

<p>Peter will be asking the parish's groundskeeper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to do some planting • about safe barriers to stop the mulch from travelling 	<p>groundskeeper</p>
<p>Leichhardt Festa stand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of Festa is 29 October • John has submitted an application for a powered site and the insurance requirements. Council is yet to respond. • Cost \$260 (yet to be paid). • John Jacobs is happy to play live music at the stall if Council allows. • Any electrical items we bring must be tagged and tested. 	<p>John to arrange payment when necessary and seek Council approval for John Jacobs to play live music at the stall</p> <p>Mark to send Marcia details of contractors who can test and tag the necessary electrical equipment</p>
<p>Parish youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisa Cort, a youth minister at St Mary's Cathedral College, has contacted us to enquire about the availability of youth activities for St Mary's boys (some of whom live in the Inner West and Leichhardt). • Louisa's role is to provide opportunities for faith formation and create connections between school students and local parishes. She is looking for a youth ministry outside of school that she can connect these students to if/when they express interest. • She found on the CYS website that St Columba's is running a youth group once a month. She asks if that is still the case, the nature of the youth group, what it does, the age make-up and how many people attend. She wants to know more about the St Columba's youth group to see if it would be suitable and if we could work together to "encourage the young men to pursue their faith lives outside of school". • Chantal responded saying that the Parish is currently revising its approach to youth. Will meet Louisa on Friday to discuss. • See further the Reaching Out to Others report below, regarding the 2011/2012 reunion – some St Mary's boys will be coming to that. • Sue has the names of youth leaders in the relevant high schools – Chantal will begin the conversations with the youth leaders by meeting with Louisa. • Chantal has received no response yet to her call for youth input (this was expected). 	<p>Chantal to meet with Louisa Cort to obtain information about working with youth</p>

<p>Parish 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John received an email from the Vicar-General providing information about response rates to the Parish 2020 survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ St Columba's was the highest responder (raw numbers, not pro rated) in the Concord Deanery, highest responder in the Northern Region and 12th highest responder in the whole Archdiocese, out of 136 responding parishes. • They are still collating and analysing responses from the survey. • Deanery reports and individual parish survey results will be distributed over the next few weeks. • Parish priests and 2020 coordinators are asked to attend a regional gathering, which will be held in early July, to engage in preliminary conversation and reflection on specific themes emerging from the survey feedback and to seek input for the focus group consultation that will take place between July-December. Details of the gathering have not yet been provided. 	
<p>4. First aid opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue has spoken with a school parent who is an accredited first aid training provider. 2 options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The full 6-hour accredited first aid course ○ A shorter course of basic information, not accredited, \$20 per participant • Council decided to pursue the shorter course option, in conjunction with the CARE program (see ROTO report below) • The parish will contribute toward the cost of the first aid training 	<p>Sue to progress unaccredited first aid training for the CARE volunteers</p>
<p>5. Open mic night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent events, such as the School Fair, have shone light on much adult talent in the parish community • Sue suggested a social open mic night in the hall, perhaps following the term 3 Family Mass 	<p>Sue to follow up possibility of after Family Mass event with Bernard</p>
<p>6. Parish mission and vision Council agreed that now is a good time for the Council to revisit and articulate its vision and mission, particularly in the context of how Laureen's and John's roles can be best utilised to achieve our mission</p>	<p>Chantal to clear the agenda of the July meeting to allow for this discussion</p>
<p>7. School report – Motion to table: Laureen Dixon; Seconded: Carmel Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was announced to the school community yesterday that Mrs. Alicia McMahan will be 	

resigning from her position of Assistant Principal at the completion of the 2017 school year. Alicia and her family are moving to Tasmania. This news was delivered with mixed emotions to the community as Alicia is an accomplished educator and leader who is in held in high regard by all, however it is an exciting time for her family as they begin a new chapter in their life. Sydney Catholic Schools and Fr. Peter will conduct a recruitment process to appoint a new Assistant Principal for 2018 and onwards.

- The Feast of St. Columba was celebrated today, instead of June 9, due to a congested school calendar. During the Mass Dr Dan White: Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools presented the school with a certificate of acknowledgment, affirming the School's commitment to the Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools.
- Our Family Mass on Saturday 20 May was a success with many families attending. Coming from this Mass we have started a Music Ministry Group at school, with children learning hymns to play at school, and hopefully in the future, Parish Masses.
- Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the annual NAPLAN tests from 9th to 11th May.
- A lovely Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy was held on Friday 12 May, and was well attended, and the Nelson family provided morning tea after the 10am Mass on Mother's Day.
- Confirmation preparation is well underway. A Confirmation Reflection Day will be held on Friday 9 at school for all students who are preparing to receive this Sacrament. Again, thanks go to Sr Laureen, Miss Sarah Gleeson and Sue Draysey for the work they do in preparing both the students and the parents.

