



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tues 6 February 2018, 7.30 pm

St Columba's meeting room
Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Item	Action
1. Opening prayer – Fr Peter	-
2. Attendance / apologies <u>Present</u> Mark Breen, Dan O'Brien, Adrian Overs, Carmel Reid, Chantal Nguyen, Bernard Ryan, Vasile Tiano <u>Apologies</u> Renata Popovic-Tomac	-
3. Business arising from previous meetings Pastoral associate and youth minister recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Council discussed whether the school is able to coordinate the first reconciliation and first communion programs, possibly assisted by volunteer support from the Parish, or volunteer parents from the school.Further in the year, following the sacramental programs, Council and the school to discuss consulting with confirmands and their parents about potential youth ministry. Cooling options for the hall	Bernard to discuss with school staff the school's level of involvement in sacramental programs, and then discuss with Fr Peter.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renata to lead discussion on this at the next Council meeting. <p>Minutes of last meeting accepted Moved by: Vasile Seconded by: Carmel</p>	
<p>4. Carpark bollards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish has approached Leichhardt Council about putting two disabled car parks on either side of the main drive into the Church. • Safety in the carpark continues to be a serious concern, following recent incidents. • Council discussed electric bollards that can be raised and lowered across the entrance to the carpark – this would also meet the concerns raised by parents. The expense should be noted (approx. \$20k for a set of bollards). • In the meantime, a notice will be put in the bulletin that the car park should not be used. 	<p>Bernard to check if the school has a preferred supplier, and then discuss with Fr Peter.</p> <p>Renata to email Fr Peter and Bernard if she has any ideas/preferences.</p> <p>Fr Peter to discuss cost with finance committee meeting, and draft the notice for the bulletin.</p>
<p>5. Parish 120th anniversary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parish 120th anniversary is on 14 February. • Council agreed this should be celebrated on 9 June (Feast of St Columba) with a BBQ after Mass. This event would also double as the Term 2 Family Mass. • [Council was later informed this is a public holiday weekend – the date will likely be the weekend of 2 or 16 June – TBA.] 	<p>Carmel and Adrian to discuss organisation of the BBQ.</p> <p>Bernard to raise at the next P&F meeting on Friday.</p>
<p>6. David’s Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Mass and lunch with David’s Place to occur on 6 May. 	<p>Carmel and Adrian to discuss organisation of the lunch.</p>
<p>7. School report – tabled by Bernard</p> <p>Moved by: Vasile Seconded by: Carmel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School resumed for students in Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday 30 January. Our new Kindergarten students began on Wednesday 31 January. We have welcomed 34 new students in Kindergarten and new children were also enrolled in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6. We currently have 175 children enrolled at St. Columba’s. • Mrs Debra Galofaro (Assistant Principal) and Ms Nicola Connors (Family Educator) have been welcomed warmly into our community. • Our Opening School Mass will be held on Wednesday 7th February at 9.15am. 	

- A Welcome Disco for all children will be held on Friday 23 February in the Hall.
- Catholic Schools Week runs from 5 - 11 March. Our school 'Open Day' is on Thursday 8 March from 9.00am till 11.00am and also 3.30pm to 5.30pm. We will again be looking to gain a strong enrolment for our Kindergarten class in 2018, and also looking to increase enrolments throughout our classes from Years 1 to 6.
- Our first Family Mass for the year will be held on Saturday 10 March at the 5.00pm Parish Mass. This will be at the end of Catholic Schools Week.

8. St Vincent de Paul report – tabled by Mark Breen

Moved by: Chantal | Seconded by: Dan

Christmas Appeal

The 2017 Christmas Appeal resulted in the donation of \$4,057 being received from parishioners.

Christmas Hampers

46 Christmas Hampers were prepared and delivered in December. The goods provided included 50 boxes of food, 90 movie tickets and \$1,620 in supermarket vouchers from Vinnies resources and an estimated \$2,700 in festive goodies and gifts supplied by our parishioners.

Clients assisted

During the months of December & January Vinnies conference members attended to 10 calls for assistance. There were 19 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered 10 food hampers and issued \$630 worth of supermarket food cards. Total approximate cost for goods provided during the period is \$1150.

Financial Position

Currently – 31 December - we are showing a surplus of \$2239. A significant percentage of the proceeds of the Christmas Appeal does not as yet appear in this figure. However, the real extent of expenditure from Vinnies on local clients is not reflected here. Most of our clients also receive assistance directly from the regional office at Rozelle. For instance, individuals may seek assistance with payment of utilities bills. We refer these requests to Rozelle and funding comes from another Vinnies area. Similar situations can arise with clothing and some furniture supplies. The apparent “surplus” goes towards supporting, but does not meet, these needs. Accordingly the donations by our parishioners are all spent in our local area.

9. Parish sub-committee updates

Social Committee

Christmas party was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Turnout was a pleasing 60-70 people.

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Reaching out to others

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Adrian to speak to ROTO about having a member on the Council.

<p><u>Liturgy</u> Vasile to take on the Liturgy role.</p>	<p>Vasile to contact Amanda about what is involved in the role.</p>
<p><u>Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcia has been trained how to remotely control the sign. • The Parish bulletin will now be integrated into the School's e-bulletin. 	<p>--</p>
<p>10. Storage at the hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a shortage of storage space at the hall. Council discussed alternatives, including building a storage space at the back of the hall, or enclosing the area behind the hall. 	<p>Fr Peter to inspect the site and see what is possible – if appropriate, he will raise with the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Renata to let Fr Peter and the Council know if she has any ideas.</p>
<p>11. Property next to the Presbytery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property next to the Presbytery is now a deceased estate. Council discussed whether they would support the Parish purchasing the property for future use by the Parish, should it come up for sale. 	<p>Fr Peter to raise the matter with the Finance Committee, and indicate that the Council supports the idea.</p>
<p>12. Closing prayer Carmel</p>	

Meeting closed: 9:05 pm

Next meeting: Tues 20 Mar 2018, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room