



## **Agenda: Parish Pastoral Council 2026 Meeting**

**Date/time/venue:** 20 June 2026, 7.00 - 8:30 PM, following the Vigil Mass at St Luke's Catholic College

**Attendees:** Fr Chinonye (C), Aleta Dela Cruz (ADC), Althea Dela Cruz (ADC2), Malinda Fernando (MF), Mandy Goswami (MG), Ramon Gunasekera (RG), Perpetua Oninye (PO), Chrissy Presello (CP), James Irudayaraj (JI), Jerome Semau-Roache (JSR)

**Ex-Officio:** Kelly Bauer (KB), Ged Oblea (GO), Tessie James (TJ)

**Apologies:** Fr Gayan Thamel (GT); Kelly Bauer (KB); Alistair Soares (AS), Geraldine Santos (GS)

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### **1. Fellowship Dinner**

The meeting commenced with fellowship and dinner shared amongst PPC members.

### **2. Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer led by Ramon Gunasekera.

### **3. Check-in**

Members participated in a brief check-in and community sharing.

### **4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Seconded by Ged Oblea.

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## **5. Ministry and Parish Updates**

### **Diocese / Deanery**

- Jerome Semau-Roache was congratulated on his appointment as Chairperson of the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC).

- The Diocese is planning an Interfaith initiative in which each parish will host an event.
- The DPC met on Saturday 13 June at St Luke's, Marsden Park, marking its final formation session before stepping into its role as a functioning council.
- The next meeting will be held on Saturday 29 August at Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill.

## **College**

- Hall will be unavailable during Term 3 (Weeks 3-6) due to trial HSC Examinations.
- Kelly will be away during weeks 7-9.

## **Building and Facilities**

- The entrance doors and the sink have been rectified.
- Preliminary work is underway to install screens near the office and toilet areas to provide protection from wind and cold during the winter months.

## **Fundraising**

- Weekend Food Stall handovers are complete.
- Four expressions of interest to join the Fundraising Team were received during the recent Ministry Recruitment Drive.
- Preparations for the 2026 Dinner Dance are progressing well, with 90 tickets confirmed sold.

## **Hospitality**

- Recruitment has commenced for a new Hospitality Lead.

## **Children's Liturgy (CLOW)**

- Nine expressions of interest were received during the recent Ministry Recruitment Drive, with three already assisting in Children's Liturgy classes.
- Children's attendance numbers remain steady.
- A new Onboarding eLearning module and a volunteer workshop are in development.
- New teaching resources and an updated roster have been well received, helping volunteers prepare and run each weekend more smoothly.

## **Social Media**

- One expression of interest received during the recent Ministry Recruitment Drive.
- Work is underway to develop a strategy alongside the new Parish App and Website.

## **Safeguarding**

- Parish safeguarding audit scheduled for 9th July 3.30PM.
- Audit preparation and documentation are currently underway.

## **Parish Operations**

- 80 candidates completed The Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
- 74 Candidates registered for First Reconciliation, with Enrolment Masses commencing in July and preparation lessons to follow.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be observed on the weekend of 4th and 5th July.
- Recruitment across ministries occurred during the Pentecost weekend.
- Received expressions of interest from Parishioners to assist with the development of a Parish App. First project meeting to be held in July.

## **Youth Ministry**

- No updates.
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## **6. Vox Populi (Community Feedback)**

- A suggestion was raised for an alternative area for the overflow during the wet weather for the larger Masses.
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## **7. Parish Pastoral Plan 2025–2027**

- No updates.
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## **8. PPC Updates**

- Fr Chinonye and Ramon officially thanked outgoing PPC and Ex-Officio members Aleta Dela Cruz, James Irudayaraj and Tessie James for their dedicated service and commitment to their roles and wished them well. It was acknowledged that their support and contribution to the parish community would continue to be greatly valued.
  - Four new PPC members will be commissioned during the 10am Mass on Sunday 12th July.
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## 9. Diocesan Meeting

Diocesan meeting to be held at Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill on Wednesday 24th June 6.30PM to 8.30PM.

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## 10. Other Business

A recommendation was made to explore an annual subscription to Formed for the Parish.

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## 11. Upcoming Parish Events

- **8 June – 8 July:** Fr Gayan Annual Leave
  - **20 June:** PPC End of Term
  - **12 July:** New Term PPC Members Commissioning
  - **25 July:** Dinner Dance 2026
  - **12 August:** First Reconciliation
  - **15 August:** Assumption Masses
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## 12. Meeting Close

The meeting concluded with prayer and thanks to all members, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners for their continued service and commitment to the parish community.

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