

PARISH PASTORAL GATHERING

9th JULY 2009

Summary Notes

Apologies: Ann Wilson, Sandra Baker, Brain & Therese Lees, Sr Judith Lythall

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

GOALS:

- **Alter door to “Loaves & Fishes”** for OH&S reasons. It needed to have two halves. The bottom part stays closed.
- Money can be utilized from “Loaves & Fishes”

TO DO: Social Justice Group to follow up with Maintenance team ASAP

- **“Loaves & Fishes”** → every volunteer **MUST** sign on and off at Presbytery office.
- Sign on book available at the office.
- Kathleen & Claudette will be responsible for this.
- This will begin 13/7/09

- **Market “Loaves & Fishes”**
- Encourage gifts of food to be taken up at the Presentation of the Gifts
- “Loaves & Fishes” weekend the same weekend as the Loaves & Fishes Gospel.

TO DO: Kathleen to organize basket/label.

- **St Vincent de Paul Doorknock Appeal**
- Appoint Coordinator/s for sharing information over lectern and organizing volunteers for August 22/23rd.

TO DO: Meg Stone, Sr Judith Lythall and Lisa Bright to work together to coordinate this.

TO DO: Lisa to contact John Neylan (coordinator for Blacktown area) with these details and pass on information to Judith and Meg.

FORMATION

- **Eucharistic Ministers Reflection Evening**
- Successful evening
- Next one
 - 15th September in the school library
 - 7pm – 8.30pm
 - Led by Fr Peter

- **In house formation** for new
 - Eucharistic Ministers
 - Senior Servers
 - Readers
- Spiritual & Physical Formation
- 27th October 2009: 7-9pm

- Planning for an **assembly in 2010** ... ongoing.
- Parish Retreat: Divine Word Mission

SOCIAL

- The group is happy with the progress of Greeters for each Mass.
- Looking at a Multi-cultural day for possibly later this year.
- Parish Picnic would be considered possibly the first half of next year.
- Focusing on an End of Year Christmas Party.

Grounds & Maintenance

- New fence completed
- Air conditioning still being looked at. Full quote required on how much it will cost to fix all the units.
- Looking at the OHS Audit document
- Moving the smoking area
- Fix up the entrance to the Church to make it look better
- Data Video Projector – issues about where to put cabling
- Working Bee – 5th September

TO DO: Jean to talk to Kevin Mills about whether it will be a combined Parish & School Working Bee.

LITURGY

- Liturgy team have put themselves on a roster to keep the areas of the church tidy

- **20th September: 10am Children's/Family Mass**
- Sr Margaret has been liaising with the school

- Suggestion to enclose Marian shrine at entrance to the church totally

- Discussions about redesigning of sanctuary, moving the choir to the front of the church and getting a Baptismal font.

- Baptismal Font
 - sandstone to match the altar
 - suggestion to change ambo to sandstone to match the altar
 - moving the presiders chair
- 2nd November Mass – All Souls – Crosses to be available for people to write names of the dearly departed.
- 8th August – Mary McKillop 100 year anniversary of death.
- Hope to get 2 more electric candle stands.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Fr Peter went through some conceptual plans for of the renovations to the Parish Office and meeting spaces.
- Have evacuation processes been looked at in the development of the plans?

TO DO: The 3 conceptual plans will be displayed on the notice boards next week. Fr Peter will write about it in the bulletin.

TO DO: The area of the 'safe' to be deleted from the plans when up on the noticeboard.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

- Lisa briefed the gathering on Youth & Young Adult happenings in the parish
- Introduced the World Youth Day Internship program as one potential program to offer financial support to 2-3 young people in our parish to attend World Youth Day in Madrid 2011.

Meeting END

Next Meeting:

**Thursday 13th August 2009
8.00pm – 9.30pm
Parish Hall**

FORMAT FOR MEETING:

8.00pm: Welcome

8.01pm: Opening Prayer (Sr Judith)

8.05pm: Message from Fr Peter

8.10pm: Break Up into small groups

8.40pm: Follow-up from last meeting action items

8.50pm: Feedback from Groups

9.00pm: General Discussion:

- Photos of Group leaders for noticeboard
- Evaluation of current PPG model: Next month is our last meeting for the 3 month trial. Think about the model of all groups meeting at one time, whether a smaller council is more appropriate, the time etc.