

WAIRARAPA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd September 2025

St Mary's School 5.00-7.00pm

Present: Lisa Dudley (chair), Father Matthew, Jan McCarthy, Joe Kirkpatrick, Tom Roseingrave, Karen Goodall.

Minutes: Marie Shone

1. Spiritual Reflection - Joe
2. Apologies: Helen Morgan, Father Pene, Frank Duckett,
3. Moved Joe Kirkpatrick seconded Jan McCarthy, that the minutes from the meeting of August 26th 2025 be approved, Agreed to.
4. Matters arising from previous minutes - will come up in reports
5. Reports from:
 - *Finance Committee – Lisa gave an update as Frank absent.
 - QR codes haven't gone down so well. Identified a need to review how information is presented ; to give in depth explanations rather than assume people know
 - Investigating the use of eftpos machines
 - Clarification on the state of Parish finances may be an incentive to increase giving. Next stage of the plan is to reduce overdraft. Discussion on how to save money/generate income.
 - Meeting times; Finance Committee to meet 4th week of month – to assist with paying accounts. Parish Pastoral Council will meet 3rd week

*Building Reports –

St Patrick's:

Awaiting on a quote for roof repair, internal guttering remaining. Carpet arriving soon. Organ due to be assessed by South Island Organ Company. Recently received engineers report on choir loft, Steeple needs strengthening. Will be presented to Parish for feedback.

Presbytery; Leaks in the roof – Quote for coloursteel plus asbestos work \$78K

Carterton Chapel;

- Awaiting report which hopefully will receive this week. Pews could be sponsored.

St Teresa's;

Looking at using the money they have to fix Church ie replace roof and paint. Ideally centre aisle should be wider. Hall will be second stage

St Patricks Insurance Getting there

Father Pene and Father Matt;

Had three school Masses in the last week of the term. No Mass this Friday Fr Pene has a funeral.

7. General Business;

a) **Parish Plan** No feedback on the revised plan. Will use the Parish Feast Day to give the wider Parish community an opportunity to add their thoughts, From there will prioritise areas for each year

b) **Feast Day Organisation** in hand. Flyer to be distributed this weekend. Would like to acknowledge John O'Reilly and Joan Davies commitment to serving the Parish. Next year will look at Fitzgerald awards.

c) **Safeguarding and Volunteer Roles**; Information has been sent to all required to attend. Noted many people unfamiliar with the meaning of "ministry". Workshop rolls circulating at Churches.

d) **Health and Safety**. Discussed procedures for fire evacuations. Noted difficulty in moving wheelchairs at St Teresa's. Should we have a designated fire warden at each Mass. Using ushers would also mean someone was aware of peoples needs at each Mass.

e) **Liturgy**; Schools to work with Priests to identify suitable time of year to have a Youth Mass when preparing yearly planner

8 Opening prayer next meeting / closing prayer

Next meeting Featherston Date October 21st 5pm

Final prayer Tom

Meeting closed 6.30pm

Signed



Date 28/10/25.