

PPC Report to Parish

August 2009

The new Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time last Wednesday and used the occasion of *Refugee and Migrant Sunday* as a basis for prayer and reflection on our beliefs about, and attitudes towards refugees and migrants

- We welcomed four new members, Larry Covino, Paul Halliwell, Michelle Rawady and Alan Tyson.
- Stephanie Roach was elected as Chairperson, Paul Halliwell as Vice Chairperson and Diana Clark as Minutes Secretary.
- The council was pleased to hear from our **Parish Religious Education Co ordinator**, Anne Marie Platten, of the work she does with children of our parish, both in the Sacramental programmes and the Children's liturgies. She works in close harmony with our parish school to support families in the Faith development of their children.
- Several of the PPC members had attended the "**Leap Ahead**" forums held in the region, to learn of the process being used to plan for the mid to long term future of the Diocese. After an initial address, we split into small groups to discuss points such as Parish Finance, Change Processes, Liturgy, Working Together, Family Faith Education etc. It was gratifying to hear a person from another parish praise our liturgy and music for the First Communion Mass. The initiative of having built the units as a means of financial support also drew very favourable comment. All points made by groups were recorded to be used when considering the future plan.
- We are seeking further quotes for **painting the small hall** and toilets....if you know painters who might be interested, please let the office know.
- The school is hoping to raise the money for its share of the new furnishings for the hall through the "**Giggle and Groove**" concert at the Norwood town Hall. Please check the Notice boards and Bulletins about this.
- Sue, our **Pastoral Associate**, continues to amaze us with the amount of work she squeezes into her allotted time. She has now visited or is part of virtually all of the groups in the parish. Her reports are so packed full of information that we will put them on the notice boards for you to see for yourselves!
- We closed the meeting by saying the traditional "Anima Christi" Prayer together
- Please make yourself known to our new PPC Members.