8. St Vincent de Paul report – Motion to table: Amanda Sapienza; Seconded: Renata Popovic-Tomac

Clients assisted

During the month of May Vinnies conference members attended to just 3 calls for assistance.

There were 6 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered three food hampers and issued \$240 worth of supermarket food cards.

Total approximate cost for goods provided during the month is \$640.

Overall it is pleasing to see the drop in calls. It suggests that for the most part the philosophy of giving "a hand up" rather than a hand out may be having some effect. Of the three visits this month one was a new client moving to housing after being homeless, a previous client who has recently had family in need come to stay with him thereby exhausting his resources and a previous client whose electricity bill had taken a toll of funds available to feed her hungry, autistic teenage boy.

Financial Position

As at the end of April figures show the Conference in deficit in the amount of \$2361. This is more than offset by our holdings of supermarket gift cards of over \$3000.

7. Parish sub-committee updates

Social:

Christmas in July:

- Date: Sunday 30th July (same date as Vinnies lunch,

Carmel to arrange for poster and bulletin notice advertising

<p>but this does not involve many parishioners)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Barnwell Park Golf Club (Name of restaurant is Carmen's on the Park) • Price: \$35/head for 2 courses, lucky door prize, everyone buys their own drinks, possible \$10/head for children • Advertising: Carmel is arranging for a notice in the bulletin and on the noticeboard <p>Monthly after Mass cuppas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The July event is to be brought forward to the weekend of 22/23 July to accommodate the Vinnies lunch in the hall and Christmas in July 	<p>the Christmas in July event</p> <p>Carmel and Renata to note/inform Gail and Marcia of change of July date</p>
<p><u>Reaching out to others:</u> The ROTO committee met last night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/2012 St Columba's reunion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is planning a reunion for the St Columba's classes of 2011 and 2012 (currently year 12 and year 11 students) ○ Notre Dame students will be invited to talk to the students about life after high school, transition to university etc • CARE program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ lots of volunteers for carers, though no names on the register of people needing care (this was expected). ○ Current carers are going to mentor new carers ○ Committee will put together a carers' initiation morning that will involve basic first aid training (see above), mentoring, logistics of the program such as checking registers etc ○ Sue will discuss with Chantal the possibilities of using private messaging on Facebook to register for caring, to unify the school and church response to the program • Pub trivia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Committee will be attending the pub trivia at PJ's Leichhardt on Monday 19 June, all welcome • David's Place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possibility of doing the Mass and morning tea with them every 6 months ○ Elizabeth on the ROTO Committee will explore that with Fr Peter • 'In their Footsteps': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday 21 June 9am 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historical walk around Leichhardt with local historian and ex-St Columba's student Patrick Callahan, to explore Catholic heritage of the area ○ All adult parishioners welcome ● Callan Park Refugee Welcome Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee wondering if scope yet for parishioners to be involved ○ Peter will be interviewing on Thursday for a staff member there; will report back when opportunities arise 	
<p><u>Liturgy</u> Committee is making arrangements to meet in the near future</p>	
<p><u>Communications</u> Facebook page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-person response to Chantal's facebook plug was very positive ● Page now has 40 likes and 45 follows, with generally an increase in numbers every week ● Chantal has posted parish events and music videos sent to us on FB by John Jacobs – great for boosting community and information-sharing ● Marcia has kindly agreed to take on the role of FB posting so it is an accurate reflection of bulletin information <p>Mobile phone app?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FB plug generated enquiries about whether the Parish has an app, similar to the school's app. ● Sue said that the school's app was not an app, as such, but a platform for receiving information. ● Amanda has also received suggestions that the parish should have an app – it may assist ministers to remember when they have been rostered on. ● Further discussion to be had at August meeting 	<p>Chantal to hand over FB to Marcia</p> <p>Chantal to put possibility of parish app on agenda for August meeting</p>
<p>8. Other business The Archbishop has appointed Peter to the Archdiocesan Anti-Slavery Taskforce</p>	

Meeting closed: 9:15pm

Next meeting: Tues 4 Jul 2017, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room