**Minutes of the Meeting**

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 28th November, 2024

**Agenda:**

1. Mission Sunday Revisit
2. Advent Programmes
3. Jubilee Year plans

**Attendees:**

1. Parish Priest
2. Suman - Youth
3. Pious – C zone
4. Rajesh – H zone
5. Rathinam & Rejoy – F zone
6. Ericks – Youth Coordinator

**Mission Sunday Revisit**

* It wasn’t a big success this year, comparing with the last yea, it didn’t go well this year.
* This year we’ve collected Rs 113247 including collections from Activities and Sunday Mass collections
* Arrangements were satisfactory but we could’ve done better

We’ve paid Rs 166009 to the Diocese, with this we’ve paid little more than 2 Lakhs for this year. Another 40K we may have to pay from Christmas, Holy Week and Easter collections.

**Advent:**

* We need to set up Advent Reet and hang Star at the entrance by this Saturday.
* No family contribution for Christmas this year, we’ll manage the expenses with the collection during Feast and by sponsorship
* **Carols**:
  + Planned to make 3 groups with 3 priests
  + We’ll form 3 teams for Carol singing, from Choir, Youth, Councillors and other volunteers
  + Carols to start from the week of 9th December and plan to finish within 3-4 evenings
  + Vehicles need to be arranged for all 3 groups
* **Noel Night:**
  + Decided to celebrate a Noel night program on 15th December
  + No morning mass on that day, there’ll be only one mass in the evening at 5:30PM followed by the Noel night programme
  + 2 entertainment programmes from each zone is to be planned
  + Gifts to the Children are to be planned by Youth Group
  + **Dinner:** 500 plates of Food to be prepared which may take around 50K. We don’t have any sponsors for that so far, even after announcing for a couple of weeks. Planned to send out a list of expenses across the Zonal Groups for find sponsors.
  + If we’re not able to find enough sponsors, we’ll have to spend from the parish account
* **Christmas:**

**Holy Mass :** Decided to have 2 masses as we had last year

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| **Mass Timings** | | |
| 24th December | 9:30 PM | Kannada |
| 24th December | 11:45 PM | Tamil |
| 25th December | 8:00 AM | English |

**Preparations**

* + Crib design – to be taken care by the Youth Group
  + Decorations and lightings to be planned by Youth coordinator and the Youth
  + We’ve ordered 27 inch crib set for 27K. So far, we don’t have any sponsors, we’ll try to find sponsors for the same.
  + Coffee/Tea sponsored by Suman
  + For Christmas Cake we need to find sponsors
  + For flowers we need sponsors
* **New Year:**

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| **Mass Timings** | | |
| 31st December | 9:30 PM | Tamil |
| 31st December | 10:30 PM | Kannada |
| 31st December | 11:45 PM | Adoration |
| 1st January | 8:00 AM | English |

* + Adoration will be conducted in all 3 languages
  + We need sponsors for Coffee/Tea and Cakes
  + For flowers we need sponsors
* **Calendars:**
  + Need to approach the same sponsors last time, we shall find new sponsors in case required
  + PP takes care of the printing of the calendars, with help of parishioners

**Jubilee Year plans**

* Year 2025 has been announced as a Jubilee Year by Catholic Church
* From this year Holy Family Feast until Next year’s Holy Family Feast
* On 29th of December, we’ll have inauguration of Jubilee Year at the end of all 3 Masses
* 25th April - Jubilee Cross will arrive at our parish and it’ll be kept one day in church and one day each in the Religious institutions of our parish – Montfort School and Piarist Seminary
* We’ll know more about it after the deanery meeting

**Financial Update**

* We have about 8 Lakh in our parish account
* We need to spend about 2 Lakhs for the labour expenses for the new sacristy
* KEB has requested 10K as a security seposit
* Inverter and Amplifiers are burnt out because of power fluctuation last week. Service of them may take a minimum of 25K
* Church cleaning staff are expecting more salary this year onwards. Parish Priest isn’t happy with the work being done by them. But in case we lose them, we need to be ready to find some other for the same.