

**MINUTES**  
**CARINA PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING**  
**Held in PARISH LIBRARY**  
**HELD TUESDAY 2 February 2021 at 7:30PM**

**1     Opening Prayer:**

Henry and the group recited the opening prayer - St Martin de Porres.

**2     Acknowledgement of Country**

Henry recited Acknowledgement of Country provided to the meeting by Ravina Waldren Executive Officer Murri Ministry Archdiocese of Brisbane.

**3     Attendance:**

Present:         Henry (Chair), Roseanne, Paul & Peter

Apologies:     Shayne, Susan, & Marie.

Visitor:        Ms Ravina Waldren Executive Officer Murri Ministry Archdiocese of Brisbane

**4     Minutes of Meeting of 1 December 2020:**

Minutes of 1 December 2020 were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

**5     Action Items Arising out of the Previous Minutes:**

5.1.   Articles for Parish Newsletter & OLOG Website and Notice Board:

Peter provided the meeting with a draft "Report to the Parish on Calendar Year 2020 which was endorsed. Paul said that if he had any additional comments he would forward them to Peter via email. Peter will consider any suggestions as presented by Paul otherwise the report presented to the meeting will be forwarded to the Parish Secretary for placement on the Parish webpage and to ask that it be published in Spread the Word when space is available.

Peter to provide the Parish Secretary with an updated version of the contact details for active members of the Parish Social Justice Committee and ask that it replace the existing one on the parish webpage.

When Peter provides members of the social justice group with the finalised report Shayne is asked to table that report at a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

**Action:**

- a) *Peter to send the "Report to the Parish on the Parish Social Justice Committee Activities for the Calendar Year 2020" and ask for it to be placed on the Parish webpage and published when space permits in Spread the Word.;*
- b) *Peter to send updated contact details of active members of the Parish Social Justice Committee and asked that these details replace the existing one on the parish webpage*
- c) *Shayne to table the report at a Parish Pastoral Council meeting.*

## 5.2 Social Justice Action Program 2021:

Henry provided a draft Social Justice Action Program for 2021 which was adopted by the meeting. Peter to forward an abridged version of this to the Parish Secretary and ask that he confirm the dates listed are suitable and have been entered in the parish calendar and ask if any dates are unsuitable that the Parish Secretary nominate a suitable alternative date and confirm all dates have been entered in the parish calendar for 2021.

**Action:** *Peter to forward the abridged Action Program to Parish Secretary for confirmation of the dates listed and for its placement on the parish webpage.*

## 5.3 Membership of Parish Social Justice Group:

Nothing further to report on this matter at this stage.

## 5.4 Social Justice Networking with neighbouring Parishes:

It was agreed that once the Brisbane East Deanery (BED) is known that the social justice group should continue to be represented at those meetings as they are a good networking occasion. No dates are yet known for BED meetings for 2021.

## 5.5 St V De P Social Justice Bulletin

Paul will continue to circulate a copy of the St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Bulletin as it becomes available.

## 5.6 OloG Social Justice Group Business Card:

Nothing further at this stage.

## 5.7 NAIDOC Week 2020:

NAIDOC week is included in the Parish Social Justice Groups Action Plan for 2021 and is proposed for the weekend Masses of 3 & 4 July 2021.

## 5.8 Family and Domestic Violence:

Family and domestic violence issues are included in the Social Justice Action plan for 2021 and are proposed for 8 and 9 May 2021.

## 5.11 Dominican Thai Holy Infant Orphanage:

Nothing to report Henry said that the Social Justice Group was ready to assist if asked to by Fr Alex

## 5.12 Asylum Seekers/Traffickers/People Smugglers / Modern Slavery:

Roseanne prepared two informative and excellent articles on human trafficking that were published in Spread the Word on 24 and 31 January 2021 respectively. An event on Anti Slavery Awareness is planned for weekend Masses on 16/17 October 2021 is proposed in the Parish's Social Justice Action Program for 2021.

