

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

6.30pm Monday 5 December 2016 at St Bernard's Hall, Brooklyn

*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:

Lesley Hooper, Fr David Dowling, Deirdre Hanlon, John Whiting, Joy Andersen,
Penny Holden, Joe Green, Stephen Neal, John Price, Margaret O'Sullivan

Apologies:

Fr. Denis Narcorda, Michael Burrowes

1. **Prayer/reflection** - Fr David Dowling led the prayer/reflection to begin the meeting.

2. **Minutes of meetings**
With an amendment to include Joe Green In Attendance, the Draft minutes of the meeting of 22 November that were circulated were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 John Whiting attended The Planned Giving planning group meeting. The possibility of holding a "Gifting Sunday" in April was discussed. The focus to be not just of the Planned Giving but to include the giving/sharing of talents and practical skills to support our parish community and to encourage new people to come forward.

 - 4.2 Feedback on the proposed changes to Mass times showed that they were generally well received.

4. **Emergency Planning and communication within the Parish**
Joe Green has been doing research to develop an emergency management plan for our Parish.
Looking at emergency management models from agencies in NZ and developing a response plan with the available information and including that available from the Archdiocese is a big task. He identified the need for good communication within the Parish and also with outside agencies. He will continue to work on this to formulate a framework for our Parish.
Connections and discussions within our church communities to support planning is to be encouraged.

5. Earthquake situation in Wellington South

Addressing the implications and issues relating to the state of our churches is an ongoing matter that is going to take time to resolve. Recent events have highlighted concerns regarding the status of our earthquake prone buildings. The Archdiocese has a policy document regarding earthquake status and the recommendation is that new, more prominent signage needs to be put in place at St Francis de Sales to ensure everyone is aware of the status of the building, including visitors to the church.

6. Council Building

The need to recruit new PPC members was discussed. Three members from the Transition Team agreed to stay on for a further year to support the Parish as we continue to find our feet.

The number of people who attended the recent workshop and the support for that consultation showed there is the interest, skills and talent within our community. A notice will go into the newsletter asking if anyone is interested in becoming part of the group and supporting the Parish in this way.

The formation of subcommittees is an ongoing matter that we will address in the new year.

7. Strategic Pastoral Plan – Stewardship Day

It was suggested that we invite workshop participants in particular, to a gathering to discuss and formulate a Pastoral Plan. A general invitation to all interested Parishioners will also be given.

The need to develop our Pastoral Plan before holding the Stewardship day was also discussed.

Fr David shared some feedback on the Stewardship Day he attended at Otari Parish. He offered to gather together information regarding Stewardship to develop our understanding as a PPC of what the Archbishop is proposing for this day.

8. First Anniversary Mass

It looks like St Patrick's College is the most appropriate venue to celebrate this Mass.

The dates are yet to be finalised as most dates in February seem to clash with other events.

9. Soup Kitchen Proposal

Leslie, Deirdre, Joe declared a conflict of interest in this matter.

A resolution of issues regarding the use of Parish buildings needs to be discussed in collaboration with the Finance Committee.

It was decided to invite Karen Holland to talk to the PPC in the New Year

10. Minutes of the Finance Committee were tabled

11. Minutes of the Giving Campaign Meeting were tabled

12. Youth Report

Joe spoke about working with the Trinity Parish Leadership as he works towards finding out what the young people of our parish want in terms of youth ministry, especially Secondary School age young people.

Discussions are also taking place around integrating "Life Teen" as part of the Catholic Parish of Wellington South.

13. Social Justice Group

This group is a combined group from all our church communities that is working well together. The group has been instrumental in helping 6 new Refugee families settle in our area.

Next Meeting Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 6:30pm at St Anne's.