

SUMMARY COMBINED PPC Meetings 4 November and 11 December 2025

PPC Members 2025

Sue Knight, Heidi Oria, Fr. Charles Lukati, Grace Healey, Fran Renshaw, Charmaine and Stephen Rayan, and Gabby Pelaez, Leonard Joseph, Rachele Tullio, and Martin Sawnawn

1. Welcome new members: Marcel Simons (St Finbar's), Alex Hewson (Thomas More College, RE Leader), and thanks to outgoing members, Fran Renshaw, Heidi Oria and Sue Knight. Positions of Chair and Secretary will be held over until meeting in February 2026.
2. Discussion on the execution of the building/construction phase of the priests' relocation project. Application to Build Property received approval from the PPC. Property Team liaised with Council to get the necessary approvals. Official announcement will be made at all parish Mass centres this weekend.
3. Presentation on the initiative, House of Refuge (HR), an idea to support families or individuals facing unplanned pregnancy by Antonio and Haydi Rangel. The idea is advertising Salisbury Parish as a House of Refuge, a place of safety and acceptance for anyone dealing with unplanned/crisis pregnancy or who have had an abortion. It is also developing mentors whose roles are to be a friend, non-judgmental support, and a listening ear. As Fr Charles was not at the meeting, PPC requested Haydi and Antonio to send written information about HR for further discussion at the PPC. Thanked Haydi and Antonio for their time.
Haydi and Antonio Rangel sent written information about House of Refuge (HR) for further discussion at the PPC next year. Offhand, Vicar General confirmed Archdiocesan support to this initiative pending formal statement to be issued by the Archdiocese.
4. Feedback re Multicultural Mass on Sunday 9th of November 930 am – all 3 schools were involved and also brought together parishioners from 3 Mass centres. Strong support from the multicultural community e.g. Burmese. Win Simons and team did a good job preparing the morning tea venue. Areas for improvement include no choir music, people missed their coffee and tea due to venue restrictions, gym was too big and open, consider Family Centre as venue that allows people to mingle
5. Updates on parish programs, if any (Grace)
 - a. Remembrance Mass on Friday 7th of November – went well
 - b. Altar server training - going well under Jo Pelaez' leadership
 - c. Christmas Mass schedule changes – additional Christmas Day 9am Mass at St Finbar's
 - d. Christmas Carols – flyer created by Dale Oria, 4 parish choirs participated, varied repertoire, lovely afternoon tea and fellowship followed at the Family Centre, wonderful singing by choirs and community, conducted by Andrew Hall really well, however, low attendance from community despite promotion efforts, start time should be moved closer to 6pm Mass Sunday. Thank you, Laudamus Choir, Mustard Seed Choir, Couples for Christ Australia Choir and Fructus Agustini Choir!

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- e. PPC Christmas cards –Dale Oria helped fine-tune last year's Christmas card for this year's distribution, several edits done, Grace to reproduce 200 copies. Thank you Dale!
- f. Christmas Cards signing by PPC members – with Dale's support digital signatures used and will be printed soon
- g. Fr Sam shared that St Finbar's Church was broken into. Chalice, ciborium, monstrance and cross were stolen. Loss not recoverable by insurance as the excess amount is way more than the cost of stolen items.
- h. Safeguarding activities, initiatives and regular updates (Fr Charles/Grace) - Safeguarding Essentials Training underway for parish staff and new volunteers, new incident reported involving member of the Green Team who had minor injury and treated with first aid. Relevant form lodged.
- i. Youth – tons of activities planned in the local parish, a few new members joined the youth chat group, Fr Roderick is happy to give talks to the youth, Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) group is going good, age limit up to 35 years old (thank you Gabby!)

6. Correspondence

- a. School board reports – nil received (end of year)
 - a. St. Augustine's Parish School (SAPS)
 - b. Holy Family (HF)
 - c. Thomas More College (TMC)

7. Any Other Business

- a. Updates on Parish Stewardship Renewal 2025 (Joe Abdilla) – Joe Abdilla sent an interim report:
 - a. 1st component – parish census, making connections process in all churches and masses produced 571 connection cards, 174 new families added plus 27 new families identified via commitment cards, total of 201 new families added. Currently, 923 families/households are active in some way.
 - b. 2nd component – ministry in service, 162 existing ministries and possibly more, 38 new positions of ministry created, aim to bring these people together for formation, generally positive outcome
 - c. Final component – pastoral funding, 442 contributors vs. 350 previous level, 100 new contributors, 40% increase

Joe thanked PPC members in supporting the renewal program. Fr Charles thanked Joe for a job well done. Thank you Joe!

- b. Updates on First collection renewal campaign – no current update, this being a diocesan initiative
- c. Replacement of outgoing PPC members – Marcel Simons and Alex Hewson confirmed their interest to join the PPC, welcomed by all.
- d. Thank you to outgoing PPC members (Fr Charles) – Fr Charles will formally give thanks to outgoing PPC members via mass to be organised by Nicholas

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th of February, 2026 at 6:30 pm (2026 Meeting Schedule TBC)