



Otari Parish PPC and Finance Combined Meeting Minutes

29 April 2026 at 7pm

Present: Patricia Lynch, Neville Braganza, Felibel Zabala, Stuart Henrys, Benny Tau'alupe, Chris Orsman, Maria Nunns, Liza Kallerackel, Adri Widyanto, Kiko Faliko, Peter Wood, Fr Joy, Catherine Vernon

Apologies: Sisilia Joseph, Amanda Russell-Kleiner and Myrna Umali

Prayer: Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting confirmed.

Outstanding actions as per last months minutes are still ongoing:

Parish Plan : Pillars are plan at a high level. More of a vision or strategic direction.

It is expected that those groups within the pillars will provide their own details of how these will be achieved.

Maria suggested a circular graph might better visually than pillars and will work on that.

Minutes of the Meeting held at St Thomas More on 12 April:

All agreed as correct. These will be sent as a PDF to parishioners with the newsletter this week.

Des tabled further questions that St TM community felt had not been answered.

Discussion took place regarding this. Emotions are high and in fact there is no perfect solution but to keep hearing the community and working with them moving forward on the journey to become one church community. It is not helpful to anyone to keep going over the whys and ins and outs of how decision was made to close the church.

Suggestion made that we should update the parish on progress about the closure of St TM and it was agreed the back page of newsletter will be good place to do this.

The closure group has been formed: Stuart and Estelle Henrys, Fr Joy, Carolyn Tait, Peter Wood Kylie Hall? And they will work within the TOR parameters.

Fr Joy with Stuart's input will write first update back page about closure this weekend.

Parish Planning for AGM: Now deferred to 14th June so that the Baseline Report on St Teresas will have been received and can be discussed.

Parish Plan high points will be presented followed by vision for coming year.

Finance Team will talk about Refurbishment Project and funding opportunities including adoption of QR code gifting.

ST TM closure committee will talk about their progress.

Stuart commented that the Refurbishment Team will need direction from our groups and parishioners on what they would like in a new church. Chris suggested the AGM could be an opportunity to ask Parishioners to think about this.

Refurbishment Progress:

The Team consists of Bob Hall, Stuart Henrys, Peter Dykes, Nael George, Chris Orsman and Michael Bennett.

This information could be included in the back page of the newsletter article perhaps after the Closure update article.

Patricia noted there were no women on this team. One woman had to withdraw but it is predicted there will be representation as the project progresses ie. In working on more detailed level.

General Business:

Fr Tikoua has asked Fr Joy if he could gift our old monstrance to his community in Kiribati. Catherine to check if the monstrance had any gifting history. All endorsed this request.

The Scripture Group sessions will begin on 14 May.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm