

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

6.30pm Tuesday 28 March 2017 at St Anne's Meeting Room

*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:

John Whiting, Joy Andersen, Penny Holden, Joe Green, Tracy Gundesen, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Michael Burrows, Fr David Dowling

Apologies:

John Price,

- 1. Prayer/reflection – Fr. David** led a prayer 'Abide, O Spirit of Life' adapted from the prayer used before each session of Vatican II
- 2.** Members shared some feedback on how they saw things were going in the Parish. Several commented on the positive messages they had received about the anniversary Mass. Parishioners appreciated the coming together for the simple Lenten Liturgy and the opportunity for fellowship and sharing refreshments after the Mass.

There is still some concern with Mass times, however the Vigil Mass has seen a people from both SFDS and St Bernard's joining together. The number at St Bernard's last week was well above their previous attendances.

- 3. Minutes of meetings**
Draft minutes of the meeting of 28 February 2017, as circulated were approved.
- 4. Matters Arising**
 - Fr. David has spoken with Karen and let her know that we are not able to make a decision about the Soup Kitchen's request re rental accommodation.
 - A letter has been sent to Immigration NZ in support of a refugee family. The existing tenants, who were aware that it was temporary arrangement, are being assisted to find new accommodation.
 - Notice has gone in the Newsletter regarding vacancies on the PPC.
- 5. Update from the Parish Leadership Team – Fr David**
Points from the updates include
 - A plan is being developed in case SFdS needs to close
 - The Synod participants from our Parish need to be identified.
 - The Administration Team is working well.

6. **Synod Update**

- Fr Dennis presented papers to the meeting including a letter from the Cardinal and a timeline culminating with the Synod Weekend on 15 – 17 September.
- The overall Theme of the Synod is *'Go You Are Sent'*.
- The topics that form the diocese-wide consultation process are:
 - the peripheries of society;
 - our own peripheries;
 - refugees and migrants;
 - care for creation;
 - ecumenism;
 - accompanying the young;
 - marriage and family.
- In addition, there are two topics which reflect particular needs in the Archdiocese: leadership; bicultural and ethnic diversity.
- Consideration of these topics are a response to the call from Pope Francis to look closely at these areas within the church.
- The Archdiocese convenes a Synod every 10 years.
- Each Parish selects participants rather than representatives, who become members of Archdiocese Synod. Their role is to be part of and lead a discernment process within Parishes, that will consider the different topics.
- The letter from the Cardinal identifies the qualities participants need to demonstrate
- This process will inform the future planning for the Archdiocese.
- Participants need to be able to commit to the meetings involved
- Diversity is a key consideration in selecting participants
- The PPC considers it important to identify someone from within the Parish who is prepared to be our 'Synod Champion' to drive the process for our Parish.
- The PPC needs to be fully part of the Synod process.

7. **Parish Plan & Audit**

For practical reasons, it has been decided to defer the start date for the planning process and workshops. The need to support the Synod process, have it inform our Parish planning and not put extra demands on our Parishioners at the same time, needs to be considered. Stephen will send out dates once venues for the workshops have been identified and booked.

8. **Combined Mass Review**

The feedback on the Anniversary Mass has been positive. Parishioners appreciated the opportunity to come together for a 'no fuss' liturgy celebration. It reinforced the idea that building on naturally occurring Parish events for combined celebrations was a positive direction to follow. The next opportunity for this to happen is Confirmation which will be held at St Anne's.

St Patrick's College has been booked for 27 August when we will hold a whole of Parish Mass for First Communion.

9. New Council Members

Several names have been suggested. The meeting saw it as important to consider the need for diversity in the composition of the PPC.

Stephen is to contact individuals to ask if they would consider serving on the PPC and ensure they have the information regarding the commitment involved.

Names will be brought to the next meeting and a decision made on the way forward.

10. St Bernard's

The Leadership Team is working with Parishioners to support and build on the liturgical strength within the church community. This work is also relevant to the wider Parish.

11. Finance Report – SFdS Update

- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 16 March were received.
- Gerard Hoskins is working as project manager and liaising with the engineer who has completed a comprehensive review of the report prepared 5 years ago, using resources and understandings not available at that time. We still await the report from Spencer Homes who were commissioned to complete a new detailed assessment. Once the report is received the Finance Committee will meet and discuss it fully, in order to make recommendations to the PPC.
- Other matters noted in the minutes included the CSS notice of termination of lease, effective 30 April. Msgr. Burns is also vacating the property at the end of April. Costs are being sought for various option for the building, including conversion into 4 residential units.
- An updated chart of Parish Assets has been prepared.
- Draft Budget shows a predicted loss of \$100k for the financial year 2017/2018

Meeting Closed with a prayer at 8.20pm

Next Meeting Thursday 28 April 2017 at 6:30pm at St Anne's.

Reflection for next meeting – Joe Green

Action Items

Item		
5	Synod participants from our Parish to be identified	Fr Dennis
6	Parish Synod Champion: Deirdre to be approached	Fr David
7	Dates for Parish Planning workshops	Stephen
9	Prospective new council members follow up with names suggested	Stephen
10	St Bernard's community building	leadership Team
11	SFdS update and engineers report follow-up	Finance Team, Fr David