

**ST GREGORY BARBARIGO  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Thursday 26 January 2012  
Minutes**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction:</b> Teresa McCaffery welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Opening prayer:</b> Fr Mackle led the Opening Prayer with a Hymn from the Magnificat book. This was followed by Reading the Opening Prayer at the beginning of the New Year taken from the PPC Resource Pack (page 28) with a short Reflection thereafter.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Fr Mackle, Deacon Jim Dean, Teresa McCaffery (Chair), Mary Sim, Maureen Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Inday Bryceland (Secretary), Margaret McCallion, Dennis Daly.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Margaret Savage, Margaret Sutherland, Shaun McGarrigle.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b> The Minutes of 21 November 2011 meeting was approved subject to an amendment with a Secretary's note in Item 16 a) stating that Teresa McCaffery volunteered as a Money Counter after the meeting.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Ecumenism</b> – Teresa McCaffery reported that she continued the link built up by Peter Chaloner and made contact with Deacon Mark of the Greek Orthodox Church.</li> <li><b>2) Bereavement Group</b> – Deacon Jim confirmed that Sister Maureen who runs the Bereavement Support Group at St Mungo's, will attend the St Gregory's Bereavement Support Group meeting scheduled for March 19.</li> <li><b>3) Parish Passkeepers</b> – Deacon Jim mentioned that the Donation basket is not consistently brought to the Church House. Further request will be made.</li> </ol>	<b>Rev JD</b>

6	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> The Secretary read out the letters received from Edith Ward and Maureen Rose offering their resignations from the PPC. Fr Mackle replied to both Edith Ward and Maureen Rose. The PPC expressed their appreciation and thanks for their services.</p>	
7	<p><b>PPC – What is its role and what does it seek to do?:</b> a) Fr Mackle reported that he had a meeting with the office bearers to look again and go back at the guidelines from the <b>PPC Resource</b> pack. A copy of which will be given along with the Draft Minutes, to every member of the Council to have a look through and be reminded of what the PPC is all about: What is its role and what does it seek to do? The guideline recommends that every meeting should start and end with a Prayer and the Resource Pack include suggested Opening and Closing Prayers for every season, ie. Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.</p> <p>Fr Mackle went on to say that the function of the PPC is to listen and respond to hopes, ideas, needs and concerns. That it has to encourage and support all the areas of the parish, ie. Liturgical, Catechetical, Pastoral and Social.</p> <p>The PPC will also need to set short and long-term goals for the parish within the framework of Diocesan Priorities, for example, the On-Going Faith Formation, Adult Education, Bereavement Support, Vocation Promotion, Ecumenism, Outreach, Evangelisation, Year of Faith, Youth, Cathedral, etc.</p> <p>The members of the PPC will at all times work in support of the Parish Priest pertaining to his pastoral ministry. The PPC is a Consultative voice only and ultimately all decisions are made by the Parish Priest. An example of which is when the Parish Priest decided to reduce the charge of Hall Hire after this has been set and decided by the PPC at a previous meeting.</p> <p><b>b) What are the Diocesan Priorities?</b> Each member is encouraged to think of Diocesan/Parish Priorities to be put forward and discussed at the next meeting bearing in mind that ultimately the framework of the Diocesan priorities is to help parishioners to love Christ, to know Him and to proclaim Christ.</p> <p><b>c)</b> It is proposed that everyone will keep in mind what is necessary as Diocesan/Parish Priorities and this will be looked at in conjunction with Item 12 below (How good is your parish?).</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>

