

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Working through COVID19 - Update Sun 18th Oct 2020

The PPC has been having virtual meetings every 2-3 weeks since April 2020. During this time we have invited other guests to attend to discuss various topics.

The initial meetings looked at how we communicate with our parishioners. We kept the web site up to date, with notifications from the diocesan office. Father Owens continued to say Mass which is recorded and played, weekly through You Tube. The parish weekly bulletin has been uploaded online every week since last March, and we began delivering to households that could not gain access online.

In June, a Sub Committee convened to review regulations and guidelines for COVID19, and submitted detailed risk assessments of our churches, to the Diocese, in preparation for opening up for Private Prayer. In August, the PPC had set up a COVID team for the reintroduction of Masses to our churches.

At our last meeting, on Tues 13th Oct, we continued to review the attendance at Sunday Masses and the first Wednesday masses. For the moment, we will continue with Sunday mass invitations by Surname and open invitation to the Wednesday masses. This will be continued to be review. We thank you all for your patience while attending Mass at these difficult times. The strict controls are there, to keep everyone safe.

The PPC are currently working on procuring and installing equipment, initially at Mount St Nicholas, to provide 'streamed live' Masses. This is hoped to be in place during November.

The Parish magazine, 'The Connection' was not printed at Easter or in the summer, so we are currently assisting the Communications team to get a bumper issue ready for Christmas.

Over the coming months, you will also see a new revamped website appearing. We would welcome your feedback on this, when it is ready.

Our next meeting is planned for the first week in November, and we intend to provide an update from future meetings in the parish bulletin. If anyone would like to propose a topic for discussion, they can do so through any of the members of the PPC - we are a representative body.