



Agenda: Parish Pastoral Council 2026 Meeting

Date/time/venue: 19 September 2026, 7.00 - 8:30 PM, following the Vigil Mass at St Luke's Catholic College

Attendees: Fr Gayan Thamel (GT), Ramon Gunasekera (RG), Jerome Semau-Roache (JSR), Alistair Soares (AS), Didi Surian (DS), Rex D'Abreu (RD), Althea Dela Cruz (ADC2), Chrissy Presello (CP), Christine Leahy (CL).

Ex-Officio: Kelly Bauer (KB), Ged Oblea (GO)

Apologies: Malinda Fernando (MF), Kelly Bauer (KB), Mandy Goswami (MG), Gerald Oblea (GO), Caroline Tuli (CT), Perpetua Oninye (PO).

1. Fellowship Dinner

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

2. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer led by Althea Dela Cruz.

3. Check-in

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

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Seconded by Fr Gayan Thamel.

5. Ministry and Parish Updates

Diocese / Deanery

- Proposed to hold a cross-parish / inter-deanery formation session on leadership and volunteer engagement.

- PPC members requested to reflect on barriers parishioners may face stepping into ministry roles and how well informed people feel about Diocesan news.

College

- No updates.

Building and Facilities

- The one-year defect register for the church building has now been completed and closed. Final works included raising the entrance level to prevent water pooling during heavy rain, paint touch-ups, and cutting and sealing the cornices.

Children's Liturgy (CLOW)

- Completed leading discussions workshop with volunteers.

Social Media

- No updates.

Safeguarding

- Volunteer verification is ongoing, and a safeguarding drive will begin shortly to encourage volunteers to complete the modules required under the two-year cycle.
- Volunteers will be contacted directly, with reminders also published in the bulletin and parish notices.

Parish Operations

- 58 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Dates are being explored for next year's Sacramental programmes.
- Weekend Masses and weekday Masses continue as scheduled. School children participate in the Thursday Mass, with one class attending each week.
- Reconciliation is being offered at the School every Wednesday.
- 8 OCIA candidates are attending preparation lessons every Tuesday.
- Pastoral Care team members continue to take Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.
- The nursing home ministry continues on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- The Parish Pastoral Plan 2026-2028 was introduced.
- The Diocesan Finance Audit took place last fortnight.

Youth Ministry

- Luke 18 continues to engage young people and support them in their faith journey.
 - Future considerations of having the confirmation class youth group separate from the rest of the wider group.
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6. Vox Populi (Community Feedback)

- No updates.
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7. Feast Day Planning

- Update was provided on the discussions held during recent planning meetings.
 - Discussed logistics and entertainment ideas for the feast day.
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8. Formation Day

- Formation Day will be held on 7th November 2026 between 10AM-12.30PM followed by lunch.
 - Sr Pia will be facilitating the workshop on Servant Leadership.
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9. Parish Pilgrimage

- Parish Pilgrimage will be held on 14th November 2026 at Good Shepherd, Plumpton, commencing with Rosary and Confession from 11am, 12pm Mass followed by Lunch.
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10. Parish Volunteer Christmas Party

- Parish Volunteer Christmas Party to be held on 29th November after 10am Sunday mass.
 - Discussed catering, entertainment, agenda, logistics and support required.
 - Planning meetings will be held to progress actions.
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11. Dawn Masses

- Dawn Masses are being planned from 16-24 December, commencing 4.30AM and celebrated by Fr Chinonye and Fr Gayan.
- Preparation meetings are underway to finalise arrangements.

12. Other Business

- Discussed extending the November PPC meeting to include Christmas Catch Up dinner.

13. Upcoming Parish Events

- **10 & 11 October:** Recognition of Church Building Fund Pledgers
- **18 October:** St Luke's Feast Day
- **24 & 25 October:** Annual Financial Report to the Parish
- **7 November:** Formation Day
- **14 November:** Parish Pilgrimage
- **29 November:** Volunteer Christmas Party
- **4 December:** St Luke's Community Christmas Carols

14. 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.
