

# Minutes St Joseph's Pastoral Council

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**Present:** Ken Eades, Cherylynn Passmore, Fr Maleko, Mike Williams, Kiko Mataele, Heather O'Halloran, Kinh Nguyen.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Kiko Mataele.

Ratification of Minutes of the February meeting: Mike Williams & Kiko Mataele.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**Trespass of vagrant:** Fr Maleko and Mike Williams obtained trespass orders to serve on the vagrant who has been sleeping rough at the church. However, when they went to serve them, he was nowhere to be found and has not been back since. Cherylynn Passmore mentioned she has seen him in Wellington outside the Railway Station.

**Additional Pastoral Council Members:** Fr Maleko has approached one person already and is looking to approach two members of our Youth Community to be representatives.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email received by Ken Eades from a Community Development Advisor for the Upper Hutt City Council. They were seeking help for Waitangi Day celebrations and also regarding a project led by Immigration regarding welcoming of refugees to New Zealand. Ken has replied but has had no response as yet.

## **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

Lent has begun and during this time the song "Come as you are" will be sung at some part of each weekend Mass as a Lenten theme song.

Easter Music is currently being organised. The Liturgy Committee are yet to meet to discuss Easter.

Walk of the Cross: Theresa and Stuart Homan usually organise this and have advised they would like to combine with other churches this year and do it together.

**Tongan Community:** The usual Rosary held on Friday evenings has become the Stations of the Cross during Lent. The choir is still singing for two Sunday Masses each month.

The Taulanga family are currently in Tonga due to the death of Gus's mother and Sione Poleo's adopted mother.

The homework program has not started as yet. They are waiting for the keys to the room.

**School:** The roll is 506 and will be at 513 by the end of the term. The school is a hive of activity with construction happening around, the junior classes are on track to be finished by July, as are the intermediate classes. The junior toilet block is being updated, the intermediate playground is due to start soon and the turf is still happening.

We have had a start of term Mass and our liturgy for Ash Wednesday. We have 2 celebrations this term, Ambrose Feast day on the 15th of March and a Mass for St Joseph's Day coming up on the 20th.

We have 27 tamariki and 3 staff doing the Baptism Programme through the school. This involves parent evenings, two 2 hour school sessions and completing a booklet at home. 4 of these learners are on our non-preferential roll.

We are training 13 year 6-8 learners as Altar Servers on March 15th to go on the school Mass roster - I am hoping this will encourage some to join the church roster too.

We have started using the new curriculum this year. Our theme for the year is E tipu e rea - Grow up and thrive for your soul belongs to God and all things. Learn, grow, and understand what your hands can do in God's World.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Sacraments of Initiation:** These will be advertised in the Parish Bulletin in order to advise those not attending St Joseph's School. The School will be doing the Baptism Program for the first time this year. Mary Clare Morrison will be leading the rest.

First Reconciliation sessions being 7<sup>th</sup> May with Reconciliation celebrated Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm

Confirmation sessions begin 18<sup>th</sup> June with Confirmation celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am Mass.

1st Communion sessions begin 30<sup>th</sup> July with 1<sup>st</sup> Communion celebrated 27<sup>th</sup> Aug at 10.30am Mass

Each of the above will require four sessions and a practice session.

**World Youth Day:** This is 6<sup>th</sup> August and has been advertised in the bulletin.

**Parish Census:** Fr Maleko feels it is time for a Parish Census. He will enquire as to what forms other Parishes have used for this. Cherylynn Passmore asked if offers of talent or ministry could be included on the form as well.

**Parish Meeting:** This is to be held on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm in the church foyer. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available from 1pm as people arrive.

There will be reports from the Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Various Parish Groups (St Vincent De Paul, etc), Building Committee (new hall and presbytery), Parish Plan (short and long term). There will also be a time for Questions. We are asking people to get their questions into the Parish Office by the Sunday before the meeting so answers can be found in advance. Cherylynn Passmore to organise for a Community Notice for this weekends Masses and next weekends Masses, a notice in the bulletin and on the Notice Board in the foyer regarding this. Pastoral Council members are requested to please bring a plate of food for the cuppa before the meeting. Thanks 😊

Meeting concluded around 8pm with prayer led by Kinh Nguyen.

Next meeting to be held at St Joseph's School Staff Room on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. PLEASE NOTE: This will be the second Thursday of the month due to the first Thursday being Holy Thursday.