



Parish of St Columba and the Holy Souls, Leichhardt North

Pastoral Council

MINUTES of meeting on 3 May 2016 7:30 pm

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

Meeting opened: 7:35 pm

No	Item	Action to Do	By/When
1.	Opening Prayer – Read by Margaret Perry		
2.	Present: Therese Briggs (co-chair), Margaret Perry (co-chair), Mark Breen, Sue Draysey, Adrian Overs, Dan O'Brien, Renata Popovic-Tomac, Amanda Sapienza, Frances Stewart Apologies: Peter Smith, Dorcey Rutter, Carmel Reid, Nerrida de Beck		
3.	Minutes from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Therese Briggs • Motion seconded: Margaret Perry • Motion carried Business arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercy pilgrimage – St Mary's liturgy date – (Amanda Sapienza for Peter Smith) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peter has emailed the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and is awaiting his response 	Report results of inquiries to the Council	Peter Smith by June meeting
4.	School report (including reconstruction) – (tabled by Frances Stewart) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demountable buildings have now been removed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internet, phones, electricity etc are connected in new parish offices. ○ New parish offices are now connected to Presbytery. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The asphaltting and landscaping behind the year 3 to 6 classrooms was finished in the holidays and is ready for students to use. • Work on the field will begin next week and will take about a month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The field will be re-established with buffalo turf and a section will be asphaltted for a basketball and handball courts. ○ A paved pathway will be laid between Fr Peter's presbytery fence and the school courtyard. • These works will be complete for the Official Opening on Friday 17 June. Bishop Terry Brady will officiate. • All school building defects have been costed and Frances is waiting for the "go ahead" from Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS). • The school will hold its traditional Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy on Friday 6 May. • The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 29 May and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday evening 22 June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last Sunday at 10am was the Confirmation commitment Mass. ○ Catherine Funston (school's Religious Education Coordinator) is organising the parent/student workshops for both these sacraments. Confirmation's workshops start on Wednesday night and Reconciliation's 2 weeks later. ○ The school has really missed the presence of a parish sacramental coordinator who would normally organise these programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating the Sacraments has taken an enormous amount of Catherine's time, as she only has one day of Executive release to perform REC duties. ▪ Caroline Zadro ordered all the books. • Frances will email Margaret Perry the school's liturgy calendar, so they can coordinate morning teas etc. • Written report as at 27 April on file with 		
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	Secretary.		
5.	<p>St Vincent de Paul report – (tabled by Mark Breen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During April 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vinnies members responded to 9 calls for assistance. ○ 23 individuals were assisted during these calls, with \$1680 worth of supermarket food cards issued. ○ Total approximate cost for goods provided: \$830 ○ This was a quiet month, which is always considered a good sign. • Financial standing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Figures available for March show a conference deficit of \$1610.54, with holdings of supermarket gift cards exceeding that figure. • Winter Appeal is to be held in June, ideally on weekend of 18-19 June. Peter Smith and conference President to confirm the date. • There will be a membership drive, parishioners are encouraged to send emails to vinnies@breeny.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council agreed that perhaps after Mass morning teas could occasionally have a theme, such as Vinnies recruitment, with Vinnies volunteers present to talk about it and encourage parishioners to be involved • Written report on file with Secretary 		
6.	<p>Prayer and reflection – Amanda Sapienza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord's Prayer 		
7.	<p>Pastoral Council transition – Therese Briggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of new Council: The Council welcomed Renata Popovic-Tomac to the Council • New executive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair (interim, until end 2016): Amanda Sapienza ○ Secretary: Dorcey Rutter • Proposed new guidelines: Council members expressed a preference for: 	Meet to draft amendments to	Therese Briggs,

	<p>made with parishioners passing the plate back themselves rather than waiting for the Collector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social – Margaret Perry:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monthly after-Mass cuppas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Peter has bought another coffee machine▪ After-Mass cuppas are up and running (last weekend of the month, commencing Easter weekend) and have been very well-received.▪ Margaret has put a reminder at the back of the church and will do a bulletin message the weekend preceding that of the monthly event.▪ Margaret thanked everyone for their assistance with the morning teas.○ Christmas in July<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Margaret will be talking to Gail to see what Gail and Anne-Marie need to make it happen• Reaching out to others – Therese Briggs and Sue Draysey:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee met last week.○ Dinner with refugees:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ravi runs Parliament on King, staffed by refugees.▪ Belinda will call him re having them here to cook a meal.▪ Refugees would come to the meal as part of our community and we would host them.▪ Proposed date: 18 or 25 June▪ Dinner will be for adults only, cost to be determined.▪ Invitation will be extended to other churches in Leichhardt○ Auburn City Council have created a “refugee camp” for people (school communities, parent communities) to come through and experience being “processed”.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sue has a booking for parent group on 5 August, and an invitation will be extended to other parishioners. • Communications – Adrian Overs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parish cuppa flyer has been added to the website ▪ Adrian will separate the news and other events tab, so that parish cuppas do not appear alongside Papal statements. ▪ Adrian will delete references to the “active” youth group ○ The Council agreed that the notice in the bulletin on 30 April/1 May regarding the upcoming Pastoral Council meeting was appropriate and should appear before every meeting. 	<p>Add a link to the recent Papal statement on relationships and delete youth group references</p> <p>Put notice in the bulletin in meeting and inviting agenda items in advance of each meeting advising the parish of upcoming</p>	<p>Adrian Overs by June meeting</p> <p>Adrian Overs, monthly, two weekends before each meeting</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection evenings (Sue Draysey): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On the basis of success of the Lenten groups, she will run reflection evenings re Pentecost on 9th and 16th of May. ○ These will be open to parishioners. • Closure of piety stall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A notice will go in the bulletin this week announcing the closure and sale. ○ If people have questions or want to run it, they can contact Therese. 		

Meeting closed: 9:35 pm

**Next meeting: Tuesday 7 June 7:30 pm
St Columba's Parish Meeting Room**