



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Pastoral Council MEETING MINUTES

Tues. 23rd July, 7.32 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection	
Opening prayer by Fr. Peter.	No action required
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<u>Present:</u> Fr Peter, Vasile Tiano, Adrian Overs, Renata Popovic-Tomac, David Hair, Therese Pacey, Jennifer Cheal. <u>Apologies:</u> Dan O'Brien, Nicola Connors, Carmel Reid and Christian Gomez	No action required
3. Minutes of the previous meeting moved	
Moved by: Jennifer Second by: Renata	No action required
4. Business arising from previous meetings	
<u>Parish Hall folding tables:</u> David Hair noted approx. 6 tables are required. Marcia will order new chairs for the Parish Hall. <u>Church Door Painting:</u> - The church door hardware is mostly complete. Renata to follow up remaining item: Install of surface bolt to external door in the church. Painting of all external doors is complete.	Marcia to order new chairs Renata to follow up with the progress
5. Church Organ	
Adrian raised the suggestion to have a possible church organ. The parish, currently, has a fixed electronic keyboard. This keyboard is playable but old. The advantage in investing in a new keyboard or portable electric organ. Research is needed and Vasile to speak with Joy who has played the current keyboard recently.	Vasile to speak to Joy and provide research material on current organs, sellers, and costs.
6. Church Podcast	
Homily to be said by Fr. Peter and accessible via Podcasting. Audio podcasting – Gospel to be read first then Homily.	Jennifer to contact Clare Communications.

<p>What is Podcasting: Podcasts are usually original audio shows on a variety of topics. Listeners can enjoy them any time, any place. For example, listen on the go, while commuting, or at home prepping dinner.</p> <p>Jennifer has researched how to podcast. Program to record: Zencastr & Audacity. Zencastr is designed to make it easier to record audio for interviewees based anywhere in the world. Audacity is a free and open-source digital audio editor and recording application software, available for Windows, macOS/OS X and Unix-like operating systems.</p> <p>Another option is also Goldwave which is a highly rated, professional digital audio editor, and converter. It is fully loaded to do everything from the simplest recording and editing to the most sophisticated audio processing, restoration, enhancements, and conversions. Vasile has used this program in the past. GarageBand is another well-known program.</p> <p>Programs/Websites to store audio: Soundcloud. SoundCloud is an online audio distribution platform and music sharing website based in Berlin, Germany that enables its users to upload, promote, and share audio.</p> <p>We want the homily and the podcast to be available and accessible on iTunes podcast and the website.</p> <p>Questions raised: <u>Where to put it on the website?</u> – create a page for information i.e. publications or news and events. <u>What device to use to record?</u> <u>How to record on the go?</u> Possible for Fr. Peter in the future to have special guests, public figures, or organisation. Jennifer and Adrian will come up with a possible solution.</p> <p>Or</p> <p><u>What media device or system can be used to record audio from the current audio system in the church? How to start or stop the device? How to gather that information?</u> Jennifer to speak to contact Clare Communications for possible solution.</p> <p>Agreed artwork for podcast: St Columba’s current crest Music intro for podcast: John Jacobs or Vasile Tiano to create a possible something 15-30secs. To discuss further at next meeting.</p>	<p>Jennifer and Adrian to discuss how to implement a ‘podcast’ tab/navigation on parish webpage.</p> <p>Jennifer to discuss further findings and update the council at the next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Social Justice Diary Update</p>	
<p>Next highlighted period - September. Social Justice committee will need to discuss further at the next Social Justice committee meeting.</p>	<p>David</p>
<p>8. School report: [Moved by Renata, seconded by Vasile]</p>	
<p>Table by Bernard Ryan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A very successful Winter Sleepout was held on Saturday 29 June. Dr Anthony Cleary, Director of Religious Education and Evangelisation from Sydney Catholic Schools spoke to the families about his experience of the CEO Winter Sleepout. Representatives from Vinnies also presented, and the children and families made care packs on the night. A special thank you goes to Nicola Connors, our Family Educator, and the Parish Social Justice Group for their work together in bringing this event to fruition. ● On Friday 16 August, as a part of a staff development day, the staff are visiting the Refugee Welcome Centre at Callan Park to socialise and have lunch with the people who attend. A special thanks to Fay Hair and her work in helping organise this event with the school. ● On Friday 28 June our Stage 3 students participated in a Leadership Retreat at 	<p>Bernard Ryan</p>

<p>the St. Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A very successful Art Show displaying artwork from every student was held on Thursday 27 June in the Shared Space. ● We are looking forward to a great Term 3. Some highlights will be Book Week, First Communion, Fathers' Day Breakfast, Public Speaking competition and a Talent Showcase. 	
9. Vinnie's Report to the Parish	
Our St Vincent de Paul has partnered with Annandale. Chris Kervin is a possible contact for/to get a quarterly Vinnies report for the parish.	Adrian or Fr. Peter to update on possible contact
10. Parish sub-committee updates:	
<p>i. <u>Social Committee:</u></p> <p>"Christmas in July" luncheon was a pleasant gathering although numbers were well down on previous years. Worth doing but possible not having the event during the school holidays or 'rethink' how to have this event.</p> <p>ii. <u>Social Justice / Reaching out to others:</u></p> <p>JRS very thankful for the support from the Parish - next month tea & coffee. Jesuit Refugee service Picnic at Parramatta Park - 15th June. Great event and initiative having Speakers at each mass and music performance by Shohat Tursun for Refugee Week – Social Justice Diary. Ration challenge Therese and Elizabeth raised over \$1,000.00. Eden school raised about \$700.00.</p> <p>Social Justice did have to cancel their July meeting.</p> <p>iii. <u>Liturgy:</u></p> <p>Nil to report. Therese Pocey to provide updates.</p> <p>iv. <u>Communications:</u></p> <p>Working on the podcast. Website up to date. Weddings & Funeral</p>	
	Adrian to update website and communications.
11. New items:	
<p>Fr. Peter announced the finance committee update: Parish is in positive position and secure with income. Fr. Peter discussed the choice for the change of the salary system: for Fr. Peter (Priest), Marcia (Parish Office Administrator) and Nicola (Pastoral associate). MYOB upgrade</p> <p>Archdiocese & Property: Fr. Peter house possible renovation or renewal.</p> <p>Nicola and Fr. Peter – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA: Adult non-catholic if they want to be catholic.</p>	
Meeting closed: 8.22pm.	
Next meeting: Tues 3rd September 2019, 7.30 pm St Columba's Parish Hall meeting room.	