

# Minutes St Joseph's Pastoral Council

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Meeting took place at Ken Eade's address and was a combination of Pastoral Council and Finance Committee members along with their partners and concluding with a barbeque dinner.

**Present:** Pat Salandanan, David and Cherylynn Passmore, Josephine and Denis Bourke, Fr Maleko, Paula Siaki, Mike and Kathleen Williams, Gus Taulanga, Sonali and Colin James. Kiko Mataele and Ken Eades.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Ken Eades.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Pat Salandanan, seconded by Kiko Mataele.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Letter to Pastoral Council from Teresa Homan:** This letter was read out to those present and regarded a male vagrant who was sleeping rough in the alcove on the Presbytery side of the church. The male is known to have been offered assistance but refuses to take it. Suggestion that he be trespassed due to fouling and littering where he is sleeping which is causing distress to some parishioners. **Mike Williams will take Fr Maleko to the Police Station tomorrow to get Trespass Notices prepared and presented to the male in question.**

### REPORTS

**Liturgy Committee:** A thank you card was sent to Virginia Hewson regarding her work on the Advent wreath this year and for the years previously. Virginia does a wonderful job and has dedicated several years to this. It was important this was recognised.

Over the Christmas period the majority of the musicians took a break. Thanks go to Mary Meo and Gus Taulanga for covering some of the Masses over this period and to those who projected the songs over this period. Where we did not have musicians there were backing tracks for songs so the congregation could still sing along to the music but projectionists were still required for this. More musicians and projectionists are required going forward.

Feast of Pentecost is planned to be a multi-cultural Mass, however St Joseph's School are also keen to have a School Mass on this date. Checks are being made with the Filipino, Tongan and Samoan Communities to ensure their availability before letting the school know if there will be a multi-cultural Mass or not depending on involvement by the cultural communities in the parish.

**Filipino Community:** Advent Novena "Simbang Gabi". Pat Salandanan spoke regarding this and how it was successful beyond expectation. The intention is to do this every year. \$872.40 was raised during this Novena and the money was handed to Fr Maleko by Pat at this meeting. This money is to go towards the building fund.

**Tongan Community:** The Community has received a lump sum of money by way of a financial reward from the Pacifica Community after a request for support was lodged. The intention is to re-start the evening teaching program which has been held at St Joseph's School. Assistance is still required from any trained Parishioners/retired teachers who may be able to assist. Kiko wished to express thanks to St Joseph's School for the use of the room and resources, including computers and internet.

**Samoan Community:** Paula was representing Tina who was currently in hospital after an operation. A lot of the community came down with Covid or were still on holiday. Nothing further to report at this stage.

**Finance Committee:** A letter has been received from the Archdiocese regarding whether Parishes continue to pay for Natural Disaster cover in their insurance. Parishes are needing to give their decision by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. If cover is desired it would only be for one church per Parish and only covered up to 80% by the Archdiocese. Last year St Joseph's paid \$33,000 for insurance, \$17,000 of which was for Natural Disaster Cover. Wellington has a higher insurance cost than other parishes at the moment due to the higher seismic risk to the area. Consultation with the Parishioners of St Joseph's is required regarding what decision will be made. If we decide not to have Natural Disaster Cover we will need to have enough money saved up to demolish and rebuild any buildings affected by Natural Disaster. **Mike Williams to speak at Masses regarding this and information to also go in the bulletin and on the website.**

**Building Committee:** Fundraising for this is still progressing. There was a successful car rally and raffle which has added to the funds recently.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Parish Website:** Josephine Bourke stated the Parish website needed updating and the minutes also needed to be uploaded. The news section of the website also needs some input. As far as the committee was aware, Darrel Surman was still the website Administrator. However, he can only change what he is aware needs changing or updating.

**Cardinal John Dew:** Josephine stated that she had not seen Cardinal John at St Joseph's for some time. Members of the committee reported that the Cardinal had presided over the Confirmation Masses and also for the Ordination of Alfred Tong in late September 2022.

**Scripture Group:** Mike Williams spoke about a Scripture discussion group which may start after Lent. It will be a good way to celebrate what we are doing and to challenge ourselves. An image of a lighthouse is planned to be placed in the foyer for people to place what they have done and tell their stories. It will be a challenge to Parishioners to be creative in our Christian Community. Information regarding this to go in the bulletin and website.

**Pastoral Council Secretary:** A Pastoral Council Secretary is required to be nominated and decided on at the next meeting.

Meeting concluded with prayer led by Fr Maleko followed by Grace and BBQ meal.

Next meeting to be held in the Parish Meeting room on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm.