

*St Gregory's Parish family is committed to being a Christ-centred pilgrim people who, through word and deed, are a living witness of God's unconditional love for all.*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 3 July: 5.30 – 7.00**

### **THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

#### **MINUTES**

**Members:** Mary Dorrian, Chair; Fr. Troy Bobbin, Parish Priest; Deacon Chris Van Gessel; Selina Stanford, Finance Committee; Elizabeth Holland; Benji and Sheryl Reyes; David Sealey; and Mel Unwin.

**Apologies:** Kate McManus-Green, School Representative; Ryan Matchett, Gretchen Bell, and Chris Emmett.

**Meeting Minutes:** Catherine Elton

**Welcome:** Fr Troy / Mary

**Opening Prayer:** Selina Stanford

**Acknowledgement of Country:** *"We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today."*

**1.0 Summary of June Meeting (attached). Moved:** Fr Troy **Seconded:** S Stanford  
Business arising not covered in the agenda.

Sr Chloe Forsythe, Daughter of Charity, has been assisting the parish with pastoral and sacramental work over recent years. Her order has now called her to return to Melbourne and she will be leaving in early August. Sr Chloe's friendship and spiritual support will be sadly missed. A morning tea will be held after 9am Mass on Sunday 28 July to say goodbye. Carolyn Connor will continue the work of pastoral visits and taking communion to the sick and elderly. Sr Chloe's role will be closely looked at to see how her work within the parish can be fully covered.

**2.0 Focus Area:**

The PPC watched *The Divine Renovation* by Fr James Mallon; Podcast 1, and discussion followed. Fr James Mallon, a Canadian Parish Priest, has developed a program 'Divine Renovation' to bring parishes from maintenance to mission. It is a vision of the future that produces passion. He uses the tool Alpha as part of his resources to build parishioner motivation to move toward an outward focus. The concept of Divine Renovation is based on theology of The Great Commission of 'To go; To make (disciples); To baptise; and To teach'.

**3.0 General Business:**

3.1 Columbarium (attachment)

To be discussed further at next month's PPC meeting.

3.2 Queanbeyan safe shelter (attachment)

Exploring the possibility of using the Presbytery garage as a sleepover space for the homeless. An email will be sent to PPC members requesting they express their ideas / thoughts by return email.

3.3 St Gregory restoration (crosses) quotes (attachment)

Agreement expressed to remove two crosses from St Gregory's church at the cheaper quote of \$1595( Walker Carpentry & Bldg P/L). The option of whether to replace the two crosses has been placed on hold for the moment.

### 3.4 SVDP (attachment)

The attached draft St Gregory's Church liaison program will not be commenced in 2019 due to pastoral reasons. However, July will have a parish focus on Vinnies winter appeal for clothing, blankets etc, and donations.

### 3.5 Plenary Council feedback

Further discussion re Mary, Troy and Catherine meeting to develop a format for meetings with parish groups.

### 3.6 ACU short talks (attachment)

The Short Course in Faith, Hope and Love: Theological Virtues for Today' will be advertised in the Sunday Bulletin. The ACU courses have been found to have good content, and good discussion follows.

### 3.7 Quest Donation Point (attachment)

Further discussion at next PPC meeting. In the meantime the Quest Donation Point will be introduced to parishioners as part of the parish July Vinnies focus.

## 4.0 Reports: If time permits

Reports held over until August PPC meeting

4.1 St Gregory's Youth – Fr Troy

4.2 School – Kate McManus Green

4.3 Adult Education Report

4.4 Finance – Selina Stanford

## 5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Comments from parishioner Glenda Chapman – to be emailed to PPC members.

5.2

## 5.0 Meeting summary

What has gone well about our meeting today? How can we improve?

**Final prayer:** Fr Troy

### Actions:

Divine Renovation	TB	Presenting a vision related homily in the next month.
	TB	Bulletin notice.
Divine Renovation / Plenary Council Feedback / PPC 3yr strategic plan	MD TB CE	To look at a format for meetings with parishioners to give their view / ideas.
	CE	Above to be emailed to PPC members, requesting their response by return email.
Sr Chloe's Pastoral Care Role.	TB	Sr Chloe's role will be closely looked at to see how her work within the parish can be fully covered.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 6 August**

Prayers for next meeting: Opening prayer - **Elizabeth Holland**; Final prayer – Chris Emmett