



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Council
MEETING MINUTES

Tues. 30th April 2019, 7.30 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection	
Opening prayer by Father Peter	-
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<u>Present:</u> Fr Peter, Vasile Tiano, David Hair, Adrian Overs, Christian Gomez, Therese Pocey, Carmel Reid, Nicola Connors, Renata Popovic-Tomac, & Jennifer Cheal <u>Apologies:</u> Dan O'Brien, Bernard Ryan	-
3. Nominations / Welcome:	
We are thrilled to invite and welcome four new members to the Parish Pastoral Council: Therese Pocey, Jennifer Cheal, David Hair, and Christian Gomez.	-
4. Business arising from previous meeting	
<u>Plenary 20/20 Council</u> Two events were held on Tuesday 27 th March – 9am at the School and 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Nicola Connors organised and participated in the first session, whilst Vasile Tiano, Adrian Overs (& Nicola) attended to partaken in the 7.30pm session. The Second session had more dialogue about issues important to the community, robust conversations about concerns about the future and the impact to the Catholic church. We also looked at our parish strengths (i.e. inclusivity in the parish) in conjunction to our community and church (i.e.	-

<p>Our efforts in social justice)</p> <p>Family educator sent the gathered data/information from our parish to the Plenary council. Awaiting further information or feedback after the end of the Listening and Dialogue. This phase marks the completion of the first part of the preparation stage, which will continue till the 9th June, when the themes that emerged during Listening and Dialogue will be announced.</p> <p><u>Back door to Church & Church Sign:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Church Door hardware upgrade & door closers:</u></p> <p>All installations and fittings have been completed. There are some minor fixes need mending or re-pairing.</p> <p>Painting the doors are the next step and Renata Popovic-Tomac will be getting quotes for either staining or painting. All works will be completed by the next meeting.</p> <p>2. <u>Church Sign:</u></p> <p>Problem has not yet been resolved</p>	<p>Renata to get quotes</p>
<p>5. Social Justice Diary:</p>	
<p>As mentioned before, Social justice members nominated three events for the Social Justice Diary – the next event will be Refugee Week 16th to 22nd June.</p> <p>Vasile met with Therese and the SJ group to discuss some options for Refugee Week. Two main ideas were created such as a “Welcome Dinner Project” and a film screening of “Ration Challenge: Eat like a refugee”. A “Welcome Dinner Project” would entail having a shared meal at the Parish Hall to connect with our community with the wider community and refugees. An event like this would be a powerful way to build trust, belonging, and a connection between people and break through cultural, social and other barriers, as we share food and stories. Further discussion with this idea will begin next week with the liturgy group, Therese and Vasile.</p>	<p>Vasile to speak to Therese and member from the liturgy group.</p>
<p>6. Special liturgy (which could be in the form of a Healing Mass) for victims and perpetrators of clerical abuse.</p>	
<p>Members from the Social Justice group (and with further discussions with members from the Parish) proposed a special liturgy (which could be in the form of a healing mass) <u>as a way for the parish community to support each other and reinforce their faith</u> and to acknowledge what has</p>	<p>-</p>

<p>happened recently and pray for victims and perpetrators of clerical abuse. For members in the parish community it has affect them.</p> <p>Members have agreed to having a healing mass or special liturgy. Fr. Peter discussed not having a liturgy on a Sunday more so a liturgical celebration or event (like a guest speaker during the evening) during the weekday.</p> <p>Vasile proposed in having a written (generic) statement or document by the Parish or Pastoral Parish Council.</p> <p>This to be discussed further in future up-coming meetings.</p>	
7. School report moved: Vasile, Renata	
<p>Tabled by Bernard Ryan:</p> <p>Mrs Olga Caristo started as our new Senior School Support Officer on Monday 29 April. We welcome Olga to our community and look forward to working with her. Mrs Ann-Maree Young was farewelled and thanked for her 23 years of service at a whole school Mass and morning tea on Thursday 11 April</p> <p>In the recent school holidays, doors were installed in the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms to make the rooms truly flexible and able to be fully closed, so that the noise level can be more easily controlled between the classrooms.</p> <p>St. Columba's was one of 13 Inner West Region Catholic Primary and High Schools to achieve above average learning growth in NAPLAN 2018. Our students will sit NAPLAN 2019 from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May.</p> <p>Our Year 6 students will sit the annual Year 6 Religious Education Test on Wednesday 12 June.</p>	
6. St Vincent de Paul report	
<p>No report tabled.</p>	
7. Parish sub-committee updates:	
<p>i. <u>Social Committee:</u></p> <p><u>St. Columbas Feast Day</u> –After 10am mass have a BBQ and a possible hired jumping castle on the 9th June to celebrate.</p> <p><u>Christmas in July</u> – To plan ahead and aim for 14th July.</p>	<p>Renata to inquire about jumping castle</p> <p>Carmel to contact the same restaurant from last year.</p>

<p><u>Vasile will join the Social committee and contribute in further events.</u></p> <p>ii. <u>Social Justice / Reaching out to others:</u></p> <p>The social justice group are continuing to have new members: well over 15 current members.</p> <p>On behalf of the Social Justice group they will like to thank the Parish community for the support from JRS - Following the “call out” for JRS David Hair and Fay Hair advised that they delivered 68 kgs of basmati rice to JRS at Westmead. JRS very thankful and so pleased to be making a specific connection with a parish. Fay also advised that 3 mobile phones had been donated.</p> <p>Over \$700 was raised to assist Feby Chan and her work with Eden School at Sabu.</p> <p><u>David hair will be the representative after the 1st May</u></p> <p>iii. <u>Liturgy:</u> Next meeting will be on the 7th May.</p> <p><u>Therese Pocey will be the representative after the 7th May</u></p> <p>iv. <u>Communications:</u> Up to date. Pixels on Church sign to be repaired.</p> <p><u>Vasile will help with the communication on Facebook.</u></p>	<p>Vasile to provide contact information to Therese Pocey: liturgy committee and upcoming meetings</p>
8. Other Business	
<p>Marcia will be resigning in the near future as she needs to pursue full time work.</p> <p>Pastoral Associate role has been given to Nicola</p>	-
<p>Meeting Closed at 8:48pm.</p>	-
<p>Next meeting: Tues 11th June 2019, 7.30 pm St Columba’s Parish Hall meeting room.</p>	-