

# Minutes of Catholic Parish of Wellington South Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

6.30pm Tuesday 27 June 2017 at St Anne's

*Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākongā harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti  
We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message*

## **In attendance:**

Stephen Neal, John Whiting, Joy Andersen, Penny Holden, Joe Green, John Price, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Francis Fanning. Deirdre Hanlon as Parish Synod Champion attended initial part of the meeting.

## **Apologies:**

Fr David Dowling, Michael Burrowes, Owen Lynch, Tracy Gundesen, Elisapeta Elama

1. **Prayer/reflection – Fr Dennis** led a prayer prepared by Elisapeta to begin our meeting.
2. **Minutes of meetings**  
Draft minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2017, as circulated were approved.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - Actions Items from the last meeting:
    - Synod planning actions completed
    - parish planning - ongoing
    - parish website – ongoing
  - Other matters arising are covered as agenda items.
4. **Synod Update**
  - A team got together for a debrief and a look at the scope of the role of Synod Champion for future planning.
  - The process for selecting participants worked well with face to face the most effective communication
  - Little feedback was received from the different groups within the Parish. Concern was expressed at the tight times frame.
  - Turn out was low at the different church communities after the Masses but some valuable feedback and comments were received.
  - The discernment Process was a useful tool.
  - Group summary will be available for Parish Planning and Parish Building in the future.

## 5. Update from the Parish Leadership Team – Joe Green

- With Fr David away Fr Dennis and Joe are very busy and need to be conscious of hours and workload.
- Special thanks to Deirdre as our Synod Champion for her work and Lucienne for sharing her experience in the Ohariu Parish.  
Joe is collating the feedback received from parishioners to be forwarded by 30 June.
- Joe had circulated a proposal asking for the PPC to endorse and support the establishment of a Catholic Scout Group in the Parish based in St Anne's Hall. Final approval lies with the Cardinal, however support, by providing a venue for the group to meet and the use of St Anne's, will impact on the costs to families  
The PPC saw support of the proposal as a positive step in line with providing support for young people and families within the Parish.
- Joe is investigating the use of a Parish App as a communication tool. It was developed in the Tauranga Parish. There is a set-up fee and a monthly charge.
- The Sacramental programme continues with First Confession having taken place on 8 June.
- St Bernard's School is looking at ways for future development and to increase the school roll. This could include asking for the support from the Diocese.
- The Parish has declined a request from the Refugee Reunification Trust to use the St Joseph's Presbytery for a family. A detailed response explaining that the building has many issues including with leaks, structure, lack of insulation and electrical safety has been sent. John noted that the Brooklyn Presbytery's roof needs attention.
- Coordinating groups and communities for the Vigil Mass and St Anne's 5pm Mass, provides an opportunity to develop Ministries and Parish relationships.
- Terry McAuliffe is progressing his *Launch Out* project.
- The team have been looking at ways to achieve 'Whole School Masses' again at St Bernard's and St Francis de Sales.
- Efforts have been made to support people who have been sleeping rough around St Anne's however health issues with fouling and personal rubbish being left around the church has meant that trespass notices have had to be served on two people.

## 6. Social Housing

- Francis raised several issues for us to consider with particular concern for the homeless in our community.
- The need for us to look closely at our Parish's social responsibility and planning.

- Social Justice, Housing and the care and support of people in our community needing shelter to be highlighted. Keeping the spirit of Suzanne Aubert in our thoughts.
- Our Parish Planning and policy towards social housing, shaping options and possibilities needs to balance and coordinate the Pastoral side with the property side.
- A pastoral Budget for supporting Families incorporated in future planning

**7. Finance Report**

- Apologies were received from the Finance Committee
- Still waiting on the sign off of the engineer's report for SFdS.

**8. Welcome**

- Francis Fanning and Owen Lynch were welcomed as members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We thank them for their ongoing support of our Parish in their willingness to participate as members of our PPC. A notice of welcome and thanks to go in the Newsletter.

**9. Parish Gifting Sunday 30 July**

- Planning has happened and a pamphlet has been prepared. Participation will be encouraged and will be circulated to be filled out at the Mass.
- The Finance Report will be circulated the week before.

**10. St Bernard' Church Building**

- It was confirmed that the Parish is still waiting for approval from the City Council before it can proceed with the strengthening work. Funding is allocated and available for this work.

**Meeting Closed**

**Next Meeting Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6:30pm at St Francis de Sales Presbytery with a focus on how we can revitalize parish participation at St Francis de Sales.**

**Reflection for next meeting – John Whiting**