



**St James
The Apostle**

**St James the Apostle Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday May 10 2021**

Members:

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp (Parish Priest)

Fr Silvio Bezzina mssp (Assistant Priest)

Geralyn McCarthy (Chairperson)

Paul Hughes

Jenny Fenech

Angel Hartanto

Gerry Balolong

Dn Royden Dzouza

Prayer: Fr Jude

Minutes: Paul

Apologies: Fr Silvio

Business arising from last meeting:

1. Blessing of new church – Review
 - All went well on the day and it was great to celebrate as a community.
 - Many thanks to Eli from DeCaprios and need to send an invite to publicly thank him for his support.
2. Replacement for Sacramental program for children from non-Catholic schools
 - Fr Jude has published it in the bulletin and has asked one of the parishioners to help with Baptisms.
3. Flags
 - We have a new Parish flag with the new updated logo.
4. COVID Safety
 - Keeping up with the government's changes, people will need to still check-in with the QR code - people that can't, can still sign in. Everyone is happy the tri booking is (was!) gone.
 - Numbers were good over the Mother's Day weekend with only the 10:30 that needed the overflow.
 - Many thanks to all the volunteers for all their help and hard work.
 - It's a constant challenge to welcome people back to church under covid conditions.

- International Volunteers week this month Monday 17th to 23rd - we need to put something in the bulletin.

5. Mini Stewardship program - updated in next month's meeting.

Parish Priest Report: Fr Jude

- Defects have been reported to the contractors.
- Looking at getting quotes to get grass seeds sprayed.
- School advisory meeting and every school by the end of the year to have an advisory board.
- Lay leadership gathering – to heard about future planning with the archdiocese looking at ways to create community with parishes helping each other. Still under conversation with meetings on the 23rd
- When are alter servers coming back?

Finance Report: Angel

- Thanksgiving is improving.
- Renegotiating with the bank for the loan.

Fr Mario -

- Emails in tri booking – Mario has asked if we could catalogue people's emails into, the database – will need to ask for permission first.
- Census forms – to ask people to take one home and fill out to be returned or give people time during Mass to complete.
- Fr Mario will talk with Maria who inputs data into the database.
- Census will need to be done before the mini stewardship, looking at June.
- Approaching Yrs. 4,5,6 students asking about interest in being Alter servers.
- Having young readers on the roasters starting with yrs. 5 and 6 starting them slowly. This will need work but will give the young people a chance to be involved.

Any other Business:

- Training of altar servers
- St James Feast Day plans – still have June and July to talk about – need to think about a party. Invite Gilbert along to the next meeting as a rep as the Knight of the Southern Cross.
- 200 years of Catholic Education

Next Meeting: Monday June 14/2021 – As this is a public holiday, suggestion that we find an alternative time. Monday June 21/2021?

Prayer: Gerry

Minutes: Royden