



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

**Parish Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday 13 October 2020, 7.30 pm  
Meeting at Parish Hall

ITEM	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection:</b>	
Opening prayer by Fr Peter	
<b>2. Attendance / Apologies:</b>	
<u>Present:</u> Renata Popovic-Tomac, Tino Mian, Fr Peter Smith, Bernard Ryan, Nicola Connors, Jennifer Cheal, David Hair  <u>Apologies:</u> Therese Pacey, Adrian Overs, Vasile Tiano	No action required
<b>3. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
Accepted. Moved: Renata. Seconded: Jennifer.	
<b>4. Business arising from previous meeting:</b>	
<b>i) Parish event in 2020: Focus on Indigenous issues</b>	
Event cancelled for 2020	
<b>4. Business arising from previous meeting:</b>	
<b>ii) Electronic payment system</b>	
Fr Peter has contacted Archdiocese. Awaiting reply.  Fall in collections was discussed.	Fr Peter to update next meeting. Jennifer to draft request (for placement in Mass bulletin) asking for donations to Mass collections. To be circulated to PPC members
<b>5. Mask Making afternoon</b>	
Date November 7 tbc. To be held under previously circulated conditions, with no disclaimer needed. Approved. Moved: Jennifer. Seconded: Fr Peter.  Noted that Covid plan for groups using hall is being developed. For PPC and Social Justice Group meetings plan includes forwarding minutes to Marcia.	

<b>6. Meeting with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Team</b>	
Report Tabled. See below.	
<b>7. School report</b>	
Tabled by Mr. Bernard Ryan. See below.  Nicola Connors was especially thanked for her great work with the sacramental programs in 2020.	
<b>8. Parish sub-committee updates:</b>	
<p><b>i. <u>Social Committee:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b>ii. <u>Social Justice Group / Reaching out to others:</u></b> Still strong support from parish for Jesuit Refugee Services</p> <p><b>iii. <u>Liturgy:</u></b> Nicola reported on sacramental programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconciliation now complete</li> <li>• Zoom sessions have been held for Holy Communion and Confirmation</li> <li>• Confirmation to be held on 3 x Friday nights starting 16 October</li> <li>• Holy Communion to be held over 4 x 10am Masses starting 8 November</li> <li>• In all cases there are restrictions on numbers attending</li> </ul> <p><b>iv. <u>Communications: Jennifer reported:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 followers for the podcasts. Have enough free space for about 20 episodes more. Tino volunteered to help with recording of podcasts at Mass, and suggested podcast could be sponsored once free production is no longer available.</li> <li>• 90 contacts for the Mass bulletin</li> <li>• Important information should go prominently in Marcia's weekly email.</li> </ul> <p><b>v. <u>Social Media:</u></b> Nil</p>	
<b>9. New Items:</b>	
Nil	
Meeting closed at 9.00pm <b>Next meeting:</b> Tuesday 24 November	

## Report on meeting with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM)

Date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Present: Maree, Keegan, Dave and Fay

Lisa Buxton, Fr Daryl Mackie, Kelly Wyld and Janice Bain

Mission of ACM: *“To promote reconciliation and mutual understanding, taking care of Catholic Aborigines and supporting them in the living of their faith.”*

Main points:

- Would like to build a relationship with our parish. Interested in meeting parishioners at one of our Masses
- Highlight key dates in parish and School (Eg Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC etc)
- Invite the families who are identified Aborigines from school to take part in Masses of and other events of significance to Aboriginal people (eg NAIDOC)
- Importance of symbols in buildings to show welcome and acceptance (eg Aboriginal flag and Aboriginal symbols in Reception areas)
- Promote sale of Aboriginal crosses made by members of ACM (\$5 - \$35)
- Promote ACM Confirmation Mass (Oct 25 at Kensington Monastery)

To mark **NAIDOC** at St Columba's, Social Justice Group members suggest:

- Acknowledgement of Country at start of each Mass
- Prayers of Faithful (2 or 3)
- Play recording of Aboriginal “Our Father” during Communion
- Display Aboriginal flag

NB NAIDOC is 8 – 15 November

Theme: *Always Was, Always Will Be*

## **School Report**

**Tuesday 13th October 2020**

- Term 4 has begun smoothly with new COVID safe regulations in place. Solar panels have been installed by Sydney Catholic Schools on the roof of the school and hall and are now operational.
- Kindergarten Orientation for 2021 will be taking place in Term 4. Children will be onsite for the morning, however, a parent information session will be held via Zoom as parents are not able to be onsite.
- School assemblies, prayers and significant celebrations are continuing to be held via Zoom to maintain connectedness with the community.
- Book Week is being celebrated next week. This event has been moved to Term 4 due to COVID. Children will be having book parades in their classrooms and Gleebooks have a book fair in operation at school.
- A special thank you to Fr Peter and Nicola Connors for the great work in preparing and running the sacramental programs for 2020 in very unique circumstances.

Bernard Ryan

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