

ATHERTON CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th November 2017

7.00pm Presbytery:

Present: John Sainsbury:Chair, Rev. Barry Craig , Mary MacCallum, , Elaine Thelan, Deacon Michael Lindsay , Anna Montgomery, Louise de Marzi , Rhiana Meaney (Parish Secretary), Lesley Webster: Secretary,

Carol O’Connell, Margaret Waldby, Michelle McLellan, Brian Quin, Brendan Akers.

APOLOGIES: Carol McGoldrick, Janine Wuth, Bob Wickham (Maree Nasser)

Number Item :

To be actioned by :

Finalised by date:

All present joined in with opening prayer

Meeting Chaired by John Sainsbury:

John welcomed the new PPC members for 2018, noting that Brian and Brendan still to make commitment.

1. *Reflection presented by John- ‘Serving Humbly’*
2. **Apologies:** *Carol McGoldrick, Janine Wuth, Bob Wickham*
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** *Minutes of previous meeting 12th October 2017: Accepted as a true and correct record, moved by John, seconded by Elaine and passed by all present.*
Inward Correspondence- *email apology Janine Wuth- Verbal apology Bob and Carol*
4. **Outward Correspondence-** *Letter of invitation to attend PPC meeting 9th November 2017 to Michelle Mc Lellan, Carol O’Connell, Margaret Waldby, Maree Nasser who have accepted nomination to be PPC members for 2018- Letter of invitation sent to Brian Quin, and Brendan Akers who are yet to decide to accept nomination. Moved by Lesley and seconded by Anna that the Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted. Passed by all present.*

St. Josephs School: *Michael handed out School report, advising he only has 3 weeks left as Principal of St. Joseph’s School. Will continue as Deacon in Parish and available to assist in pastoral needs when requested. To be assisting the Diocese with ECSIP PD. The school is looking at having 260-266 students enrolled for 2018. Handover date for new school building set at 8th March 2017. PP to assist Cath Ed in appointing new school Principal, Fr. Barry going to Cairns Friday to make final choice and to advise successful candidate. Successful candidate to be announced at farewell Mass for Principal Michael Thursday 23rd November. New Principal to be commissioned the first Sunday before school year.*

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SJA to collaborate with St. Teresa's Ravenshoe, St. Thomas's Mareeba, and possibly MSB and St. Stephens if they go ahead with Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project.

Sacramental Program: *Fr. Barry to attend Clergy & Deacon Conference where Diocesan Sacramental Program to be finalized. In-service to follow in all Parishes. All sacraments to be received in the one year with Reconciliation, and Confirmation followed by First Eucharist the Sunday after Confirmation.*

Children's Liturgy: *Last Sunday liturgy saw an increase in attendees, plans to continue these Liturgies six weekly due to Deacon Michael being Celebrant at Sunday liturgies.*

Mercy Mum's: *Rhiana read report from Mel Lindsay and Anna Montgomery who advised that they both would be unable to continue to host Mercy Mums in 2018. They have been holding them for four years and have found the mothers only wishing for social contact without spiritual content. Fr. Barry spoke about the C of E and their 'Mainly Music' program which is run by a core group of parishioners, and our need to have a similar program with help from parishioners.*

Chaplaincy: *John emailed Chaplain report and explained to new PPC members about there being four Chaplains for the State High and Primary schools in this area and his involvement as Treasurer of the Chaplains committee. He advised he intends to continue in this role as Parish representative after he steps down from the PPC. They have two fund raises a year, in June with the Car parts swap and December at the Carols by Candlelight. He received a pamphlet with profiles of the four Scholl Chaplains.*

St. Patrick's Yungaburra: *Brian advised they were waiting for fine weather to commence on building repairs.*

Facebook: *Rhiana advised we now have 201 members. It is a way to keep parishioners and others up to date with the Parish activities.*

PASTORAL ACTIVITY REVIEW

Census: *Fr. Barry advised they have started on the Padre Program with the help of Bob Wickham available to assist with volunteer hours. He also stated that if anyone knew anyone else who may need to do volunteer work he would be pleased to consider them. They do not need to have to work on the Census as there is a lot of other work that could be done. The Census will allow him to discover parishioners who are no longer regularly attending mass through no fault of their own, be it illness, or other concerns. Others have lost contact with the Parish and with Parish Census not being kept up to date it is extremely hard to know who they are, especially over much a long time.*

Youth Mass / Youth Ministry: *ACYF raffle to be drawn after the 9am Sunday Mass on 17/12/2017: Attendees are fund raising after Sunday Masses. Eight youths are attending the ACYF and flights have been booked. APCL donation over \$1200 through cake stall and raffles. John has complied a letter to be sent to youth going to APCL*

Principal St. Joseph's & staff Ongoing

Fr. Barry Ongoing

Deacon Michael & Mel Ongoing

Fr. Barry & Parishioners Ongoing

John Sainsbury Ongoing

Brian Ongoing

Rhiana Ongoing

Fr. Barry, Rhiana, Bob Ongoing

Deacons, Youth Ongoing

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giving them PPC best wishes and organizing a meeting after Mass early December, which the APCL will cater for. Letter passed by all present. John to wish them well after 9am Mass, with blessing from Fr or Deacon.

