

The Parish Assembly 16th Oct 2010

Start 9:30am

The Assembly opened with a welcome to Jill and Marge from Brisbane followed by a reading from St Paul to the Philipians and a hymn.

Jill continued talking about communion/relationships; amongst ourselves as sons and daughters of God; in all dimensions, creative and responsible, encompassing Faith, Hope and Love.

Structures that facilitate: speak and listen, participate, be co-responsible. The Journey of Faith and how, as St Paul said in 1 Cor 3:2, some are not ready for solid food but are on the same path but in a different place. (My mixed metaphor, not St Pauls)

Finally we are assembled as Church after an invitation/call to speak and listen with respect for all and to gather information, to communicate, to discern, and to decide.

The many Parish Groups then gave a brief report on their activities over the past year and put forward their various proposals.

- The RCIA proposed to extend the connection of various aspects of the sacramental program with the neighbourhoods.
- Gumtree Hills proposed working bees after identifying tasks local and parish.
- Studley Park proposed that Mass times and special days be included on the parish letter, cuppa after Mass, games nights, grey army of helpers, and a community garden. (Going to be a busy neighbourhood).
- Sunbury West/Spaceline proposed to expand their bi-monthly postie meetings to others, to welcome new families in the neighbourhood, and to integrate closely with the sacramental program.
- Jackson Hill proposed a welcome pack for new families and some form of healing process for Caloola.
- Goonawarra/Rolling Meadows proposed three neighbourhood Masses during the year leading to a Mass at Goonawarra.
- Canterbury Hills/Killara/Strathhearn Glen were looking for feedback from letters, etc.

After reports from the Servers, Liturgy Group, and St Vincent de Paul, there was a general discussion on some proposals:

- Welcome on Sundays, use the welcome packs at the welcome desk, suitability of the welcome desk, how to effectively be welcoming.

(Editors note: just stand in the gathering space handing out bulletins and be welcoming)

- More information in the letters.
- Men's Shed/Grey Army
- Healing at Caloola Liturgy of the Word in outer areas.

The PCT asked for a Rep from each neighbourhood to the meetings which occur at three monthly intervals in order to move the whole forward and to coordinate activities where required.

Before the final scripture reading there was a discussion on the next Parish Target and it was proposed to move from focusing on the value of each to a focus on Jesus and the Good News but the assembly decided to focus on Community. (Communion of Saints/Mystical Body of Christ)

Finished 2.00pm