

## WAIRARAPA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

St Pat's School Staffroom Masterton 5.00-7.00pm

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**Present:** Lisa Dudley (chair), Helen Morgan, Father Matthew, Father Pene, Tom Roseingrave, Frank Duckett, Karen Goodall,

Minutes: Marie Shone

1. Spiritual Reflection - Lisa
2. Apologies: Jan McCarthy, Peter Cox, Joe Kirkpatrick.
3. Moved Helen Morgan, seconded Father Matt, that the minutes from the meeting of June 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 be approved, Agreed to.
4. Matters arising from previous minutes – will come up in various reports
5. Reports from:
  - \*Finance Committee – Now have a better picture of Parish finances, will be a work in progress for approximately 12 months. Meeting tomorrow.
  - \*Building Reports –

**Carterton Chapel;**

- Investigating the pros and cons of renovation or rebuild, hope to have options for next meeting, including estimated costs.
- Important to respect the historic parts of the building.
- Work on old church has commenced, statue of Mary to go to St Mary's school for their grotto.

**St Teresa's;**

- None of the current options for the Church feasible financially. Ongoing.
- Replacing concrete roof with iron could impact positively earthquake strengthening requirements.
- Building needs to be liturgically appropriate

**St Patrick's:**

- The Archdiocese of Wellington has directed all earthquake strengthening to be put on hold until after the review of the Regulations by the Government.
- Have also received a directive to defer any maintenance, St Pat's has a leak in roof which could affect newly painted ceiling and cleaned carpets. Need to seek permission from Diocese as to whether this can be fixed.
- Moved Tom seconded Father Pene that the WPPC and the Finance Committee seek permission from the Archdiocese to repair the leak including the fire alarm system. Agreed to
- Electrics in the Church being replaced. Heaters – no longer making the model the Church uses.
- Moved Lisa seconded Father Matt that old heaters be replaced with heatpumps. Agreed to.

- Stained glass windows need releading

Father Pene and Father Matt;

- Working on building links between Parish and Schools eg Grandparents day
- Involve Priests in School events – Karen to notify Principals.
- Youth Alpha course beginning at Chanel
- Look for occasions to involve youth at Mass eg Youth liturgies, music, Carlos Acutis canonisation
- Organise Servant Leaders workshop

7. General Business;

a) Parish Plan Lisa circulated diagram of proposed goals for discussion and feedback. Ideally would like to have a completed Plan to present at the Parish Feast Day celebrations.

b) Parish Structures and Processes Lisa presented a diagram outlining Parish structures and communication channels. Added School committees and need to include Carterton.

- Discussed succession planning for Council members as some will be stepping down this year. Look at geographic areas, age and skills in relation to Parish Plan.

c) Activities;

- Viewed video from Archbishop Paul about diocesan wide “Spirituality of Giving” programme happening in August.
- Divine Renovation Summit Palmerston North 3/4<sup>th</sup> October if wishing to attend let Lisa know.
- Parish Feast Day to be celebrated October 12<sup>th</sup> with one Parish Mass celebrated in Anzac Hall Featherston 10.30am. Helen to co ordinate.
- 150 years June 2026 since first Priest arrived in Wairarapa. Will be a big celebration.

d) Communication -

- As identified on the Parish structure diagram above.
- Parish previously had a suggestion box available at St Pats..
- Website
- WPPC Chair and Finance Chair have committed to a monthly insert in the newsletter to keep parishioners up to date
- Martinborough correspondence; letter re community vege garden in Church paddock discussed. Uncertainty around the future of the site precludes supporting their proposal. This is ultimately a decision for Archdiocese. Lisa to inform.

8 Opening prayer next meeting Tom, closing prayer Helen

Next meeting Martinborough Hall

Date August 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm

Final prayer. Lisa

Meeting closed 7pm

Signed



Date

26/8/25