5.13 Queensland Community Alliance:

Paul advised that he had nothing to report at this stage.

5.14 West Papua Human Rights Issues:

Material provided by Paul was circulated with the papers for the meeting of 2 February 2021. Paul will keep a watching brief on what is happening re West Papua issue and keep the Social Justice Group informed.

5.15 World Day of Social Justice:

World Day of Social Justice is 14 February 2021. Roseanne agreed to see if she could find a small suitable article that could be published in Spread the Word on the 13/14 February 2021 and forward it to the Parish Secretary for inclusion in that weekend's Spread the Word.

**Action:** *Roseanne will search out an article to recognise World Day of Social Justice and ask Parish Secretary if it can be published in Spread the Word of 14 February 2021.*

5.16 Mental Health Week 2021:

Mental Health Week has been included in the Social Justice Action Plan for the weekend of 2/3 October 2021.

6a First Nation's Plaque:

Henry welcomed Ravina Waldren Executive Officer of Murri Ministry to the meeting to discuss matters related to the Parish purchasing "First Nation's Plaque" and its presentation to the Parish and placement within the Church. In the discussion that followed Ravina suggested the anniversary of "Sorry Day" 13 February 2021 or around "National Reconciliation Week" from 27 May 2021 to 3 June 2021 might be appropriate dates for this to be done.

As discussions would be necessary with Parish Priest Fr Alex it was agreed that "Sorry Day" would be too soon to hold such an event but as 6 June 2021 had already been nominated in the Social Justice Group Action Program for 2021 to celebrate "National Reconciliation Week" this would be a suitable date subject to agreement by Fr Alex to hold a presentation to the Parish of the "First Nation's Plaque"

Ravina pointed out that the use of the didgeridoo and other significant First Nation music was also meaningful and considered appropriate at such events. Ravina also mentioned that prayers relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues during Prayers of the Faithful and for Opening Remarks prior to the commencement of Mass to include an "Acknowledgement of Country" was also seen as a way to promote the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Plan. It was agreed that these matters would need to be discussed with Fr Alex and also brought to the Parish's Liturgy Committee.

Roseanne indicated that she had spoken to our 2 Schools, St Martin's and San Sisto College about them acquiring some "First Nation's Plaques" and they had indicated interest in doing so and she will follow up those initial discussions with the Schools in the near future and explore with them if such a presentation of those Plaques could take place at a Joint St Martin's and San Sisto School Mass in the parish Church. That proposal if the Schools were interested would need to be discussed with Fr Alex but it could possibly occur around the date proposed for the presentation of Plaques to be made to the Parish.

**Actions:**

- a) **Henry to contact Fr Alex to discuss the following issues and dependent on her availability include Ravina in those discussions:**
- **Number of Plaques to be purchased by the Parish;**
  - **Where those Plaques might be placed in the Parish;**
  - **A Suitable date and time for a formal presentation to the Parish of the Plaques. It is suggested that be Sunday 6 June 2021 (to coincide with National Reconciliation Week) at the 9am Mass and that at that Mass the playing of the didgeridoo could accompany any music**
  - **Explore with Fr Alex if an “Acknowledgement of Country could be included each week in the Welcome to Mass” in the Parish and also if the Prayers of the Faithful could regularly include reference to “First Nation’s People” and their aspirations**
- b) **Roseanne to follow up her initial discussions with St Martin’s School and San Sisto College re purchases and presentation of the Plaques.**

6b Archdiocese of Brisbane’s Reconciliation Action Plan Nov 2020 to Nov 2022:

The Archdiocese of Brisbane “Reconciliation Action Plan” can be viewed on the link provided below:-

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/reconciliation-action-plan/>

Paul led the meeting in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday 2 March 2021 at this stage it will be held in the Parish Library at 7:30pm. As Henry will be on annual leave Paul will be in the Chair for this meeting.**