



Members:

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp (Parish Priest);
Geralyn McCarthy (Chairperson)
Jenny Fenech
Gerry Balolong (outgoing)

Fr Silvio Bezzina mssp (Assistant Priest)
Paul Hughes (outgoing)
Angel Hartanto
Dc Royden D'souza

Welcome to our new PPC members:

Kevin Lloyd
Stacey Fernando
Felix Choo

Russell Menezes
Beatrice Silva

Apologies:

Felix Choo, Paul Hughes, Gerry Balolong, Dcn Royden D'Souza

1. Prayer – Prayers were led by Jenny.

2. Welcome and introductions to our new Parish Pastoral Council members

- Introductions. Members of the PPC were invited to introduce themselves
- The Role of the PPC. Geralyn spoke about the nature and role of the PPC. Its nature and role is defined by Vat II, as a body that works hand in hand with the parish priest. It has a leadership role within the parish, though unfortunately not all parishes have a PPC.
- Meetings: The PPC meets on a monthly basis except in January, and the December meeting is usually a breakup meeting.
- Commissioning of the PPC will be held during the weekend masses of the 15/16th October 2022.
 - Sat 6:00pm - Russel & Stacey
 - Sun 8:30am - Geralyn & Jenny
 - Sun 10:30am - Kevin & Angel
 - Sun 5:00pm - Beatrice & Felix (Felix will be mentioned as he's in apology)

3. Business Arising from last meeting (September's Meeting)

1. Stewardship Program. First stewardship programme was held in 2016. A new stewardship programme is being initiated, with the help of Stephen Littleton. The 2016 brochure will be updated to reflect the present reality of the parish and its vision. A PPC group photo will be taken on Sunday 16th October at 9:45am (between masses)
2. The Parish Website needs a revamp. A blurb will be inserted in the bulletin to ask for volunteer/s.

3. Parish Primary Schools: Three school principals have been chosen for St. James, St. Francis, and St. Theresa of Kolkata. Names will be announced in the coming weeks.
4. **Dinner with the priests.** To be organised on a weekly basis, inviting four people to pray and share dinner, engaging in informal talk.
5. **Parish Priest and Finance Report:** Both Fr Jude and Angel Hartanto reported that there is not much to report over and above what was discussed earlier during the meeting.
6. **Ministry Reports**
 1. Geralyn expressed a concern about the youth ministry. In the post-covid times a number of the more-experienced youth have not come back to continue their engagement. Red and the younger members need to be supported. Beatrice suggested that the sacrament of confirmation be held later in the year, making it easier for year 6 students to join the group when they are in year 7.
 2. Lectors' training will be held in November. Good readers make a huge difference. Basically the same subject matter as in previous years, but there are a few things that need to be looked into, such as the giving of instructions.
 3. An induction meeting for new volunteers will also be held in November.
 4. Some ideas about an education programme to teach the congregation about the liturgy were shared.
7. **New Business:**
 1. A farewell and thank you to outgoing PPC members will be held during the December Christmas breakup meeting.
 2. The fete this year will be held on the 5th of November. Kevin reported that preparatory meetings are being held, and the enthusiasm is picking up. The schools are supporting. So far, there are not many items coming in.
 3. Formation – Bishop Vincent Long's lecture at Catholic Theological College on Tuesday 25th October. All are invited, and for those who prefer, we will take the van.
8. **Next Meeting:**

Monday 14 November 2022 - 7.30 pm in the Parish House
Prayers: Beatrice. Minute-taker: Angel.
Geralyn will be in apology.