



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Council
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 24th November 2020
Meeting at St Columba's Parish Hall.

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection:	
Renata Popovic-Tomac declared the meeting open at 7.34pm. Opening prayer by Fr. Peter.	No action required
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<u>Present:</u> Vasile Tiano, Therese Pacey, Bernard Ryan, Fr. Peter, Renata Popovic-Tomac, Jennifer Cheal, Adrian Overs, Tiano Mian & Nicola Connors <u>Apologies:</u> David Hair	No action required.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:	
Moved by: Renata Popovic-Tomac Seconded by: Tino Mian	No action required.
4. Business arising from previous meeting:	
i) Electronic payment systems	
'Tap n go' is installed in the church - - \$20.00 per tap. Fr Peter noted that the 'tap n go' is set at \$20, with \$10 going to each of the 2 collections.	No action required.
5. Proposed Dates for 2021 meetings:	
Proposed dates for 2021 are: 2nd February; 16th March; 27th April; 8th June; 20th July; 31st August; 12th October; 23rd November Proposed dates have been accepted.	Vasile Tiano to email dates.
6. School report moved by: Vasile Tiano Seconded by Renata Popovic-Tomac	
Table by Mr. Bernard Ryan.	No action required

- At the end of 2020 we will be farewelling 3 current staff members, Miss Logan, Mr Curley and Mrs Loughry, and 1 staff member who has been on LWOP for 2020, Mrs Clancy.
- In 2021 we will be welcoming Miss Sarina Testa, Mr Ben Schubert, Miss Julie Naughton and Mr Graeme Trewin to St. Columba's. Miss Testa will be a Coordinator 3, Instructional Specialist and member of the school leadership team. This is a newly created position in Sydney Catholic Schools.
- Kindergarten Orientation successfully took place on Tuesday 17 November. The children spent two hours in the classroom. Parents were not allowed onsite. A parent Zoom meeting was held in the evening.
- Our End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation are being held on Friday 11 December, from 9.15am in the morning. These will be COVID safe events following current guidelines.
- Our students participating in the Pope Francis Award program have raised both awareness and food for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Thank you Miss Connors for the brilliant work with these students!
- This Christmas we are supporting both the Gift of Goodness and the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Our Pope Francis Awards students recorded a promotional video for the Gift of Goodness with Bishop Terry Brady. To view, click here.
- A special thank you to Fr Peter and Nicola Connors for the great work in preparing and running the sacramental programs for 2020 in very unique circumstances.
- On behalf of the school I would like to thank Fr. Peter, Nicola, Marica, and the entire parish for the support of the school throughout 2020. We pray that 2021 will see a successful COVID vaccine and the return to a new normal that echoes the past, but also incorporates the learnings and successes of 2020.

I wish all on the council a very holy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Kind regards,

Bernard Ryan

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7. Parish sub-committee updates:

i. Social Committee:

Nothing happening at this current moment. No report from Tino

ii. Social Justice Group / Reaching out to others:

1. The column in the Mass Bulletin continues.

No action required

<p>2. Collection of grocery items for Jesuit Refugee Service continues. We're also inviting parishioners to donate \$20 or \$50 gift vouchers to enable families to buy Christmas presents.</p> <p>3. About 200 ready to see face mask kits have been prepared so far. 100 have been distributed to primary school families via Desiree Leone. We have received about 50 completed masks from the after school centre. We hope to distribute the masks to JRS before Christmas. There will be another session in the parish hall this Sunday.</p> <p>iii. Liturgy:</p> <p>Nothing.</p> <p>iv. Communications:</p> <p>Last First Holy Communion mass will be this weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly cost of the Podcast subscription cost will be \$9.00 per month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss for next year and possible to fundraise. <p><u>Social Media</u></p> <p>No updates at the moment.</p> <p><u>Social media – for next year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure, message, and possible to set up a team/examples used for ideas. • Connecting areas, the Parish do well, Parish message, and our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eg. Stained glassed windows in our Parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'What's the meaning' series? 	
8. New Items:	
<p><u>Fr. Peter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carved timber statues of St Mary Mackillop & St Columba located in the niche on the left side of the church and the Traditional Mary and Jesus statues at the front of the church. • Nicola's suggestion for a story/information about Mary Mackillop and St Columba's be displayed in the niche. Also, we discussed making it a special prayer area. • Discuss this for next Year. 	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.25pm Next meeting: 2021 – 2nd February.</p>	