *The RCIA acronym will no longer be used for promotional purposes.
- * A new focus for the evangelisation of interested seekers:
 - relationship with Jesus, his scriptural teaching and his love; seek the living God rather than ‘church’; experience rather than talk; getting seekers to attend mass the Sunday after you meet them; create relationship with a parishioner who can take them to events.
- *Train a parish team for involvement.
- *Have an occasional meeting for catechesis and discussion.
- *Suitable guidebooks: *‘Field Hospital Catechetics’* and *‘Seek the Living God’*.

– Flocknote email system

- *Michael Strudwick sent out a trial and found it administratively arduous.
- *The benefit: Flocknote can connect parishioners to religious information and follow it with discussion on zoom, but it costs.
- *The trial will continue until the end of the year, but it currently appears there may be

better ways of achieving parish goals of connecting.

*For example, new ways to connect with young parents may be available through the school.

3.3 Finance – report attached

Elenore

– 2021 budget preparation

*A draft 2021 parish budget is being prepared for submission to the Archdiocese at the beginning of December.

*The PPC and the PFC will review the draft budget in approximately mid-October.

– Parish ministry budget requests for 2021

*Parish Pastoral Council members were requested to submit their priorities for areas of expenditure, in preparation for the 2021 budget.

*Elenore will prepare a bulletin notice, requesting parishioners to submit their priorities for areas of expenditure during 2021.

4. Other Business

– Trybooking.com is currently being trialled as a means of complying with government regulations in relation to weekend mass attendance during the Covid pandemic. There has been some early issues, which can potentially be explained by the confluence with a long weekend and the change of daylight saving. The trial will continue for the present.

– A mass count has been requested by the Archdiocese for the weekend of 3 and 4 October.

Final prayer:

Selina

Next meeting: Tuesday 3 November 2020

Action Items

TASK	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	OUTCOME
Invite Tongan choir	Troy	
Resource book of bible quotes for use on message board	Troy	
Ask trustees for permission re purchase of investment property in 2020	Elenore Karpfen	Complete information, as requested, has been forwarded to Helen Delahunty at the Archdiocese.
Group to come up with an action plan for what to do differently post-Covid?	Chris Emmett, David Sealey and Selina Stanford	On hold.
Organise for new RCIA candidates to attend Alpha prior to the RCIA programme commencing.	Troy Bobbin and Selina Stanford	Next Alpha will commence late October.
Homily focussing on the parish Vision and Mission statements	Troy	Has commenced with more to come.
Refer to separate actions on connecting with those not at mass	ALL	Refer attached

What can we do now to connect with those not at mass?

Focus area	Person/s responsible	Progress update
Restarting morning tea To find out the Covid-capacity of the morning tea area and then offer a Covid-compliant morning tea after Sunday morning mass.	Troy / Elizabeth	Troy has calculated capacity of the area. May be possible to recommence the morning tea in October.
Social Media Fr Troy 'live' presence	Troy / Rita	Facebook live post of the Mosaic event. St Greg's Feastday mass will be available on zoom. Troy requested PPC feedback of this trial.
Contact details Obtain parishioner contact details – facebook, bulletin, school bulletin, website.	Parish Office / Selina	Request has been included in bulletin, facebook and website. To date only 2 parishioners responded. <u>Suggestion</u> : start the newsletter as an encouragement for others to provide their details.
Email What's going on? Include the Bulletin and		No response to request for a volunteer to help with the email or a newsletter. Amend the bulletin to include

a link to the parish facebook.		information for those not at mass? Ask parishioners to pass it on to someone they know who's not attending mass.
CSYMI Prayer reflection. Forward link / make accessible to all. A focus for a joint prayer gathering on zoom.		This could also be included in the parish email.
Bulletin Personal delivery of bulletin to non-tech savvy parishioners		
Message Board Present options with capabilities, prices and a recommendation.	Mel / Gretchen / Sheryl	Message Board ordered.
Prayer partners Those able to attend mass, and those not currently attending mass, to maintain community by praying for each other in a partnership.		