PPC 2018 New Members: Orientation session to be organised for Brian and Brendan should they accept PPC membership. All others have previously served on council. Janine has expressed a wish to attend the orientation also. Lesley to organize orientation with Executive for mid-January.

Formation of Liturgy Committee & Ministry Committee: Fr Barry said Order of Service has been amended. When there is a Lay Led Sunday liturgy there always has to be two leaders. The first leader does not have to be a Eucharistic Minister where as the second leader has to be a Eucharistic Minister. Date needs to be set for In-service, Elizabeth Rosenberg to be notified to arrange this. Carol McGoldrick has volunteered to assist Elizabeth.

Replacement of PA System in Church: Fr. Barry advised Carol has not received a quote as yet, does not expect to have it until after New Year as Mark is too busy with other schools and church's needs. Mary Mac said St. Joseph's schools PA would be available for use this Christmas, Fr. Barry to liaise with school if required.

Christmas Mass times: Fr. Barry happy for Mary and Pina to have children present the Nativity Scene at Christmas Mass, but it will have to be before the Mass, not after as has been previously done.

Mass times review – Southern Tablelands Representative Council Fr. Barry to look into having meetings similar to the Cluster meetings. This is to enable each Parish to have representatives so they can express their parish's unique needs.

Child Protection: -

General information on Child Protection available at Parish office, Top Drawer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Carols by Candlelight: Starting 6pm Saturday 2nd December at Merrilands. Catholics to sell 'candles' needing more helpers, roster list to be left at Church for volunteers. John said it is pleasing to see how many young families attend each year, and it's a good event.

Atherton Parish Philippine Ladies: to celebrate in honour of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 2nd December. Morning Tea after Mass. All funds raised goes to the Parish.

Parish Christmas Dinner: Discussion re no Sunday evening mass so not going to be a Sunday evening. Fr. Barry said previous parishes he has been in have had a 5pm Mass of a Wednesday then gone to dinner. Atherton Parish

Lesley	22.01.2018
Fr. Barry -Parishioners	Ongoing
Carol McGoldrick- Fr. Barry, Finance Committee	Ongoing
Mary Mac –Pina Crear students	25.012.2017
Fr. Barry- Mass times committee	Ongoing
Rhiana	Ongoing
Kylie Akers-Parishioners	Ongoing
Philippine community	02.12.2017
Fr. Barry – Parishioners	20.12.2017

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Christmas Dinner to be 20th December, 5pm Mass followed with dinner at the Barron Valley Hotel. Notice will be put in Bulletin.

World day of Prayer: *Louise advised that St. Joseph's parish is hosting the 2018 this event. It is held on the first Friday in March. She will need volunteers and will keep us up to date through the Church Bulletin.*

Fr. Barry and Fr. Joby's accommodation: *Fr. Barry advised that they are looking at new plans, the plumbing will be expensive. He would like to lease a house in Atherton until renovations completed. It was suggested if he needed an Architect Jo Higham or Max Slade are located in Atherton. Fr. Jobi will be away mid-November, attending a meeting in Proserpine, so daily Mass goers will have to have Liturgys for the days he is not available.*

APCL: *Holding Cake stall for Christmas on Friday 8th December. Looking at having Christmas luncheon at Kairi Pub and will advise via the Church Bulletin of date, time and cost.*

Church Christmas Decoration: *A working bee will be held on Saturday 16th December to decorate the church for Christmas, a sausage sizzle planned after working bee.*

PASTORAL IDEAS LIST

Men's Group. *Work in progress.*

REVIEW LIST:

Liturgy Committee

Suggested Agenda Items for February 2018 meeting

- Census
- Youth - Australian Catholic Youth Festival report
- Church PA System upgrade quote
- Christmas Mass report
- Mothers group formation
- Formation of Liturgy and Ministries committees- Lay led Sunday Liturgies
- Mass times review – Southern Tablelands Representative Council

Louise DeMarzi- Val Romano

02.03.2018

Fr. Barry- Bishop James

Ongoing

Catholic ladies- Parishioners

08.12.2017

All Parishioners

16.12.2017

John Sainsbury- Deacon Alban Hunt

Ongoing

Elizabeth Rosenberg- Carol McGoldrick

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- *Child Protection*
- *Lenten Program from Archdiocese of Brisbane – groups to be formed,*

John thanked Louise and Anna for their time and effort over the past two years as members of the PPC and wished them well.

Fr. Barry thanked John for his time on the executive and this past year as Chair.

Agenda meeting for Executive : Tuesday 30th Jan 2018

Prayer Refection person: 9th Feb 2018 Carol O’Connell

Meeting closed with final prayer at 9pm Followed with wine and nibbles for farewell and thank you to members who have finished their allotted time on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Signed..... Chair DATE /02/2018

**Fr. Barry, John, Carol Mc G
Lesley
Carol O’Connell**

30.01.2018