

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 |  |
| * 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 |  |
| * No update. * Parish development plan. Develop and fundraising office – means to increase collections. | Fr. Peter |
| 1. **Easter Service** |  |
| 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 | Tino  David  Jennifer  Jennifer |

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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. Peter  Nicola  Adrian / All |

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