



**Parish of St Columba and the Holy Souls, Leichhardt North**

**Pastoral Council**

**MINUTES of meeting on 2 August 2016 7:30 pm**

**Venue: Parish Meeting Room**

**Meeting opened: 7:35 pm**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action to Do</b>	<b>By/When</b>
1.	Opening Prayer – Read by Dorcey Rutter	Praying for our fellow parishioners	Each meeting
2.	Present: Amanda Sapienza (chair), Dorcey Rutter (secretary), Dan O'Brien, Adrian Overs, Carmen Reid, Marcia Droguett, Mark Breen, Susan Draysey, Margaret Perry  Apologies: Peter Smith, Frances Stewart, Therese Briggs, Renata Popovic-Tomac		
3.	Minutes from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to accept: Margaret Perry</li> <li>○ Motion seconded: Carmel Reid</li> <li>○ Motion carried</li> </ul> <p>Business arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Formation sessions</b> – A new date of 3 Sep has been put to the Pastoral Council. All being well with Father Paul Monkerud, this will be our new date. Failing this date, it looks as though it may have to take place later on in the year.</li> <li>● <b>Statue and garden for the church</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Place an ad in the bulletin in the hope that we can get a gardener to offer his or her services to the church</li> <li>○ Contact local nurseries to see if they can also offer their services</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Church sign</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will continue to be on-going until we</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Contact Father Paul regarding 3 Sep  Message in bulletin  Contact local nurseries	Peter Smith  Marcia Droguett  Dorcey Rutter

	<p>have made an affirmative decision on which sign is best for the church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Parish Website</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Although Adrian has worked hard in making the website more user friendly, he is going to look into making things more accessible i.e. sacrament dates, so that parishioners have a better understanding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Tab for sacrament dates</p>	<p>Adrian Overs</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>School report (including reconstruction) – (tabled by Frances Stewart)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The position of REC for St Columba's in 2017 is currently being advertised through Sydney Catholic Schools. In addition, an internal ad for acting REC until EOY has been distributed to staff. Both appointments will be made in the coming weeks</li> <li>● Day 1 of the cyclic begins this Thursday 4 August</li> <li>● A team of 5 senior colleagues from SCS will be at school over two days, speaking to parents, Peter and the Leadership Team on the improvements St Columba's have led over the previous 5 years</li> <li>● Day 2 is on Friday 12 August when recommendations for the next 3-5 years will be made</li> <li>● Year 3 students and 6 others from the parish are preparing to make their first Holy Communion on the weekend of 27 and 28 August</li> <li>● Parent workshops began last Wednesday afternoon and evening, with 2 teachers, Sue Draysey and one parent facilitating the groups</li> <li>● Students are now playing on the field with the grass now well established</li> <li>● Celebration of the feast of St Mary Mackillop will take place on Tuesday 9 August with a whole school mass</li> <li>● The last family mass for this year (Yr 5) will be held this Sunday 7 August</li> <li>● The P&amp;F have their major fundraiser on Saturday 20 August. The dinner dance will be held at Grappa Restaurant Norton Street Leichhardt. Church Parishioners are welcome to join</li> <li>● The Inner West Region will hold their annual Pastor, Principal, REC day 16 August. Sue Draysey will join, too. Dr Dan White will facilitate.</li> </ul>		
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>St Vincent de Paul report – (tabled by Mark Breen)</b></p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>During July 2016:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vinnie's members responded to nine calls for assistance</li> <li>○ 18 individuals were assisted during these calls, with \$530 worth of supermarket gift cards issued, as well as 5 food hampers delivered.</li> <li>○ Four new members have joined since June, and it looks as though there may be another 2.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Winter Warmer Hampers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nineteen "winter warmer hampers" were provided by St. Columba's Mini Vinnie's, which were delivered to families with small children in cold houses. Ten more packs will be delivered soon</li> <li>○ Vinnie's North Leichhardt say a big "Thank You" for all the efforts – this activity in the school will have a lasting effect on some of the children, raising their awareness of those in need.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Written report on file with Secretary</i></li> </ul>		
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Parish staff update –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Pastoral associate for Peter</li> </ul>	<p>Update</p>	<p>Peter Smith</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Parish sub-committee updates – Sub-committee representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liturgy Committee – Thursday 28 July</b></li> <li>• Debrief on Holy Week liturgies</li> <li>• Debrief on new collection times</li> <li>• Discussion of the liturgy at the Cathedral for the Mercy Pilgrimage</li> <li>• Discussion and plans for special liturgies, such as:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First Eucharist - 27/28 August: organisation of music</li> <li>○ Father's Day – 4 September: a father at each mass to speak about what being a father means to them</li> <li>○ Social Justice Sunday – 24/25 September: Peter will launch the Social Justice Statement, this year on Ageing, with a view to the parish doing things in that space throughout the year (role there for Pastoral Council?)</li> <li>○ Pets mass - 16 October: everyone brings their pets for blessing</li> <li>○ General ideas such as inviting someone from another faith to talk with us</li> <li>○ Some small changes to music ministry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<p>at 5pm and 10am regarding the sung mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposal to invite Marion Aged Care residents for a parish Friday morning mass: Steve Burke will speak to Marion about feasibility</li> </ul> <p><b>Next meeting: Thursday 22 September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Social Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christmas in July was held on Sunday 10 July at Tigers Five Dock on Barnstaple Road</li> <li>○ The Council thanks and congratulates Gail Herbert and those who assisted for organising and running such a wonderful social event</li> <li>○ There were 21 guests and by all reports a good time was had by all</li> <li>○ Ideally, the date for next year's event will be locked in earlier and it will be scheduled for outside the school holidays, probably, later in July, to enable more publicity and attendees</li> <li>○ Next cuppa gathering is the 27/28 August, which is the first Eucharist. Discussions were had as to whether this should still go ahead. Council were all in agreement that it should.</li> <li>○ Margaret suggested the commencement of a yearly planning calendar. The calendar can commence with what we know now and added to through PC planning or parish advice given to the PC. The PC added ideas for format such as a wall planner and/or an attachment at the end of meeting minutes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Reaching out to Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Susan Draysey has made a fantastic booklet on "How to host a Soul Food Dinner" for communities and churches.</li> <li>○ Sue met with Ravi from Soul Food, along with Pat O'Reilly (Principal at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College) regarding which skills can be learnt to help better the futures of the Soul Food staff</li> <li>○ Auburn walk - to be hosted by a refugee, so that the people attending can gain more knowledge on what it's like to be a refugee</li> <li>○ Maqsood Al-Kabir is setting up an NGO to help refugees stay in Australia. This</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Wall calendar ordered for the remaining of this year, and one for next</p>	<p>Dorcey Rutter</p>
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	<p>organisation will also help Australians to gain the experience of working in refugee camps, overseas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A refugee spoke at the table talk for year 5 and year 6. It went extremely well, and the children interacted wonderfully</li> </ul>		
8.	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Closure of piety stall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pastoral Council came up with a number of ideas for the use of the cupboards, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ John Jacobs CD's to be more prominent</li> <li>➤ Book swap</li> <li>➤ Displaying photos of our parish with frequent changes</li> <li>➤ Care box ideas</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Discuss with Peter Smith to see if he has any suggestions</p>	<p>Dorcey R Amanda S</p>

**Meeting closed: 8:46 pm**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6 September 7:30 pm  
 St Columba's Parish Meeting Room**