

Minutes of the Pastoral care team- Victor Harbor

Held on 6th of October 2012

Present:

Father Charles Gauci-Gill Wilson- Helen Sampson-John Baker-Len and Margaret Fracek- Margaret Halton-Margaret Peake (co-ordinator) Maureen Farmer- Theresa Santos- Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson –Patricia Dowd(chair)

Prayer by Margaret Fracek

Minutes read and agenda set by members.

1. **Father Vinh Tran** has been appointed by the Archbishop as our priest in residence for a few months. Father Charles will still be our administrator. Father Vinh will be available for the administration of the sacraments and pastoral work.

2. **Mass times:** In order to accommodate the needs of younger families in Goolwa and those of the elderly, the 8.30 mass will be pushed forward to 9 am. The 10.30 mass at Victor will consequently be held at 11 am so that the priest can stay in Goolwa after mass to meet parishioners and be informed of their needs. The changes will take place on the 1st Sunday of November. Signs will need to be changed outside. Once a month or 6 weeks, a shared lunch after 11 am mass has been suggested by Father Charles.

3. Father Charles will introduce **Family masses and Children's liturgy**, important follow up for the children about to receive instruction for the First Communion, Confession and Confirmation.

4. **Ministry to the old and sick** in hospitals and nursing homes. (not necessarily Catholics) Suggestion: that a notice be put in the parish bulletin and read by commentator to ask for people to be identified who are sick or home bound. They would receive the sacraments, a lift to mass, and visits. Father Charles added that some tasks such as shopping or hanging the clothes are very valuable to the sick and elderly. Margaret Halton mentioned how important volunteers are in nursing homes to patients as well as to staff.

Patricia Dowd will be the leader of the team of volunteers in that area.

All volunteers in the parish will need a Police Clearance paid for by the Parish. Kevin Rucioch will look for information about the Police Clearance requirements.

5. **News from Father Gauci:**

There will be a **common Bulletin** for the 4 parishes, with space for local news. This is to share resources and save money.

A data projector will be purchased to project the lyrics to hymns. A wider variety of musical styles will be chosen by the Liturgy committee.

Vote of thanks to Margaret, Len, John and Wendy who have been busy over the years visiting the sick.

6. **Father Charles is very appreciative of all the good work already done over the years in the parish but a re-structure** is going to fill in the gaps. A Parish Administration team will be set up.
7. **Name Badges:** Gillian Wilson already has names and will help organise the badges with Kevin Rucioch. In the meanwhile, use the badges that people already own. The commentator at mass will need to ask people to volunteer their names if they want a badge. Gillian will be the contact person. Names and Victor/Goolwa parish will be on badges.
8. **Welcoming at masses:** A roster will be set up from the Pastoral Care team to welcome people at the church entrance. A simple “Have I met you yet?” is useful.
9. **New Parishioners:** They would hopefully be spotted early and their names registered. They would then receive a visit from a member of the Pastoral Care team and given a parish kit during a house call. Once a month, they would be formally welcomed at mass.
10. **Father Gauci** mentioned cards for Easter and Christmas being hand delivered in the community (to catholics???) A flower given on Fathers and Mothers day.
11. **Columbarium:** Kevin has organised standard roses to be planted. The intended rosemary hedge was mentioned by Helen as accumulating too many leaves. Suggestion was made to have a surrounding wall instead. A curator for the Columbarium will be appointed as a contact person to reserve places, organise the stones and a proper registry of names.
12. **Social activity:** We need fun as well as work. International day, lunches and picnics were suggested.

Minutes written by Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson