

<p>Ecore has requested a drawing of the proposed sign and site before they come out and provide a quote.</p>	<p>needed for the sign</p>
<p>Jesus statue and garden: Blessing/commissioning will follow the gardens being finalised.</p>	<p>Peter to finalise the gardens</p>
<p>Leichhardt Festa stand: Council agreed that this is an initiative we should take on. If we are asked questions about church teaching that we personally struggle with, we should identify with their concerns and refer them to Fr Peter.</p>	<p>John to progress organisation of the stall</p>
<p>Parish youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantal will address this at Masses on the weekend of 20-21 May. • 5pm Mass that week will be a School Family Mass. 	<p>Chantal to address Masses on 20-21 May</p>
<p>4. School report – Motion to table: Bernard Ryan Seconded: Laureen Dixon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our School Fair is this Saturday, May 6, from 1pm - 6pm. • Repair works to the Palm Garden are going well. The area now has drainage, and the bark has been removed and replaced with a porous material that is stone like. Flooring is to be replaced on Saturday 13 May. • Confirmation Enrolment Mass is this Sunday, May 7 at 10.00pm Mass. Sr. Laureen, Sarah Gleeson, Sue Draysey and myself have met to discuss the structure of the program and the school's involvement in the Sacrament. • The school P&F has offered to hold a morning tea after the 10.00am Mass on Mother's Day. The school will be having a Mother's Day breakfast and Liturgy on Friday 12 May. • Our first Family Mass is planned for Saturday 20 May at 5.00pm. Thank you to Fr. Peter for giving this new initiative a chance to succeed. This is being communicated to our parents in tomorrow's School Bulletin. • Although the school Feast Day is June 9, this year we will be celebrating the Feast Day on Tuesday June 6. At Mass on the Feast Day Mr Anthony Cleary, Director: Religious Education and Evangelisation will be presenting the community with The Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools. 	
<p>5. St Vincent de Paul report – Motion to table: Amanda Sapienza on behalf of Mark Breen Seconded: Renata Popovic-Tomac</p>	

Clients assisted

During the month of March Vinnies conference members attended to 8 standard calls for assistance.

There were 15 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered seven food hampers and issued \$380 worth of supermarket food cards.

Total approximate cost for goods provided during the month is \$1830.

Financial position

As at the end of December figures show the Conference in deficit in the amount of \$2125. This is more than offset by our holdings of supermarket gift cards of over \$3000. This position is maintained due to the generosity of parishioners at St Columbas.

Parish Council Matters

At our meeting of 1 May we discussed the proposed parish outreach program as well as the possible existence of a parish stall at the festa in Norton St. In regards to the first discussion centered around the possibility of introducing some of our clients into the program. There are some who would benefit greatly from some extra contact but we would need to ask their permission before providing their details. Re the latter matter, if the stall goes ahead we may seek to provide some leaflets which may be of interest to attendees at the event.

6. Parish 2020

The Parish 2020 Working Group are in the process of collating and analysing the survey results. They will be preparing Deanery reports and Parish reports for each Parish of the Archdiocese.

They have provided the following statistics for our parish:

Number of Surveys: 128 (122 individual and 6 group responses)

Ethnic Communities: Most common responses:

- Italian;
- UK;
- Wales;
- Spain;
- Singapore

Responders: Mostly married (66%); female (70%);

Ages: 43% aged between 35-49; with large remaining proportion (44%) aged 65+

Stewardship of People (re effective lay involvement): A high level of agreement for all statements.

Stewardship of Facilities (suitability of premises etc): Overall a high level of agreement to all statements, though there was disagreement (49%) to the final statement (that our facilities require expansion).

Stewardship of finances: Responses were mixed with relatively high responses saying 'don't know' to the first two statements (balanced budget and not overly dependent on

non-collection income).

Mission Priorities: Most common responses were:

- Review engagement with youth;
- Reach out to people with special needs;
- Help parents in their role as teachers of the faith to their children.

Possible Collaborations: Most common responses were:

- Shared opportunities to meet the needs of the most vulnerable;
- Bring together leadership teams across parishes for fellowship and exchange of concerns and ideas;
- Share events, retreats, etc;
- Share youth and young adult ministry.

Possible Parish collaborations: Most common responses were:

- Haberfield;
- Leichhardt;
- Annandale;
- Lewisham.

High level of agreement that the parish is welcoming and inclusive.

Evangelisation: Most common suggestions were:

- Improved communications via social media;
- Closer collaboration with local community groups, etc.

The parish continues to pray for the process in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Now awaiting further information from the Parish 2020 Office or the Deanery

Bernard to thank parents for their participation via the school bulletin

7. Parish sub-committee updates

Social:

Christmas in July

Proposed date for Christmas in July is Sunday 23 July. Carmel and Gail have as yet been unable to meet with last year's chef, but will do so in near future.

After-Mass cuppas

Event continues to receive support, though numbers fluctuate.

Carmel to meet with Gail and chef to lock in date and venue

Renata to coordinate 10am After-Mass cuppas

Reaching out to others

CARE program

The two documents by which parishioners can be involved are ready:

- The document for people wanting to help is at the back

<p>of the church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document for people needing assistance is in the workers' sacristy <p>The documents are a work in progress and they will continue to evolve as the program gets going.</p> <p>Sue and Therese Briggs will present the initiative at 5pm Mass on 6 May (Sue), 8am Mass on 7 May (Therese) and 10am Mass on 28 May (Sue).</p> <p><i>Youth engagement</i></p> <p>At its last meeting, the ROTO committee discussed some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reunion of senior high school ex-St Columba's students, Notre Dame students attending to talk about uni etc; • Put on Facebook when external guest speakers (such as Cana Communities etc) will be addressing Mass <p>Council agreed that these sounded like good initiatives</p>	<p>Sue to speak at Masses to establish CARE program</p> <p>Sue and Chantal, with ROTO Committee, to collaborate re youth engagement ideas</p>
<p><u>Liturgy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Masses were extremely well attended • Peter received 2 very nice emails from visitors about the Easter liturgies • Council congratulated the liturgy committee and all parishioners on the beautiful Easter liturgies 	
<p><u>Communications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook plug will occur at each Mass on the weekend of 20-21 May • Bernard will advertise the Facebook page to the school community 	<p>Chantal to address Masses re parish Facebook page on weekend of 20-21 May</p> <p>Renata to send Adrian photos of David's Place BBQ</p>
<p>8. Other business</p> <p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members were made aware of the location of a first aid kit above the fridge in the hall. • At this stage there will be no first aid kit in the church as there is always someone in the church with a key to the hall. • Marcia will replenish the first aid kit following the accident in the church on Sunday and establish whether the kit belongs to and is the responsibility of the Parish or tenant Whoosh Care. 	

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

Next meeting: Tues 6 Jun 2017, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room