<p>8</p>	<p><b>Updates:</b></p> <p>1) <b>On-Going Faith Formation</b> – Fr Mackle reported that after a successful 4 evenings of Adult Education with Dr Noel Donnelly during Advent, that he would be invited again to do similar evenings during Lent. Deacon Jim was tasked to contact Dr Donnelly and arrange a date in March.  <b>Secretary’s note: Fr Mackle received an e-mail from Dr Donnelly suggesting 4 Sessions of “Journeys to Calvary” during Lent. This will be on Thursdays March 1, 8, 15, 22</b></p> <p>The usual monthly On-Going Faith Formation evenings of the parish will resume after Easter. Fr Mackle suggested inviting Fr Paul Brooks to talk about the Sacraments. The date will be decided after a meeting with the On-Going Faith Formation sub-group which is still to be confirmed.</p> <p>2) <b>RCIA</b>– Fr Mackle mentioned that there are 3 Enquirers at the moment. Two are attending the Saturday morning meetings and one is given instruction in her own house.</p> <p>3) <b>Parish Retreat</b>– The annual parish retreat on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May will be run by the “Life in the Eucharist” Ministry based at St Anthony’s parish in Govan. Their programme normally consists of 5 sessions, namely; Nourishment, Reconciliation, Transformation, Abiding Presence and Liberation. We already had the first 3 sessions in our retreat last May 7, 2011. This time, the same team will be invited again for the final 2 sessions; Abiding Presence and Liberation. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be organised care of Teresa McCaffery, Maureen Jenkins, Inday Bryceland and anyone else willing to help.</p> <p>At the invitation of the Fiat Group, Fr Dennis McBride is also running a Retreat here in our parish on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p> <p>4) <b>AGAP</b> – The St John Ogilvie Play will be staged in our Hall on March 17 as part of the Archdiocese’s LentFest. Tea and Coffee will be served by UCM and Inday Bryceland will be the contact person for tickets and AGAP.</p> <p>5) <b>Ecumenism</b> – World Day of Prayer will be held here in St Gregory’s on Friday, March 2. Everyone is invited to attend.</p>	<p><b>Rev JD</b></p> <p><b>Fr JM</b>  <b>Rev JD</b>  <b>MS</b>  <b>MMcC</b>  <b>ISB</b></p> <p><b>TMcC</b>  <b>MJ/ISB</b></p> <p><b>ISB</b></p>
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	<p><b>6) Young Adult Catholic Organisation</b> – So far there are only 2 members in the group. Everyone is encouraged to support this group in our parish and invite young adults to join.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Membership:</b> The 3-year term of office of Teresa McCaffery and Mary Sim will end in April. Along with the post vacated by Edith Ward and Maureen Rose, nominations are required for new members and this will be advertised in the parish bulletin at the end of March.</p>	<b>Fr JM</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Summer Camp:</b> Summer Camp at St Gregory’s is scheduled for 3 days, on July 2, 3 &amp; 4. It will be open to St Gregory’s children only who have made their first Communion from P4 upwards. Summer Group to be organised by Margaret Savage.</p>	<b>MS</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Year of Faith/New Evangelisation:</b> With the Apostolic letter of 11 October 2011, “Porta fidei”, Pope Benedict XVI declared October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013 as the “Year of Faith”. Anyone wanting to read the short letter is invited to visit the parish Library where copies are provided. All PPC members are requested to read the attached document <b>“Pastoral Recommendations for the Year of Faith”</b> and suggest or recommend goals to set for the Parish. This should tie in with setting the Diocesan/Parish Priorities mentioned in 7b above.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>How good is your Parish?:</b> David Burke will meet with Fr Mackle, Deacon Jim, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to discuss ways of assessing St Gregory’s parish, looking at its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This will be discussed in conjunction with the Diocesan and Parish Priorities (Item 7c above). Deacon Jim will arrange the date of the meeting with David Burke.</p>	<b>Rev JD</b>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Fundraising Events:</b> On behalf of the Parish, Fr Mackle and the PPC thanked all those who raised funds and organised and run events for the parish which helped create awareness and boosted the parish funds.</p> <p>Fr Mackle suggested that the parish Fun Run should help local and foreign charities on an alternate basis, ie. last year was the Horn of Africa Appeal while this year a suggestion that it could possibly be the Wayside Club.</p>	

	<p><b>Proposed Fund Raising for this Year:</b>  Fun Run  Carol Singing on Christmas Eve  Any Old Gold or Silver  .</p> <p>Everyone is encouraged to submit ideas for the next meeting.</p> <p>Mary Sim mentioned that a parishioner was asking why there were only 5 prizes for the Christmas Raffle this year. She was reminded that during the Christmas Raffle Committee meeting held last September 26, 2011, whose remit is to oversee the overall operations of St Gregory’s Christmas Raffle, the Committee had decided to reduce the Prizes to 5 from the usual 10 or 12. This was reported in the September 22, 2011 PPC Minutes.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>A. O. B.:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fr Mackle mentioned that Margaret Savage suggested a new sanctuary lamp holder. The parish is hoping to get the one from the former Our Lady of Assumption parish, along with the tabernacle plinth for the side chapel, which the parish has requested from the Archdiocese.</li> <li>b) Fr Mackle reported that the Fatima Prayer Group will have a “Morning with Mary” celebration in the parish in which children will lead the Rosary. This will be held on Saturday, June 16.</li> <li>c) The Saint Vincent de Paul will have a Concert on Friday, February 24 with the Alexander Brothers as the lead Entertainers.</li> <li>d) Inday Bryceland suggested “Flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mary” in conjunction with the May and October Devotions. This will be further discussed in future meetings.</li> </ul>	
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Agenda Items and Prayers for next PPC meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) PPC Parish Pastoral Resource – Diocesan Priorities</li> <li>2) Year of Faith/New Evangelisation - Recommendations</li> <li>3) Summer Camp</li> <li>4) Morning with Mary/Flowers for Our Lady</li> <li>5) How great is your parish?</li> <li>6) Fundraising</li> </ul> <p>Deacon Jim will lead the Prayers for the next PPC meeting.</p>	<b>Rev JD</b>

16	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: 7:00pm Tuesday 20 March 2012</b>  <b>Secretary's Note: Due to "Adult Faith Formation Evening", the meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, March 22 has been rearranged to Tuesday, March 20.</b></p>	
17	<p><b>Closing Prayer:</b>  The meeting was closed with Fr Mackle leading the Closing prayer.</p>	