

St John the Apostle & St Thomas Aquinas Finance Council Minutes



Meeting Date	13 April 2026	Time	7:00pm
Meeting Location	Parish Library	Members Fr. Tru Nguyen John Drury Michael Carberry Sabina Van Rooy Julie Lean Rod Goodisson Maureen Burgess Kirsty Vera – ex officio	
Chair	Josh Osborne Golsbrough		
Minutes Secretary	Vacant (Kirsty Vera temporarily)		

Opening Prayer: Meeting opened at 7:00 with prayer

Present: Fr. Tru, Sabina Van Rooy, Rod Goodisson, Michael Carberry, Kirsty Vera, Maureen Burgess, Julie Lean

Apologies: Josh Osborne Golsbrough, John Drury

Minutes of previous meeting: - 9 February 2026

Minutes approved by M. Carberry and seconded by J. Lean

Matters arising from the minutes

Still looking for people to set up a maintenance committee. Waiting for Time & Talent forms to come through. Fr. Tru can also approach people. Professional Standards conversations still need to be held with architect and plan. Bank accounts have not been closed as new ABN for the parish has not been set up. The loan is still being paid from the SJA account also as there needs an ABN to be set up under the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish. Further follow up by Fr. Tru needs to be done with the Archdiocese to ensure that the ABN does not take too long.

Correspondence

In: Email from Vicar General Richard Thompson – as the SJA and STA church confessionals are not up to standards, they are not to be used.

Out:

AGENDA

1. Finance Reports

Finance Reports are not ready to be presented in an official manner as the Finance Officer is overwhelmed with the workload for 1 day a week. There are still 3 bank accounts to be reconciled and balanced. PACS has only just been set up, MYOB is in the process of being cancelled, therefore all accounts are being managed using Excel.

2. Planned Giving for OLSH

Parramatta Bulletin re planned giving was read aloud. This clearly explained the 30:70 split. This could be reproduced in our Bulletin so all parishioners are clear on where the split goes.

For planned givers who are giving twice could benefit from a posted letter.

3. Professional Standards

ACSL (Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd) will be auditing this year. Provincial Stephen Hackett has advised that we at the very least need a plan in place. An architect needs to be employed to come up with options before August 2026. Parish Secretary is in the process of employing architects for plans. Confessional areas also need to be planned by an architect.

4. Projects - Priorities

The latest quote from GJ Building Services for the maintenance and repair work at St Thomas Aquinas was introduced. Many of the projects are currently in progress. The older quote was approx. \$29,000. This current project comes in under \$19,000 (GST incl.) which is in the budget of money raised in 2025 for this maintenance project.

St John the Apostle needs heating in the church to be serviced. Duncan's Plumbing will be contacted for servicing at SJA. STA heating is ok.

Noticeboard Signs at the front of both churches need to be removed and/or updated.

PPC have discussed the need to update the website. The new OLSH website is not as attractive or inviting as it could be. PPC Chair has been consulting with AI and possible web designers. It is best for the PPC to have a conversation directly with the Parish Secretary re a new design/approach for the website. The Archdiocese is no longer a viable option as they are unable to help until later in the year.

5. Any other business

No other business.

Next meeting: 13th July 2026, 6pm in St John the Apostle Library

Meeting closed 7:15pm with the Our Father – Prayers said for peace and for John Drury
Signature

Josh Osborne Goldsbrough
Chair Finance Council