

## St Philomena's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: 18.02.2025

In attendance: ShonaMarie, Emenda, Margaret, Peter, George, Julie, Fr John, Janice

		Action
1	Opening Prayer led by MR	
2	Apologies: Valan, Mark	
3	Minutes of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reviewed. All agreed</li></ul>	
4	The PPC are delighted to welcome the arrival of Fr Paul Henderson and Deacon Douglas. We feel blessed to currently have 3 priests and a Deacon in our parish.	
5	Centenary Bring a dish Supper (Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> February))  Father Paul spoke encouragingly about this at last week's Mass. There is a WhatsApp group and people have signed up for it. Some people (who are not on the whatsapp group) have also said they are bringing dishes. Fr enquired about entertainment – music etc. MR suggested that we have some music to complement the evening. Last time there were a few people took charge of music etc. Suggestions are welcome. Sandra has created a leaflet that is going to be passed into schools this week.	
6	Centenary Calendar Events The timeline and photos etc. of the past 100 years is still a work in progress. Some photos have been sent in. JB is planning to contact the archdiocese archives. Target for display is October...at the celebration Mass that will be attended by the Archbishop. Possibly involving some of our younger and hi tech people to create slideshows/PPt Suggestions that maybe even some interviews or story sharing from older members. JG & SR happy to see what we can do on this.  Mary's Meals ladies are pleased to participate/organise a daffodil tea.	JG & SR to discuss and see what we can find out.  Fr J to discuss May Procession with Fr Paul.  MM ladies organising the Daffodil Tea

	A May procession ( Fr J is going to suggest to Fr Paul that he could take this on as a project)	A copy of the calendar to be shared -MR
7	<p>Lenten Preparations</p> <p>We discussed that each Friday during Lent can be an additional occasion to come together. Mass/Stations of the Cross//Reflections/Shared Retreat etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenten Retreat – hosted here for both parishes. Evening possibly 7pm til 9pm. This will have a suitable theme leading up to Holy Week. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - to include Prayer/Reflections    Guided reflection    Opportunity for Confessions</li> <li>Stations of the Cross – Saturdays before Mass, last year.</li> </ul> <p>4<sup>th</sup> April will be a First Friday Mass 11<sup>th</sup> April - Lenten Retreat</p> <p>Other Fridays will be Stations of the Cross - Possibility to include a reflection and way to progress on our Journey through Lent culminating in the Lenten Retreat. Thoughts to be given for possible lead question or reflection</p>	
8	<p>Architect Presentation</p> <p>There was a Positive and intriguing presentation from the architects last week to PPC.</p> <p>Thereafter, architects gave a list of 10 actionable points for the PPC to discuss and consider, and feed back.</p> <p>Presentation covered all elements and had done a lot of research both to the brief and with additional things to consider. The PPC believed we should now move forward in a phased planned way.</p> <p>GF suggests that the first steps should be to Structural review (separate engineer) of the roof, prior to removing the lower ceiling, and to engage a cost consultant to establish budget for various elements. This was agreed.</p> <p>PK suggests a staged plan of action where we identify the actions required and the sequence that they could be implemented, with target dates. This was agreed</p> <p>It was proposed that we bring the presentation books to the Parish, after mass in the Hall. We would introduce concept of changes, inviting interest and gauging reactions.</p> <p>Explaining the next steps involve additional engineers and experts to investigate and establish an action plan. Costings/funding</p>	<p>Architects Presentation on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March after Mass To the parish</p> <p>Cards/post-its to gather thoughts and feedback on initial project ideas</p> <p>GF to feedback to architect to proceed with structural engineer and a cost consultant</p>

	<p>and timescales still to be decided. The aim is Restoration and improvement – protect the history but looking to the future</p> <p>Phase I - Remove roof and improve walls and windows. Improving the quality/look of the interior and the new roof structure</p> <p>Large projects first such as structure and wiring that naturally lead to things such as improve or replace windows/doors; Energy use of the building will be considered leading to installing or improving insulations, and double/triple glazing windows.</p> <p>Later phases should involve aesthetics such as light fixtures and designs. A general upgrade of carpets and doors will also be planned.</p>	
9.	Date of next meeting: 1st April. (Other meeting dates in 2025 are: 6 May, 19 August, 11 November)	