

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

6.30pm Tuesday 27 February 2018 at St Anne's

*Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākonga 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, Joy Andersen, Penny Holden, Joe Green, John Price, Francis Fanning, John Whiting, Fr Dennis Nacorda, , Elisapeta Elama. Ivan Moss, Owen Lynch, Fr David Dowling

## **Apologies:**

Andrew Pozniak

### **1. Prayer/reflection – Penny Holden**

### **2. Minutes of meetings**

Draft minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2018, as circulated were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- Parish Day at Our Lady's Home of Compassion was held on Sunday 25 February. The feedback received has been very positive.
- Some organizational issues have been identified for future gatherings
- thanks to the teams involved in organizing and coordinating the day.
- The next whole Parish gathering will be for Confirmation.

### **4. Leadership Team Notes**

- Preparations for the Sacramental Programme in the Parish has been a focus. There has been 14 registrations received and some follow up is happening with schools before the programme starts.
- Three people have joined the RCIA programme
- Coordinators for the Passionist Family Group have been finalised and the reestablishment in the Parish will be promoted in the coming weeks.

### **5. Mass Times Review**

- An email received from St Joseph's expressed concerns with regards to the changed Mass times.
- No other specific feedback has been received.
- The PPC undertook to review the times when the changes were made.

- In addition to the set Mass times, the gap between Masses needs to be addressed. Not enough time is allowed for Priests to both travel between churches and prepare appropriately. Nor does it allow for the priests to meet and greet parishioners after the earlier masses
- A small group will get together and look at issues and come back to the next meeting with their findings. Ivan, Penny, Francis and Leadership Team
- It was noted that the numbers at the 10:30 Mass at SFdS were up and that a much more diverse group of people were attending.

## **6. Social Justice**

Members of the Parish Social Justice Group joined the meeting to discuss the way forward for us all and how the work of the group fits within the Parish Plan that has been developed. The messages from the group include:

- Key to all our planning and discussion of a way forward, needs to be based on Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice principles are an integral part of that.
- The Synod outcomes and the language of the Synod being reflected in the Parish Plan
- Preparing the ground for becoming the Parish of Suzanne Aubert and asking ourselves 'What would she say? What would she do?'
- Housing is a key issue with a wider focus on more than just the good work being done supporting refugee families.

Following the discussion the group will look to put together a paper for the next meeting.

## **7. Parish Plan**

Joe presented the feedback received on the Parish Plan which has been broadly accepted by Parishioners.

- Issues in the feedback have been noted for inclusion in our discussion in planning the way forward and how we implement the plan.
- Some of the key considerations are nurturing the connections between schools and Parish and building community relationships and maintaining them.
- Mass times was mentioned and the need to reflect our ethnic diversity while acknowledging the Church's commitment to biculturalism and Te Reo.
- The reality of our aging population, the importance of encouraging more involvement of young people and supporting young families was also raised.

For the next meeting PPC members will identify an aspect of the plan they would like to focus on as an individual and think about other parishioners who could be involved.

## **8. Finance and Property**

Building and maintenance Issues have been a dominating focus. Attention to maintenance and building upkeep had lapsed over the years which means the committee is working in 'catch up mode' trying to address the many resulting problems.

A draft of the proposal for the Brougham St. property development has gone to the cardinal.

## 9. Council Membership

John Price indicated last month that this would be his last meeting as his two years term of membership comes to an end. Elisapeta Elama, who has also been a member since the new Parish was established two years ago has also decided to stand down from the PPC. Owen Lynch who joined more recently indicated that he would no longer be available to serve on the Council.

These changes highlighted the need for clarity in a process for new members joining the council. Joy agreed to put together a paper to bring to the next meeting.

**On behalf of the Parish, John, Elisapeta and Owen were thanked for their contribution and service to the Parish through their membership of the Parish Pastoral Council.**

Elisapeta expressed her thanks for the opportunity to be part of the PPC and noted that she will still part of the parish and a willing helper in other aspects of Parish life.

The meeting closed with a prayer Penny had adapted.

### **Prayer for Pastoral Planning**

*Inspiring God*

*We, the people of the Catholic Parish of Wellington South  
Pray that the future we plan Will be the future you promise  
us.*

*Enliven us with your spirit;*

*Keep us alert in faith to the signs of the times, And eager  
to accept the challenge of the gospel.*

*Keep our service of others*

*Faithful to the example and command of Christ.*

*May we cultivate the many gifts you create in us*

*To share your abundant life and divine love with all creation.*

*Nourish and unite us through the Eucharist. Fill  
us with hope and joy.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of  
the past, present and future.*

*Forever and ever.*

*Amen*

**Next Meeting Monday 26 March 2018 at 6:30pm at St Anne's**

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>
5	Mass Times Review	Ivan, Penny, Francis, Leadership Team	Next Meeting
6	Social Justice Action Plan for the Parish	Social Justice	Next Meeting
7	Identify an aspect of the Parish Plan to focus on as an individual and think about other parishioners who could be involved.	PPC members	Next Meeting
9	Council Membership Paper	Joy	Next Meeting