

**St Mary's Parish, Mt Albert**  
**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**

**Date:** Tuesday 11 July 2023  
**Location:** Presbytery meeting room  
**Time:** 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Fr. Rob O'Brien, Lovlin Franswah, Phil Marshall, and Richard Perillo

**Apologies:** David Wood, Amy Smith, Paul Marshall, and Margaret Marshall

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### **1. Welcome / Prayer**

The meeting started at 7:00pm with a prayer led by Fr. Rob.

### **2. Confirmation of previous minutes / matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not yet available so this will instead be approved in the next meeting. Accordingly, no matters arising had been discussed.

### **3. Correspondence arising**

- Email from Richard Perillo advising of his retirement from the position of Secretary due to study commitments.
- David Wood sent an email to Roland answering a question he asked at the AGM.

### **4. Chairperson Report**

Fr. Rob read David's report as follows:

"The last month a fair bit of time was spent getting the AGM organised, thanks to Johanna, Dianne and Meegan for this.

At present we are starting to look at ideas for the layout of the Church so we can try them out and commit to getting the new carpet down by Christmas 2023.

In my annual report I mentioned my hopes to re-establish a youth group and also a seniors group within the parish I would also like to establish a group for seniors so if we can give these some thoughts and we will plan on having some discussions about this next meeting.

The Parish also needs a safeguarding person maybe we need to start shoulder tapping for this roll?"

### **5. Update from Finance & Property Committee**

No update as of yet in view of the recent resignation of Dianne. Meanwhile, Lovlin commented that in the past, the Sunday's cash collection used to be put in the next week's bulletin. Lovlin added that it is important for the Parish to know the income that is coming every week and in fact other Parishes have this information in the weekly bulletin. Fr. Rob will ask Johanna and Megan about this.

### **6. Update from Caring Committee**

No update as of the moment as well.

## **7. Update from Liturgy Committee**

Phil reported that the Liturgy Committee had their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. The children's liturgy was brought up and it would be underway. Phil has spoken to Ramona and she was happy about what was happening. Phil also told her that if needed help, it will be available. The preparation for the Feast of the Assumption on the 15 of August (Tuesday) had also been discussed. Fr. Rob shared that there will be a 9am Mass on that day apart from the regular evening Mass. Meanwhile, Phil reported that Sheila White has joined the Liturgy Committee.

Phil asked if the Liturgy Committee could take back the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month for their meeting while the PPC's meeting be scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month like it used to be. Fr. Rob agreed.

## **8. Update from Marist Primary**

Fr. Rob relayed a message from Amy that they are starting to renovate the school hall.

## **9. Update from safeguarding**

No update so far.

## **10. Update from Parish Priest**

Fr. Rob briefly shared his thoughts about the recently concluded AGM and what came out of that. He then mentioned about the Parish centenary next year and the need to make an early plan for it as suggested by Lovlin. Fr. Rob hopes that the layout of the Church be sorted prior to that. For this purpose, a meeting with the parishioners will be set after the upcoming Sunday Mass.

## **11. General Business**

Lovlin informed Fr. Rob that this coming Sunday, the Filipino group will not be available for the morning tea as they will be celebrating Fr. Carlos' birthday.

Lovlin then asked Fr. Rob whether there is really a need to have a PPC meeting every month. Lovlin explained that it is quite hard for him to attend successive meetings in a given week especially that he is both part of the Liturgy Committee and the PPC. Fr. Rob will look into this and perhaps explore the possibility of interlacing it with the Liturgy Committee in one month and the PPC in another month.

As this is Richard's last meeting as PPC secretary, Fr. Rob thanked him for his service for almost 2 years.

## **12. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 August 2023.

## **13. Closing prayer**

The meeting closed at 7:57pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Rob.