

Approved  
P. Miller  
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2017

**Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday 11 May 2017 at 7pm in St Benedict's Church Foyer, Khandallah**

**Present:** Fr Peter, Fr Doug, Fr Sebastian, Robert McClean (Chair), Marita Basabas, Graham Cooper, Tony de Joux, Eric De Souza, Eustie Kamath, Shirley O'Brien, Mark Westerbeke, Lucienne Hensel and Deborah Lim (Secretary).

Also Synod participants: Joanne Byrne, Wendy Cleaver, Lorraine Copp, Katrin Eickhorst, Dayanee Joseph, Eustie Kamath, Daniel Kleinsman, Mario Merlo, Angela Morgan, Stephen Morgan, Teresa Preston and Patricia Sison.

**Apologies:** Oliver Hartwich, Vanessa Borg (Synod)

Meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Doug.

### **Archdiocesan Synod**

First hour of meeting was dedicated to the Synod. This commenced with brief introductions, followed by a presentation by Lucienne Hensel providing an overview of the Synod. Key points:

- Synod preparation process takes place from now till 30 June.
- Parish groups are encouraged to have discernment sessions relating to any 1 of the 10 themes available. Listening, not discussion-based, process.
- Facilitators have been trained and are available to help at any group meetings.
- All notes and conclusions from Parish group discussions are to be submitted to the Archdiocesan Synod committee. From there, the material for the Synod will be decided.

*Action: Names of all Synod participants to be published in Parish newsletter.*

*Robert to circulate names of facilitators to Synod participants.*

### **Second part of meeting only attended by PPC Members.**

Motion was made by Robert, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of 6 April 2017. Motion carried. Minutes are now to be loaded onto the Parish website.

### **Refugees**

Special collection will be taken on 18 June (Refugee Sunday). Finance Committee has been advised. Refugee sub-committee will advertise list of required goods which can be donated.

### **Ohariu Cemetery Update**

Funding application has been made to Meridian Energy to restore the site. PPC acknowledges and thanks Graham Cooper and Challenge 2000 for all their work in tidying up the site.

### **Church Buildings**

Expert report on all Church buildings is not available yet. Report will be circulated to PPC when available. Discussion will be deferred to next meeting. It is noted that a resolution on the Newlands roof needs to be reached, with this issue ongoing now for many months.

## **Parish Strategic Plan**

Updated strategic plan tabled. Input from Mark and Shirley acknowledged. This is a live document and any further contribution may be emailed to the sub-committee. At this stage, the consultation is within the PPC.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Khandallah has traditionally had a formal AGM where different Parish groups report to Parishioners on activities for the past year. Is there a need for a Parish-wide AGM? Could a Parish Feast Day celebration be held in place of an AGM? Whilst there is no strong opposition for an AGM, the timing is not ideal at this stage with the upcoming Synod. This matter to be discussed further.

## **Health and Safety**

A near-miss accident occurred recently at the Newlands garage which is used by SVdP to store their goods. An old door, which was balancing on a top ledge, fell and almost hit someone.

*Action: This is to be recorded in the Parish Register, once the report from the SVdP Area Council is received.*

## **General Correspondence**

None tabled.

## **Other Business**

- Good Friday Service at Newlands was unsatisfactory, with the Veneration of the Cross being cut short and people told to return to their seats. Should there be another Cross at Newlands? The Parish Liturgy Committee will conduct a review of all Easter services.
- Parish-wide liturgical workshops will be held after 30 June.

Meeting concluded at approximately 9.05am.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm at St Peter and Paul's Church Hall, Johnsonville.**

This will commence with Synod group discernment on the topic "Go, you are sent...to find leaders". Eustie will facilitate and Marita to be scribe.