

**Members Present:** Fr. Jude Pirotta (Parish Priest), Fr. Sylvio Bezzina (Asst. Parish Priest), Geralyn McCarthy (Chair), Angel Hartanto, Jenny Fenech.

**Guests:** Knights of the Southern Cross, represented by Patrick, Jarrod and Peter.

The Knights came to ask the Parish Council to steer them in a direction where they can be more supportive to the parish. They also reviewed their recent achievements (outside of Covid times). Discussion was held to assist in leading the parish towards:-

- Faith formation
- Continuing the 'cuppa' after mass
- Building community within the parish with something similar to "God and Beer" hospitality and formation
- Revisiting the Children's Liturgy
- Filling the void left by the Carpenters Club. CC has slowly lost members and they are not meeting anymore, it was suggested that the Knights could fill the void by giving Fr. Jude some help when required. (However, the Samoan group have recently stepped up to be assisting with maintenance and have had working bees on the grounds of the church)

### **Agenda Items.**

**1. Stewardship Program.** No contact has been held between Steve Littleton and the parish lately. As it is to be held in October some follow up required by the office, just to touch base.

**2. Parish Council Election.** The group of candidates have been named and will present a photo and a small statement about themselves in next week's parish bulletin. The candidates are as follows:

- Kevin Lloyd
- Russell Menezes
- Stacey Fernandez
- Beatrix Silva
- Roger Baatjies
- Felix Choo
- Patrick Ekweanua

The election will then take place on the weekend of 24/25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**3. Child Safe Committee.** The committee have met recently to address the new Safety Standards that were added to the existing document.

### **Parish Priest's Report:**

- **Principal Interviews.** Father Jude is currently interviewing for a principal for the new Parish Primary School Saint Teresa of Calcutta, at the Creekstone Estate.

- **Presbytery Update.** This continues to be an ongoing saga. The faults with the building are still not being addressed by the builder. The current situation is that a final letter has been issued by Father Jude's legal team and if this is not responded to the matter will then proceed to court. There is approximately a \$32,000 target to be met by the builder in rectifying the issues with the new presbytery.
- **CCI Insurance & Parish Stage 3 building facilities.** The CCI insurance costs are increasing at 12% for the next stage of the Parish expansion of facilities. Construction costs have increased also, so this results in raising the insurance costs.
- Public Liability is also affected by the introduced Child Safety standards. The excess is \$25,000 for the policy. Recent pay outs to victims of Sexual assault in the Catholic Church has seen \$400 million paid in compensation since 2018.
- **Website overhaul.** We are currently looking for an interested person with web design skills who would be interested in really giving our website a facelift. It is looking out of date and tired currently. This could be advertised through the Parish Bulletin

**Next PPC Meeting :**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm (Parish house)

**Prayer:** Gerry

**Minutes:** Fr. Silvio