

Report from the meeting held on 28 October, 2009.

Key Points

- **Parish Vision** – The words of our mission statement and Parish Vision are included in this report. The original Mission Statement is now our Vision Statement.
- **Family Groups** – Four Family Groups have been set up. 34 families responded. Thanks to all and special thanks to the Group Leaders.
- **ClareHaven update** – funding approved but not as much as hoped. Council has given interim approval to building plans.
- **Parish Finances** - are in need of an overhaul. Parish records need to be updated. May have a Thanksgiving program next year.
- **Parish Councillors for next year.**

New Business

Our Mission Statement

St Rita's Parish is committed to

- Providing an environment where worship, personal faith development, faith outreach to others and inclusive liturgies enable all to achieve full, active, conscious and fulfilling participation;
- Being a welcoming community which sustains a sense of belonging and social togetherness where all have the right to feel they are valued members of our faith community;
- Providing the practical framework by which its members can act responsibly and justly in meeting the needs of others;
- Providing leadership opportunities for all: to providing encouragement to our young people as leader for the future, and supporting all in acquiring appropriate leadership skills;
- Fostering a spirit of Christian Stewardship wherein all parish members can make a conscious decision to

undertake the work of Jesus in the selfless sharing of Time, Talent and Treasure; and

- Developing and maintaining the physical assets of the parish to cater for future needs and growth.

Matters arising from previous Minutes

- **Family Groups (Elaine).** Current updates
 - Applications forms submitted and team leaders selected
 - **1 November Russell comes back to establish family groups – activities for 1 November need to be discussed**
 - Family groups to publish timetable of events for each group
 - 32 families enrolled.
 - Only seven families with children.
 - Looks like there will be 2 groups with children and 2 groups without children
- **Parish Finance update**
 - A good return from the fete
 - Planned Giving program now called Thanksgiving Program may need to be run again. The archdiocese has a team that will assist for a fee.
 - The parish records may need an update and therefore a parish census may need to be conducted by the parish pastoral council

The Archdiocese is considering a number of new parish record keeping applications to act as computer data storage. This will help parishes keep records more up to date.

Reports

Deanery meeting (Kerry)

- Redland City Council has given interim approval to go ahead with ClareHaven
- The I-Witness social justice event
- Father Peter McCarthy is on leave for six months next year.

Chairperson: Sean Burkett
Deputy Chairperson Kerry Horvath
Parish Priest: Fr Leo Burke
Minutes Sec: Bob Snoke
Members: Helen Dowling
Jill Welldon
David McGovern,
Glenys Dowling
Pastoral Assistant: Elaine Strati

Apologies

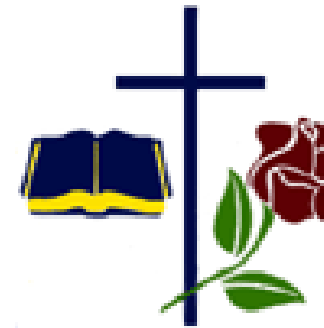
Simon Egan, Jill Welldon, Glenys Dowling, Fr Leo Burke

The Parish Pastoral Council meets on the 4th Wednesday each month at 7:00pm.

Please contact any of the above members if you have any queries.

St Rita's Vision Statement

“We, the parishioners of St Rita's will strive to demonstrate the existence and fostering of a strong Catholic Christian community as evidenced by our faith, worship, social response and way of life. We will endeavour to practice Christian Stewardship in the grateful and generous use of our God-given gifts for the benefit of our fellow human beings. Our patroness is St Rita – Saint of the Impossible. Like her may our greatness lie not so much in our initiatives but in our response.”



**ST. RITA'S
PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

**MEETING
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