



**St James
The Apostle**

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Parish Council Meeting

Monday March 15 2021

Members:

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp (Parish Priest)
Geralyn McCarthy (Chairperson)
Angel Hartanto

Fr Silvio Bezzina mssp (Assistant Priest)
Jenny Fenech
Gerry Balolong

Apologies: Paul Hughes

Guests: Judy and Felix, RCIA

Prayers were led by Jenny Fenech

1. RCIA

a. 4 candidates at the start of the program and were conducted using Webex (set up by Felix) as a result of Covid 19.

b. Letter from Clive

- i. Allocation of designated meeting space every Friday for 12 to 15 people (including RCIA team) for the next batch
- ii. Availability of presentation equipment.
- iii. Consideration of fixed fee
- iv. Need to advertise inquiry date

c. Response

- i. Ray Centre was a suggestion as it a good venue with AV equipment, toilet, and kitchen.
- ii. Fixed fee was not recommended in the meeting with the Parish Council
- iii. To place in school calendars including Thomas Carr. Place advert in narthex.

d. Thanks and admiration expressed for the dedicated work of RCIA ministry and members

2. Easter Schedule

a. All masses will be in church which can accommodate 230 people. Extra masses will be scheduled due to availability of more priests on all days

b. Commissioning to occur in both Holy Thursday masses

3. Pilot Coaching from Archdiocese – will not be taken on board as of yet

4. Parish Raffle – Kat Godfrey is working on it, and suggested smaller raffles

a. Jenny to get in touch with Kat

- b. 1st raffle will be bar fridge style to be drawn on the St James Feast day without dinner/dance
 - c. 2nd raffle will be at the fete with major prizes possibly with a trip
5. Parish to invite Deacon Royden to next Parish Council meeting
6. Parish Priest Report: Fr Jude
- a. Antonio and Julia, one of the leaders of the Samoan community mentioned some of their members have a devotion to the Divine Mercy Chaplet for an hour once a week. They are asking if they can use one of the parish facilities for the devotion.
 - b. The Paulist Centre was suggested. Fr Jude to speak to Antonio
7. Other Matters
- a. GERALYN – suggested that we begin to sensitively and gently advertise that there is a “crying room” as some of the recent masses were quite loud and distracting. Per Fr Jude, it will be announced in the upcoming masses
 - b. Observations regarding church extension
 - i. Door silencers, floor buffers for doors at Sacristy and baptism pond need to be addressed
 - ii. Weak audio from laptop
 - iii. Adjust camera angle (seems to be only focused the choir)
 - iv. Change position of door latch of safe for security
 - v. The wood near stained glass windows look unfinished
 - c. Cleaners approached Angel regarding vacuum cleaners. Fr Jude to look into missing parts in the shed

Next Meeting: Monday 12th April 2021

Prayer: Angel

Minutes: Jen