

Items of Interest March PPC Meeting

Election of Offices 2024

Chair Person: Helen Thompson
Vice Chair Person: Kerry Cornelius
Secretary: Glenice Fanning
Assistant Secretary: Sean Perry

Members Of the Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Michael Kyumu

Fr Prathap Katta

Rae Campbell, Jim Digance, Matthew Perry, Sean Perry, Kerry Cornelius, Terry Fanning (PFC Rep),
School Reps: Craig Fosdike- Principal, Rowan Thomas- Deputy Principal, Ben Ryan- APRIM

Ansel D'Souza, Vegis Pribadi & Minh Nguyen are leaving the PPC this year and we thank Ansel, Vegis & Minh for the contributions they have made to the PPC during their time with us.

Lenten Activities

We are holding Lenten Reflection Groups with Deacon Tim on Tuesdays @7pm and with Kevin Liston on Wednesdays @7pm. There is also a Rosary Group in the church each Tuesday during Lent @ 6pm and each Friday morning @9am.

We thank Deacon Tim, Kevin Liston and Pat Carlisle for proclaiming the Good News, strengthened within our community, by being active people of God.

We celebrated Ecumenical service at our church last Sunday.

Please participate in our Easter Ceremonies by putting your name down on the sheets in the foyer.

School News

Lenten celebrations are well underway.

Pancakes occurred on Shrove Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday was celebrated in the school hall.

We look forward to the Easter events later this month.

Regional Assembly for our School & Parish

Our School & Parish Regional Assembly will be held on *Saturday May 4, 2024 - 11am – 3pm at Sacred Heart College, Champagnat Campus (28 Percy Avenue Mitchell Park)*. It will be a time of gathering, meeting, conversing, eating, enjoying each other's company and discussing just what is going on in each of our parishes and schools. By celebrating what is already happening we can be inspired, and get a new 'lease of life' for ministries in our parish. People will be welcomed of all faiths and spiritualities.

Non Church going families will be very welcome and will be a very important part of the Assembly

We hope to demonstrate that being a Catholic is more than just going to church.

Our aim is to make connections and network with others and build inclusive communities.

A sausage sizzle will be provided. Music will be an important part of the day.

It is very important that our parishioners and school families know this information.

The plan of the day will comprise a number of short presentations from a variety of ministries and activities that are carried out in our schools and parishes.

St Martin de Porres Parish will present 2 short presentations which include our work we do with Vinnies and our Rosary program which our parish has recently introduced.

St Martin de Porres School will showing the happenings at their school through a video of their work and activities.

There will be more discussion between schools and parishes before this Assembly is finalised.

We look forward to seeing you and your families at this important event.

Helen Thompson
Chairperson PPC

St Martin de Porres Parish Finance Council

Meeting Report

Items of interest from the meeting of 27th February 2024

- Year to date accounts show income is higher than budgeted (10%) with expenditure significantly under budget as a result of invoice timings at the start of the new fiscal year.
- Thank you to John Paul who has stepped down from the council. His guidance to the council has been most valuable. We welcome Peter Smith, Greg Schar & Malcolm Balkwill as new members. The current members of the Finance Council -Terry Fanning & Tony Barbaro have agreed to continue in 2024, and I will continue to Chair the meetings.
- The financial audit is currently underway with an independent reviewer. The final profit & loss statement showed a surplus of \$19k for 2023 which was attained primarily as we funded key events within the parish on an as needs basis, such as Easter, Christmas & the Sacrament programs in lieu of a more permanent Pastoral Worker and continue to carry out essential building and maintenance works using volunteers within the parish.
- We received a bi-annual voucher from Drakes to the value of \$130 – this is a loyalty bonus for parishioners shopping at Drakes and scanning their key chain. Thanks to everyone who shops and scans – keep up the good work.
- Marsh Insurance Brokers have now taken over our insurance- no longer CCI. Currently the excess is \$10,000 for any claims.
- Maintenance
 - Completed
 - Garden maintenance has been completed at the parish house and carpark.
 - Urinal in the men’s toilet has been repaired
 - Church carpets have been cleaned professionally
 - To be done
 - Painting gutters, eaves and fascia’s on church;
 - Carpet repairs (monitor);
 - Light fittings are being replaced, as are some of the internal roof tiles, these will be completed after easter during the next school holidays.
 - The tabernacle has been stripped to its shell and all pieces are with the refurbishers to replat. We don’t expect this work to be completed until the middle of the year.
 - The fans in all bathrooms need to be replaced
 - Garden maintenance is an ongoing item
- Work Health & Safety
 - No significant issues
 - A final report was sent to the Parish Council outing the completion of all mandated actions for 2023. A new Calendar of actions is now in place for 2024
 - A defibrillator machine was purchased late last year and is installed under the notice board in the foyer.
 - 7 Hallett Cove parishioners completed a First Aid Course at Brighton at end of last year.
- Statements as at the end of January 2024:
 - YTD: Income - \$8,165
 - YTD: Expenditure – \$5,371
 - Total Equity - \$115,046

Pete McKenna (PFC Chairperson)