

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes – 7 June 2026

Present: Ed Becker, Lucienne Hensel, Ning Ibarra, Nick Borthwick (minutes), Joanne Byrne, James Fouhy (chair), Fr. Alfred Tong (Asst. Parish Priest), Msgr. Gerard Burns (Parish Priest)

The Meeting Opened and Closed with the Anima Christi prayer – on this Feast Day of Corpus Christi

Agenda Items:

1. Incorporate any required amendments to minutes for approval and publishing (see attached)
 - January 2026 Minutes will be corrected around the reporting of the illness in church.
 - **Action:** Our previous October 2025, November 2025, January 2026 and March 2026 minutes have been approved – Nick to send to office for publishing.
 - **Action:** April 2026 minutes approved – (Pa Gerry and Ning) – Nick to send to office.
 - **Action:** All members to review outstanding actions from past minutes (Ning will email all)
2. Approval of Ed's synopsis of the Parish Hui for publishing
 - Approved – subject to actions below:
 - **Action:** Title to be changed: "Parish Hui Synopsis"; Individuals' names to be removed; and clarify in the synopsis that suggestions have been summarised
 - **Action:** Ed to edit synopsis as above and then send to Office for publishing
3. The Call to Synodality (16 June):
 - PPC members will attend the 16 June meeting (apology from Nick who is overseas at the time)
 - **Action:** Ning will RSVP on behalf of the PPC for that date.
4. Discuss when might be the best time to run the 'Feast for all Peoples' program (see attachment)
 - Lucienne is happy to coordinate
 - **Action:** Starting 14 July 2026 for 5 weeks (Lucienne is away first two weeks in August – at which time Nick can coordinate)
 - **Action:** Newsletter announcement to simply say that it will start Mid-July – Lucienne will draft a newsletter announcement with contact.
5. Revisit vision statement and do an appreciation of where there is fruit and where growth is needed:
 - Welcoming Committee:
 - Welcome packs, welcoming committees, were discussed as ideas for further discussion in the welcoming working group
 - **Action:** Welcoming Working Group will be established on earlier lines discussed – James, Joanne, and others to be approached – names have been discussed.
 - Alpha is going well – a second Alpha program later in the year is being considered
 - Need for a social day to bring all parishioners together.
 - Possible parish social event on Oct 4 St Francis of Assisi feast day
 - Social idea – after the mass – different prayer groups there – call to service groups – idea flowing from hui.
 - **Action:** Add this to agenda for 12 July PPC mtg (other thoughts welcomed prior)
 - **Action:** Deeper dive into Parish Vision – the PPC will meet Sun 12 July; shared lunch; 12-3pm
 - **Action:** Marae mahi to be revived – Nick to start with group then circulate to-dos.

NEXT PPC MEETING: Sunday 12 July, 12 noon to 3pm, shared lunch.