



**ST COLUMBA'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

## Parish Pastoral Council MEETING MINUTES

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 7.35 pm  
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection</b>	
Opening prayer by Adrian Overs.	No action required
<b>2. Attendance / Apologies:</b>	
<u>Present:</u> Adrian Overs, David Hair, Renata Popovic-Tomac, Nicola Connors, Carmel Reid, Jennifer Cheal Therese Pacey  <u>Apologies:</u> Fr Peter, Vasile Tiano, Bernard Ryan, and Christian Gomez	No action required
<b>3. Minutes of the previous meeting moved</b>	
Moved by: Renata Second by: David	No action required
<b>4. Business arising from previous meetings</b>	
No discussion	
<b>5. Church Organ</b>	
Vasile's research indicated a new church organ would be very expensive. He suggested an alternative would be to investigate a new electric piano (to upgrade from the old one).	Vasile
<b>6. Church Podcast</b>	
Jennifer contacted Clare Communications who advised of technical requirements – input socket to attach a hand held recorder. The file can be saved to USB or SD card. Jennifer will take pictures of our equipment and send images to Clare Comms for confirmation. Jennifer will then determine the next steps in collaboration with the supplier.	Jennifer to continue discussions and update the council at the next meeting
<u>Held over to next meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the podcast available and accessible on iTunes podcast and the website.</li> <li>• Podcast aggregator.</li> <li>• Where to put the podcast on the website?</li> <li>• How to record on the go? 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.</li> </ul>	Jennifer and Adrian to discuss how to implement a 'podcast' tab/navigation on parish webpage.
Music intro for podcast: John Jacobs or Vasile Tiano to create a possible something 15-30secs. To discuss further at next meeting.	Vasile
<b>7. Social Justice Diary Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong support for JRS continues. Donations for September are canned tomatoes, beans (legumes) and the like.</li> <li>• The Notice Board offerings will commence at JRS tomorrow. We ask if</li> </ul>	David

<p>anyone has any items they think might be suitable please contact the Social Justice group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September is 'Care for Creation' month. In promoting this there will be various topics in the weekly bulletin. We had a child from the school give a speech on this topic and it would be good to have more children present (excluding next Sunday which is First Communion).</li> <li>• Work to setup a liaison group within the Diocese to collaborate on Social Justice issues is underway.</li> <li>• The Social Justice Group have discussed the idea of having guest speakers to present on Social Justice topics. No more than three times a year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possibly starting in Lent next year</li> <li>○ Could link to the monthly morning tea after Mass</li> <li>○ Could hold a film night</li> <li>○ Could invite other parish SJ groups</li> <li>○ Setup sub committees to develop ideas further</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Nicola to approach students for interest to speak at Mass</p>
<p><b>8. School report:</b></p>	
<p>Table by Bernard Ryan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Galofaro has received a new contract as Assistant Principal, St. Columba's.</li> <li>• On Friday 6 August, a successful Staff Development Day was held at the Refugee Welcome Centre. Special thanks to Fay Hair for her roles in organising and facilitating this day</li> <li>• Sydney Catholic Schools are investigating the installation of solar panels on the roof of the school. A tender has been released and a decision is pending.</li> <li>• The new Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Mr Tony Farley, visited St. Columba's last Friday. He was filming a video with some of Year 4 and 5 students on the future.</li> <li>• Sydney Catholic Schools is currently consulting with students, teachers, parents and parishioners in regards to what Catholic Schooling should look like in the Five Dock area in the future. All are welcome to complete the survey</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Parish sub-committee updates:</b></p>	
<p><b>i. Social Committee:</b></p> <p>Parish Christmas party was tentatively set for 14 December. To be held in the Parish Hall and decorated. Carmel proposed we use the same caterer's as last year with sweets/desserts provided by a few parishioners.</p> <p>Carmel advised of her intention to retire from the Social Committee and the Parish Council at the end of the year.</p> <p><b>ii. Social Justice / Reaching out to others:</b></p> <p>As discussed in item 7</p> <p><b>iii. Liturgy:</b></p> <p>First Communion being celebrated September 8th &amp; 9th (10am Mass). Children to perform readings. Each child will receive a badge, certificate and photo of the occasion.</p> <p>A retreat with guest speakers and various activities was held for participating students.</p> <p>World Day of Creation is being celebrated on 1st September, also Father's Day. Nicola will arrange for cards to be created and handed out to Fathers at Mass.</p>	<p>Carmel</p> <p>David</p> <p>Nicola</p>

<p>Day of the Poor – Suggest we extend and invite to David’s Place for a barbecue, although it is unlikely as other events closer to home may have more appeal.</p> <p>Fr. Peter suggested we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi with a Mass for pets. Confirmed for 20th October at 9:30 (combining 8:00am &amp; 10:00am Masses). To be held in school grounds.</p> <p>Fr. Peter suggested a Mass for babies baptised in the Parish in the last year. The Mass is tentatively set for 10:00am on 8th December. Invitations would be sent.</p> <p><b>iv. <u>Communications:</u></b></p> <p>Fr. Peter asked that a Special Prayer be posted on a separate tab/link on the website. This has not yet occurred because of a problem with the backend system.</p> <p>Vassile suggested Parish Council Member details be updated.</p> <p>Adrian advised of his intention to step down from the Parish Council at the end of the year.</p>	<p>Nicola/Fr. Peter to have Marcia send out invites, when suitable</p> <p>Adrian to update website</p> <p>Adrian to update at the end of year</p>
<p><b>10. New items:</b></p>	
<p>The Liturgical Group discussed the ‘Welcome’ before each Mass after Fr. Peter advised of a comment by a Parishioner. It was agreed that the ‘Welcome’ is part of St. Columba’s. It was suggested that an additional comment be added acknowledging the original custodians as ‘We meet on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation’.</p>	<p>The proposal was rejected as being divisive and merely politically correct signaling.</p>
<p><b>Meeting closed: 8.20pm.</b></p>	
<p><b>Next meeting: Tues 15th October 2019, 7.30 pm St Columba’s Parish Hall meeting room.</b></p>	