

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - St Francis of Assisi Ohariu

MINUTES of meeting held Sunday 1 December (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Present: Ning, Lucienne, Joanne, Ed, James, Fr Gerard, Fr Alfred.

Apologies: Joe.

Fr Gerard began the meeting with a prayer.

Discussion: Pastoral Synodal Gathering

- Discussed suitability of various dates - decided that the 23rd of February struck the right balance of allowing parishioners time to return from their summer breaks and not clashing with other activities.
- Decided it would be run from 1:30pm to 4:00pm with a break for something to eat
- Communication of this to be sent to various parish groups, principals, school trustees. In addition this would be published in the newsletter

Fr Gerards 40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

- Fr Gerard is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination. To celebrate this great achievement it was discussed that there would be a BBQ after Mass on the 26th of January.

Joe's Farewell

- Joe's farewell will be celebrated after Mass on Sunday the 15th of December.
- A cake to be organised as well as cards to be signed and parishioners asked to please bring a plate
- Parishioners to be approached to say a few words after Mass and those who had a close association with Joe through his ministries to be contacted.

Communications & Social Media

- Discussed about the use of Facebook and the Parish App. It was mentioned that the app could be utilised better and could be promoted in the newsletter.
- It was decided to discuss this further in the next meetings agenda

General Discussions

- It would be good to have more coordination between groups and the Parish Synodal Gathering could be the beginning of that.

- Ministries to be added to the parish website
- Car parking situation to be looked into as those that may need to leave urgently are often unable to leave.

Questions addressed to PPC members

- Question asked about minutes on parish website, minutes to be uploaded.

Round up of the year

- Discussed what we were grateful for in the parish and the positive things that had happened this year

Fr Gerard concluded with a prayer