

**PPC Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**7pm, St Mary's Presbytery, Mt Albert**

**Present:** Father Marchellino, Lovlin Franswah, Dave Wood, Trish Wood, Dianne McArdle

**Apologies:** Ramona Cobb, Tom Butchard, Margaret Marshall, Paul Marshall, Joe Brownfield

**Opening Prayer:** Father Marchellino

**Matters rising from previous meeting:**

Property Updates - kitchen, internet, light wells in church

Working Bee - date to be agreed

Youth Ministry - budget

Eucharist ministry - Blood of Christ

PPC photos and information portal for parishioners

Annual Parish reports: publish on Parish webpage. Hard copies available at back of the church. To be announced 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Meeting Discussion**

**Committee Updates:**

- **PPC Chair, Dave-** Kitchen upgrade - planning in progress; glass windows in roof of church have been assessed - ok for now
- **Safeguarding** - 12 Nov face to face training to be held in Mt Albert
- **Finance** - monthly bulletin reports of collections with targets
- **Youth** - doing well with monthly gatherings. Team of 5 youth leaders.
- **Liturgy** committee - stop these meetings as many overlaps and some resignations. This group has merged with PPC. Everill Orr communion was temporarily paused due to illness at the village.
- **Sacraments** - underway.
- **Caring** committee - food parcels for 160 people in Sept and 155 in Oct. Funding insufficient for increasing requests for food parcels for larger institutions/organisations. Working with SVDP in Onehunga to meet demand.

**Letter from the Diocese:**

Reply from each Parish required by 15 Nov

How has your Parish fostered a sense of belonging and welcoming - social gathering Sunday morning teas; first Friday cup pf tea. Increase in numbers attending Sunday services.

Youth group restarted and is well supported financially by the Parish, with a good leadership team. Huge intake of altar servers are now engaged on a roster.

Children's liturgy

1. *What does the Parish faith community do to encourage community:*

- Prayer and life workshop every Friday
- World day of prayer with youth (school students)

2. *What are the challenges of sustaining this?*

- Access to church property, especially around school times.
- Engaging school families within regular parish activities post sacramental programmes and outside of school activities
- Encourage young people within the church and welcome new people

3. *What do we want Bishop Steve to know?*

- We are very grateful to have Father Marchellino with us for another 3 years. Continuity is important for us
- More interaction with Bishop in Parish life

**Parish Roll update:** short questionnaire to be distributed for next 2 weeks.

**Working Bee:** Saturday 22nd November at 10:30 - 12:30. Put notice n bulletin.

**Carpet cleaning** in church 18 Jan. Require price and see if furniture needs moving. Give Megan the go ahead.

**Advent Reconciliation** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

**Jesse Tree** planned for Christmas as per previous years

**Next Meeting:** Christmas end of year meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Dave invited group to his home 7pm at 3 Sadgrove Tce, Mt Albert

**Closing Prayer:** Father Marchellino

**Meeting closed:** 8:10pm