

Parish of St Columba and the Holy Souls, Leichhardt North

Pastoral Council

MINUTES of meeting on 4 October 2016 7:30 pm

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

Meeting opened: 7:33 pm

No	Item	Action to Do	By/When
1.	Formation Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes in the bulletin will be informing parishioners of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What they said in the Listening Assembly, what we've done in response, priorities going forward ○ Father James Mallon (author of best-selling book, Divine Renovation) will be holding an event, held on Thursday 17 November at Dooley's Catholic Club. 	Place message in bulletin	Dorcey Rutter
2.	Present: Amanda Sapienza (chair), Dorcey Rutter (secretary), Frances Stewart, Mark Breen, Carmel Reid, John Collins, Therese Briggs, Adrian Overs, Renata Popovic-Tomac Apologies: Father Peter, Margaret Perry, Susan Draysey, Dan O'Brien		
3.	Minutes from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to accept: Amanda Sapienza ○ Motion seconded: Carmel Reid ○ Motion carried Business arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statue and garden for the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact local nurseries to see if they can also offer their services ○ Renata has drawn up plans of the in preparation for the church garden 	Contact local nurseries	Dorcey Rutter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for reinstatement of the church sign was identified • Pilgrimage at St Mary's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A list has been placed at the back of the church to notify parishioners when this will take place. Amanda will be leading the walkers and Dorcey and Carmel will be leading those taking public transport. There will also be car pooling available, depending on numbers • Parish Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online forms were not being received. Error has now been rectified. 	<p>Report what is happening with the sign at the next meeting</p>	<p>Peter Smith</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>School report (including reconstruction) – (tabled by Frances Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Columba's School farewelled the lovely Catherine Funston last term. Catherine has taken up her appointment as AP at St Patricks Mortlake. Mrs Lee Clancy the Yr 6 teacher will step into Acting REC during Term 4. • A new REC has been appointed for 2017. Miss Sarah Gleeson is currently REC at Mary Immaculate Catholic School, Bossley Park, and is an outstanding appointment for St Columba's. Sarah is also a parishioner of St Columba's. Sarah will meet with the Leadership team later this term. • Mrs Lara Goble who works 3 days a week teaching Yr 1 will take maternity leave from Wednesday 19 October. Racheal Loughry, Lara's job share partner will teach the class until the end of next year. • Before school care will commence in term 4 • Decisions around staffing for 2017 will be made during this month. Frances Stewart (Principal) will advertise for a permanent teacher to replace Catherine Funston whilst waiting for 2017 staffing allocation from Sydney Catholic Schools • St Columba's is losing a number of students due to parents choosing to send them on to private school. Up to 7 from Yrs 2, 4 and 5 have confirmed their intention to leave. The schools challenge is to retain these students by providing a strong alternative to the "middle school" choices parents are making. • Kindergarten Orientations will be held on Thursday 27 October. We have 33 students enrolled for 2017. <p><i>Written report on file with Secretary</i></p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul report – (tabled by Mark</p>		

	<p>Breen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During August and September 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vinnie's members responded to 26 calls for assistance ○ 63 individuals were assisted during these calls, with \$1,590 worth of supermarket gift cards issued, as well as 16 food hampers delivered ○ Total approximate cost for goods provided during the month is \$2,900 • Financial Position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During the financial year to June 2016, funds totalling \$8,733 were received ○ Main components of funds were from appeals to parishioners (approx. \$5,300) ○ Donations to the poor box (approx. \$2,000) ○ Contributions from conference members during meetings (approx. \$900) ○ The financial year ended with a deficit of \$2,228 holding \$1,600 in supermarket cards. ○ The net deficit of \$568 is made up by contributions to Vinnie's from other sources and parishes. <p><i>Year to date figures show the conference in deficit to the tune of \$1,246. Against this we hold supermarket cards to the value of \$2,320.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Hampers: Christmas is approaching and we hope to once again seek the assistance of parishioners in preparing gifts for the less fortunate in our community. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Written report on file with Secretary</i></p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Parish staff update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council welcomes John Collins, Deacon-in-training, to our parish and to the Pastoral Council • Peter has employed a person who is going to help find the church a Pastoral Associate. Advertising started on 4 Oct and applications close on 25 Oct. • The PA will work on average 15 hrs. per week • Ideally the PA will start early December. 		
<p>7.</p>	<p>Parish sub-committee updates – Sub-committee</p>		

	<p>Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pets mass – 16 Oct ➤ Mass with Marion residents – 21 Oct ➤ Pilgrimage Liturgy – 23 Oct ➤ Recruitment and training of new alter servers – 30 Oct and 6 Nov ➤ Seniors Morning Tea – 17 Nov (Mick Manning has been booked for that and Christmas Eve) ➤ Next meeting will be Tuesday 15 November – Advent and Christmas liturgies will be discussed ➤ The Committee is conscious that they will be short of musicians over Christmas so they might put a call out to the parish for people to offer their talents • Social Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The proposed date for the parish Christmas get together is Saturday 10 December • Reaching Out to Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastoral Care Week (16-22 October) at Leichhardt Uniting Church, on 17 October at 10:00am ○ Mass and sausage sizzle with the community from David's place: Father Peter had mass a few weeks ago at at David's place and Sue Buckingham of the service said the people of David's place miss occasional visits to the parish. Peter has suggested they visit a 10am mass, followed by a sausage sizzle. This will take place on 13 November. 	<p>Confirm date with Fr Peter</p> <p>PC members to inform Dorcey if they are able to attend' by 11 October. Dorcey to respond on our behalf by 12 October</p> <p>Purchase food</p> <p>Cook the BBQ</p> <p>Bulletin note to be written</p>	<p>Therese Briggs</p> <p>Dorcey Rutter</p> <p>Marcia Drougett</p> <p>Adrian Overs</p> <p>Adrian Overs</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of piety stall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastoral Council came up with a number of ideas for the use of the cupboards, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Frances has suggested that we use the children's work for display. ➤ Council agreed that this was a 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ great idea John Jacobs CD's to be more prominent• Reintroduce RCIA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reintroducing RCIA, as this hasn't been in place since 2012. John Collins will be looking into this with Father Peter.		
9.	Closing prayer and reflection – Read by Amanda Sapienza		

Meeting closed: 9:25 pm

**Next meeting: Tuesday 1 November 7:30 pm
St Columba's Parish Meeting Room**