

Minutes of the Wellington South Parish Council
29 January 2019, 6.30pm, St Anne's Church

Present: Fr. David Dowling, Rachael Cahir, John Whiting, Penny Holden, Francis Fanning, Stephen Neal, Joe Green, Joy Anderson, Andrew Pozniak, Fr. Dennis Nacorda, Melania Luka-Lui

Apologies: Ivan Moss

Reflection: Joe led the reflection from the Gospel of Luke.

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes from the December meeting were not available for circulation.

1 What do we want to achieve this year?

Focus on Youth activities: We need to make sure that our communities and parents know what is on offer for young people across the Parish.

***Action:** Youth Worker position to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.*

Parish name change: Fr David confirmed that the Parish needs to be named for either a Saint or a geographical area.

***Action:** Include the image of Suzanne Aubert in our letterhead instead of the four churches. Develop a parish prayer to include support of sainthood that will include translations indifferent languages.*

Partnership with Finance Committee: We need to focus on joint thinking with the Finance Committee to identify key issues and priorities for the Parish in the next year.

***Action:** Joint meeting to be scheduled.*

2 Update from Parish Leadership team

Last month has been quiet pastorally after a busy Christmas period. Fr David noted good cooperation and cross parish relationships during this time.

Maintenance - Joe has been doing a maintenance review across the parish buildings.

Christmas Mass collection - raised \$1500. This will be given to the Parish schools to use for Social Justice.

Safeguarding Workshop – The first workshop is scheduled for 28th February 7-9pm. Council members strongly encouraged to attend this session. Material will be coming out shortly.

Sacramental programme – this has been advertised across the Parish. First session will be on 17th March. Joe has scheduled a meeting with leadership teams to talk about the structure of the programme on 21 Feb.

3 Parish Anniversary Celebration

A meeting to discuss liturgical issues was held on 28th Jan. Plan is for an outdoor Mass at 10am on the top lawn. Postponement date will be 10 March.

People have been identified to organise liturgy, music, communication, transport and logistics around liaison with the HoC. We will have approximately 450 chairs available (200 HoC, 100 St Joes, 50 St Anne's, 50 St Francis, 45-50 St Bernard's).

We now need people to get involved supporting the following areas

Hospitality – plan is for a shared lunch with sausage sizzle. Joe will check with Rob McCullough whether the scouts could help with this. Life teen are also happy to help. Francis to liaise with HoC re tea/coffee catering. Volunteers to help will be needed.

Post Mass entertainment - Rachael to check if Maureen Cahill happy to organise some games. Joe will speak to Deidre about HoC tours and will also investigate the possibility of a celebration cake. Napoleon will be arranging the sound system from either St Bernard's or St Francis. Dennis will speak to community leaders about entertainment.

From this week we need to start publicising the event at Mass and ensuring that people know that there are events to stay on for after the mass.

4 Portfolio updates

Faith formation - Lorraine McArthur gifts discernment session will be held in March. This will be linked with the Ignatian retreat at St Anne's which will be held every Thursday in May. A cross parish Lenten discussion group is also scheduled. It is intended that this will continue beyond Lent.

Social Justice – There was general discussion about how we bring issues relating to the migrant communities in our Parish to the Social Justice Group.

Action: *Invite reps from the Social Justice Committee to future Parish Council meeting.*

Parish Booklet- Lucienne has produced a draft. Penny and Joy will pick up on this work again.

5 Meeting dates for 2019.

The group agreed to meet next month and then move meetings to bi monthly.

Future dates: 26 Feb, 23 April, 25 June, 27 August, 22 October. December meeting to be confirmed as 4th Tuesday would fall on Christmas eve!

The meeting closed at 8.pm.

Reflection for next meeting: Joy

Next meeting date: Tuesday 26 February, 6.30, St Anne.