



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

**Pastoral Council
MEETING MINUTES**

Tues. 11th June, 7.30 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection	
Opening prayer by Fr. Peter.	
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<p><u>Present:</u> Fr Peter, Nicola Connors., Arian Overs, Carmel Reid, Renata Popovic-Tomac, David Hair, Therese Pocey, Christian Gomez, Jennifer Cheal. <u>Apologies:</u> Vasile Tiano, Bernard Ryan, Dan Obrien.</p>	
3. Business arising from previous meetings	
<p><u>Church Doors & painting :</u> - Door hardware is mostly complete with a few smaller items to attend to. - Painter has been appointed to complete painting & staining of all external doors. - Renata to liaise with contractors.</p> <p><u>Church Sign :</u> - LED Sign pixel fault follow up. Peter of Octopus Signs has confirmed that he is waiting on a replacement part. Marcia to follow up with reminder.</p> <p><u>Special Liturgy :</u> - Previous suggestion could be in the form of a Healing Mass [For victims & perpetrators of clerical abuse] - Noted – recognition of harm – pray for the victims – protection of children in our care.</p> <p><u>Church Child protection liaison representative appointment:</u> - Jennifer Cheal has been appointed the representative for the St Columbas:. - Duties include: Item checklist for the following: - To monitor & ensure all forms have been submitted. - Checking for Working with Childrens check. - Compliance with Duty of Care.</p>	<p>Renata</p> <p>Marcia/Renata</p> <p>Adrian & Vasile</p>

4. Parish Hall folding tables:	
- David Hair noted approx.. 6 tables are required. Marcia to place the order.	Marcia
4. Social Justice Report	
<p>David Hair reported on the Refugee challenge. \$1,000 raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sat. 15 June Jesuit Refugee service Picnic at Parramatta Park. - Drinks are to be provided [\$200] , Carmel noted to use drinks left over from St Columba's Feast BBQ. -Humanitarian Speakers to speak at mass on Sat 29th & Sun. 30th June. - Speakers at each mas to be confirmed. To be given a \$50voucher. - Shohat Tursun, Plays instrument. - To be coordinated with School sleepover 8am morning tea with BBQ sausages & eggs. - Nicola to make a poster of info. - Father Peter requested to have music at the end of 10am mass. - Afghan Womens craft store to be finalised & info to be given to Nicola. - Acknowledgment: Community support is appointed by case workers & refugees know they are being helped. <p>JRS Donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toiletries are currently being collected. - Will accept any goods. - Faye and Tanya Percedi have delivered donated goods [toothbrushes & goods] - JRS is located in Westmead currently using Marist Brothers premises. 	<p>Vasile</p> <p>Nicola</p>
5. School report: [Moved by Carmel, seconded by Renata & Therese]	
<p>Table by Bernard Ryan.</p> <p>Years 3 and 5 students sat NAPLAN 2019 from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 students will sit the annual Year 6 Religious Education Test tomorrow, Wednesday 12 June. ● On Friday 24 May 8 of Year 6 students attended Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Anthony Fisher to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. ● We are in the middle of interviewing the families who have applied to enrol in Kindergarten in 2020. Again, there has been a strong demand for the 32 places available in Kindergarten. ● As a part of exploring the issue of homelessness in Australia, on Saturday 29 June the school is hosting a winter sleepout for students and parents. Guest speakers will be talking to the families, a simple dinner will be shared, and children and parents will sleepover at school in the classrooms. A special thank you to our Family Educator, Nicola Connors, for her leadership with this initiative. 	Bernard Ryan
6. St Vincent de Paul report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our St Vincent dePaul has partnered with Annandale. It is probable that we will not be having a report for Council. - Suggestion- We would still encourage a report for a quarterly update. 	

7. Parish sub-committee updates:	
<p>i. <u>Social Committee:</u> Christmas in July to be on Sunday 14th July \$40 adults \$10 children. - Venue, Carmen's at Barnwell Golf Course Canada Bay. - To be placed in the Bulletin. - Those in need will be accommodated by the Church.</p> <p>ii. <u>Social Justice / Reaching out to others:</u> Nil to report.</p> <p>iii. <u>Liturgy:</u> Nil to report. Therese Pocey to provide updates.</p> <p>iv. <u>Communications:</u> - Adrian noted webpage is up to date and requested any suggestions. - Fr Peter suggested Website to note different sacraments. - Liturgy for weddings & Funerals to be placed onto the website. - Fr Peter to check and send. - Jennifer Cheal's husband has requested if a podcast of Fr Peter's homilies can be made. Fr Peter agreed. - Bernard Ryan to add new parish members to his email list when sending the school report through.</p>	<p>Marcia newsletter inclusion.</p>
7. New items:	
<p>Thank you: Fr Peter noted a special Thank you to Nicola and Carmel for their efforts and work.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: 8.30pm.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: Tues 22nd July 2018, 7.30 pm St Columba's Parish Hall meeting room.</p>	