



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Pastoral Council MEETING MINUTES

Tues. 15th October, 7.30 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection	
Pastoral Council Prayer by Fr Peter.	No action required
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<u>Present:</u> Fr Peter, Adrian Overs, David Hair, Nicola Connors, Carmel Reid, Therese Pacey <u>Apologies:</u> Vasile Tiano, Bernard Ryan, Renata Popovic-Tomac, and Jennifer Cheal	No action required
3. Minutes of the previous meeting moved	
Moved by: Therese Second by: David	No action required
4. Business arising from previous meetings	
<u>Church Podcast update:</u> Adrian provided a list of potential suppliers to host the church podcast. These were relatively inexpensive ranging from no charge to around \$10 per month. People could download the podcast from wherever they normally access them and we could have a link from the Parish website. <u>Church Organ update:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update available. Suggest that we wait for Joy's input when she returns from holiday. 	Adrian to discuss with Jennifer.
5. Social Justice Diary Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SJ Committee are organising a speaker from JRS to thank the parishioners of St. Columba's for their support. Considering a date at end November or early December. World Day of the Poor is being held on 17th November. A Street Feast will be held at St. Mary's courtyard on Friday 15th November. Parramatta will recognise this day on 20th November. David noted that one quarter of the weekly Parish bulletin was dedicated to Social Justice matters and asked if people felt this was too much. Members indicated they felt the information provided was interesting and that links and articles are great. Fr Peter added that he 	

<p>thought the section reflected Parish values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Archdiocese SJG will meet next Saturday. 	
6. Parish Event in 2020: Focus on Indigenous issues	
This item was held over to next Social Justice meeting and a report will be provided to the next Parish council meeting.	David
7. School report:	
<p>Table by Bernard Ryan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Orientation for 2020 is being held on Friday 1 November. St. Columba's is part of the Sydney Catholic Schools Future Schooling in the Five Dock Area Network. The aim of the network is to ascertain and respond to the educational needs of parishes, communities and families in the Five Dock area in the future. Link for further information provided in report. The St. Columba's P&F Dinner Dance is being held on Friday 25 October at La Montage. Parishioners welcome. 	Nicola to ask Marcia to include in Parish Bulletin
8. Parish sub-committee updates:	
<p>i. Social Committee:</p> <p>Parish Christmas party set for Saturday, 14 December after 5pm mass. The caterer has been contacted and a deposit paid. It was suggested that special invites go to those who have</p> <p>A sausage sizzle is arranged for after the Pet's mass on Sunday, 20th October.</p> <p>ii. Social Justice / Reaching out to others:</p> <p>As discussed in item 5</p> <p>iii. Liturgy:</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>iv. Communications:</p> <p>The Diocese is upgrading the website platform technology. They will provide new templates and training as necessary.</p>	<p>Carmel</p> <p>David</p> <p>Carmel / Adrian</p> <p>Adrian</p>
9. New items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers on the Parish Council are an issue but it was felt the focus of the Liturgy Committee was sufficiently different that combining groups was not appropriate. Fr Peter advised of a previous Parish Council member, Dorcy, is returning and may be interested in re-joining the Committee. Pet's and Family mass this Sunday with special Liturgy prepared by the school (courtesy of Nicola). Students will participate and a number of alumni are to attend. PA system is arranged as is the BBQ. Blinds have been erected in the hall, near the stained glass. Replacement of the MYOB system in the Parish office have caused 	

<p>some issues. Marcia has this under control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial returns are to be undertaken by the Archdiocese instead of volunteers. This is in hand. • Visitation by Bishop Brady is scheduled for Friday 22nd November. No details of what will take place has yet been forthcoming. • Due to upcoming retirements all positions will be declared vacant at the next Parish Council meeting. People can then nominate for positions and a vote will take place. • Fr Peter will be away from 2 to 6 November and 14 to 20 November 	<p>Fr Peter to find out more & if the Bishop wants to celebrate Mass.</p>
<p>Meeting closed: 8.10pm.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: Tues 26th November 2019, 7.30 pm St Columba's Parish Hall meeting room.</p>	