

Parish Council MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 27 April 2021 7.30 pm

Meeting at St Columba’s Parish Hall.

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| **ITEM** | **ACTION** |
| **1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection:** |  |
| Opening prayer by Fr. Peter | No action required |
| **2. Attendance / Apologies:** |  |
|  Present: Renata Popovic-Tomac, Therese Pacey, David Hair, Bernard Ryan, Fr. Peter, Nicola Connors, Ann Coffey, Adrian Overs, Jennifer Cheal, Tiano Mian (Phone) Apologies:  | No action required. |
| **3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:** |  |
| **Moved by:** David Hair**Seconded by:** Renata Popic-Tomac | No action required. |
| 1. **Business arising from previous meeting:**
	1. Social Media
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| * Meet with Felicity and Tino next week to discuss social media options including the Parish Website.
* Develop a proposal of different options with possible costs and recommendations on ‘best bang for buck’.
* Query if budget can be allocated ($200) to facilitate different forums.
* Areas of focus:
	+ Engage the youth
	+ Current parishioners
	+ Those on the fringe
* Website changes have been affected. Need to keep the site fresh even static pages.
 | Jennifer  |
| **4. Business arising from previous meeting:*** 1. Diocese pastoral planning
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| * No update.
* Parish development plan. Develop and fundraising office – means to increase collections.
 | Fr. Peter |
| 1. **Easter Service**
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| Was a great success. Thanks to all involved.  |  |
| **6. School report**  |  |
| **Delivered by Mr. Bernard Ryan.*** New acting REC, Mrs. Angela Tierney, appointed replacing Mrs. Smith.
* Upcoming Open Day will be run in a Covid Friendly way.
* St Vincent’s fundraiser is scheduled.
* Upcoming Feast day of Our Lady Help of Christian’s will see Year 6 Students attend Mass at St Mary’s.
* To celebrate Mother’s Day a breakfast followed by liturgy will be held for Mothers and Grandmothers on 7 May.
* School is working with Social Committee to raise funds for Timor Leste.
* Recent staff retreat focusing on ‘Teachers reconnecting their role with their soul’ was held. Deemed a good day.
* Students have initiated a program to support the JRS as part of the Pope Francis Award. They are running a raffle to raise funds for project compassion.
 | No action required  |
| **7. Parish sub-committee updates**  |  |
| 1. **Social Committee** It is a good time to have function after Mass to engage with the parishioners. Sausage sizzle with the Parish supplying the produce and a donation for each sandwich/roll. Set for 6 June to celebrate St. Columba’s feast day (8 June).Tea/Coffee after Saturday and 8am Sunday Mass

We need to consider what we can do to celebrate Christmas. Prayer time / reflection as was held for Easter might be an option.1. **Social Justice**
* Considering a Dinner dance to raise funds for Timor Leste.
* Continuing to support JRS especially grocery during LENT. Letter of thanks was sent to the parish.
1. **Liturgy - Nil**
2. **Communications**Tracking well. Marcia has everything running smoothly. Nothing further to add.
3. **Social Media** – Nothing further to add from above
 | TinoDavidJenniferJennifer  |

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| **8. New Items**  |  |
| * Welcome to Ann Coffey who has joined the Parish Council.
* After Easter a campaign we should consider inviting new members to join the Parish Council. Perhaps someone could speak at Mass. A personal approach is more effective to engage new members.
* With Covid restrictions winding back no more seat cleaning required.
* National Conference of Bishops has requested a head count for all masses during May. In the third week note of gender (m/f) is required and age range in the fourth week.
* No census has been held in the church for a long time and now may be an appropriate time to complete one. Need to consider how best to undertake this.
* **Sacramental program**. Reconciliation completed last term and feedback was positive. Preparation for confirmation is about to commence in a similar manner. Using Zoom fostered a good sense of community across students who go to different schools. It was queried why we need to maintain Zoom as there is a relaxation of rules.
* A concern regarding the letter drafted by the Social Justice Committee supporting the ‘Uluru Statement from the Heart’ was raised. A discussion around several concerns followed. It was agreed that correspondence of this nature should come in earlier so members can review and discuss.
 | Fr. PeterNicolaAdrian / All |

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| **Next meeting**: 8 July 2021 |  |