

Report of PPC meeting 28/01/09

Your Parish Pastoral Council considered a number of items of interest and importance to our community.

- **Vocations to the Priesthood**

Having had the display about vocations in the parish, the Council is pursuing ways of increasing awareness of not only the need for vocations to the priesthood, but for support for people who assist those who are at various stages of enquiry about a vocation.

- **Parish Hall**

We heard of the plans to upgrade the kitchen in the Parish Hall to make it more functional both for Parish celebrations and to make it a viable venue for rent for specific types of functions.

- **Pastoral Associate**

Sue Wakeham was welcomed as Pastoral Associate and presented a report on the works of the Pastoral Care Committee, the members of which take Communion to the sick and housebound and who have been engaged on a series of home visits.

- **Parish School**

Paul Murphy was congratulated on having been appointed as principal of our Parish School, for the next five years.

- **Parish Home Units**

Monsignor told us of the progress of the units, nearing completion, which will be ready for occupancy about the end of March and will be leased through an agent. The project has come in on budget and will within a few years, be providing useful income for the Parish.

- **Planning Ahead**

We continue planning for 2010, and will send the work done so far to Monsignor David Cappelletti, for advice on any areas we may need to consider further.

- **Thank You June & Peter**

Thanks were expressed, and a letter will be sent to June and Peter Millan, who have recently moved out of the Parish, for their valuable work on several committees, and for their generous and gracious presence in our community.

- **The 9:30am Sunday Mass**

As this is the last of our 8:30/10:30 Masses I know that some of us will be having mixed feeling about 9:30 Mass next week. Unless we institute them ourselves, changes often take some time to be accepted. I suspect that next week there will be a number of adjustments we may have to make...you may come and find someone in **your** seat, or parked in **your** car park! The seat one is easily resolved, just smile and move a little. For those who are here in good time car parks should not be a problem. You may find it easier to park in the school yard, if walking over the road is not a problem for you. For a couple of weeks we will monitor this, with marshals to assist once the church car park is full. To assist people to greet each other, can you wear a name tag...any tag...if you have one. There will be stick on ones available here. Keep it on after mass and come for a cuppa...allow a little extra time...both teams will be serving so yes, we can manage the numbers!

The thing to remember is the reason for our being at Mass. We come to receive Jesus in the Eucharist as part of a Parish family. If we stay centred on this, minor irritations will remain just that.