

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Items of Interest from meeting 2 November 2021

Brian Spencer again addressed us re update of our Strategic Planning:

Strategy Development Guidelines:

Use the Parish Mission as our guiding force.

The Environment Analysis and our understanding of the issues we face provide the information we need to select the appropriate strategies to achieve our Mission.

We will now work on 3 important areas

1. **Ministry** : We proclaim the Good News, strengthened within our community, by being an active people of God.
2. **Community**: To be a faith-filled community that is welcoming, inclusive, caring, empowering and out reaching.
3. **Liturgy**: To celebrate our Catholic faith through involvement in the Sacraments and Scripture, encouraging all to actively participate and respond by being members of Christ.

We will keep the parishioners and the school updated on further developments.

Peter McKenna received a Southern Volunteer Service Award at a recent ceremony. We congratulate Peter and thank him for all the work that he does for our parish.

A fund raiser barbecue was recently held at Reynella Bunnings store. Thank you to all those people who generously gave of their time to help make this a successful event.

During the Weekend Masses of 4 & 5 December all volunteers will be recognized and thanked for the generous work that they do for the parish.

Church cleaning is becoming a problem as there is a desperate need for more people to help out with this task. Please see a member of PPC if you are able to help.

School News

Term 4 continues to be a very active and busy term.

Many children recently participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2022.

All Saints Day was celebrated with a whole school Mass in the hall.

Year 6 children will celebrate their Graduation Liturgy in the Church on Tuesday 7th December.

Many children successfully participated in the recent Athletic Carnival.

Some children are participating in the Archbishop's Christmas Card competition.

Fr Michael has recently been on retreat. Advent & Christmas preparation is soon to begin.

Remembrance diary will be bought forward at all Masses at all masses in November -please write names of departed love ones on their Anniversary date.

Next Meeting Dec 7

Helen Thompson
Chairperson PPC