

Parish Pastoral Council - News from meeting held 17 November 2021

COVID REGULATIONS: See Covid Update on Newsletter page 3 for changes that effect the Parish.

PARISH SECRETARY: Due to the resignation of Teana McIntosh due to illness we are in the process of appointing a new Parish Secretary.

PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT: With the end of lockdown, restrictions on the number of workers on site have ended and it's full steam ahead. Because of the delays and site closures caused by Covid the completion date is now mid June. Last week the concrete slab floor to the Presbytery and upstairs offices was poured and next week should see the slab for the new sacristies and toilets poured.



SALE OF THE WILFRED RD PRESBYTERY: Our redevelopment project doesn't just involve building it includes the rationalization of our property assets so that we can ensure the viability of our presence and mission within the Ivanhoe community into the future. The current presbytery in Wilfred Rd., will go to auction on December 11th, while the sale of Mother of God Church will not take place until we are ready to move into the new Parish Centre at the Mary Immaculate site.

ST. BERNADETTE'S CONVENT / GOOD SAMARITAN INN PROJECT: A further aspect of our overall parish redevelopment project is our joint venture with the Good Samaritan Inn to turn the old convent building at St. Bernadette's into emergency and transitional housing for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. After much planning the Banyule City Council finally approved the planning permit for the redevelopment of the convent site. There is still a way to go before work begins as we await possible appeals against the decision but this is a major step on the journey towards turning an under utilised and poorly maintained parish building into a real asset for the community and an important part of our parish outreach and mission.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE: This committee, chaired by Lucy Dal Pozzo is responsible for all child safety protocols within the parish. Phi Nguyen is a new addition to the committee, joining Lucy, Clare Bellio (on temporary leave), Marcus Napolitano and our school principals. Marcus has also been appointed as one of our Child Safety Officers together with Lucy. Their names and contact details are on the front page of our weekly newsletter and are first contacts for any complaints within the parish.