

Minutes of Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Held at Holy Cross Meeting Room, 7.30pm Wednesday 03 April 2019

Present: Ray Whelan (Chair) Pat Dunn, Justine Samson, James Heffernan, Fr Ephrem, Fr Paul, Margaret Bearsley. John Rogers

Apologies: Barry Brook, Gerard Birss

ITEM OF DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>The meeting opened with a reading by Margaret followed by discussion.</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting 13 March 2019</p> <p>The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Pat/James</p> <p>Alpha Programme;</p> <p><i>It was agreed that the Alpha programme would be heavily promoted and supported as a parish project. The leadership groups in the parish would be encouraged to attend but it was recognised that some of these parishioners had already attended earlier Alpha programmes. It will be promoted in the weekly newsletter and with advertising on each church notice board. Sign-up sheets will be available at each church.</i></p>	<p>All—Ray to check with Kim for advertising material</p>
<p>Weekly Bulletin;</p> <p>Marianne to be asked to promote sending the weekly newsletter to the full email list including those on the News and Views list.</p>	<p>Ray/Gerard/Marianne</p>
<p>Holy Cross Church upgrade:</p> <p>With the Cardinals Pastoral Memorandum of 15 February, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee must now concentrate on reducing the number of churches/buildings in the parish and this will lessen the urgency to upgrade Holy Cross church. Some additional communication is required to clarify this situation with Holy Cross parishioners.</p>	<p>Fr Ephrem/Ray/Nick</p>
<p>Correspondence: Fr Ephrem noted the correspondence received.</p> <p>The Archdiocese has announced a change to the name of the former JPD Commission which will now</p>	

be known as—Archdiocesan Commission for Ecology, Justice and Peace

Parish Self Review Resource

A copy of this document has been distributed to members of the PC. Section 4 (Go you are sent to manage your assets wisely) will be considered at the May meeting.

Our Changing Parishes

This session was held 21st March at St Patricks Parish Centre and attended by 22 parishioners. A most informative inter-action presentation from Chris Walkerdine. We have a set of wall charts from the presentation for follow-up action.

Fr Ephrem's Report;

He spoke of the ministry formation day held 3 monthly by the Archdiocese as a great opportunity for collaborative ministry especially between Priests and Lay Pastoral Leaders.

He thanked everyone for the great success of Fr Gregory's farewell.

Cardinal John wishes to see greater progress in Stewardship Networking especially walking side by side with compassion and kindness especially with those who are weak and vulnerable.

A reminder of the upcoming workshop on Safeguarding Children to be held in St Patrick's Parish Centre at 7.00pm Thursday 09 May.

Ray/Gerard

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Hearing Loop;

It still cannot be confirmed if the hearing loop at St Patrick's is working. Ray /Margaret are following up on this issue.

Ray/Margaret

St Patrick's parish centennial:

Cardinal John has been invited to celebrate a Mass for St Patrick's parish centennial in November 2019. Ray reported that only a few volunteers had been recruited so far to the organising committee.

Fr Ephrem/Ray/Marianne

<p>Schools/Principals: Gerard has been in contact with the 3 school principals and has invited them to attend a Parish Pastoral Council meeting, probably 1 at a time but representing all 3 schools. He is waiting on a response from them</p> <p>.</p> <p>Aged/Sick parishioners: We need to know if our older/sick parishioners are being offered communion on a regular basis. Parish councillors are to act as eyes and ears for these people. A notice to go in Bulletin requesting parishioners to let Marianne know of those in need. Any Eucharistic Minister is able to take communion out to parishioner's homes. If the recipients would like someone to visit them on a more social basis then St Vincent de Paul should be notified and they will send someone.</p> <p>Lay Ministry: The question of how our Lay Ministry programme is progressing was discussed. Fr noted there are two levels – one a approximately 7 year programme (Lay Pastoral Leaders) and the other which enables trained parishioners to be able to conduct the liturgy of the word and distribute holy communion (Lay Pastoral Ministers). We currently have 4 trained Lay Pastoral Ministers and that no further training was currently required.</p>	<p><i>Gerard</i></p> <p><i>Fr Ephrem/Ray/Gerard/Marianne</i></p>
<p>Sacramental Programme; In general this programme is on schedule. The Archdiocese has stated that this is to be a church rather than a school based programme.</p>	<p>Fr Ephrem/Justine</p>
<p>Parish Pastoral Council; The council currently has 10 members, some of which have indicated a desire to retire from this group. Members have been asked to seek out some suitable replacements as with the current workload it is imperative that numbers are retained. A staged replacement programme is the preferred option.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Good Shepherd Hall: Ray raised issues related to use of the hall and it was agreed that Fr Ephrem and Ray would discuss</p>	<p>Fr Ephrem/Ray/Va'a</p>

<p>the continued use of this facility with the leaders of the Samoan community. We need to understand whether some alternative parish buildings could be used to enable the hall and land use be discontinued.</p> <p>Cardinals Pastoral memorandum: We are now over 6 weeks into the Cardinal's Pastoral review and one date on our plan has passed and another is quickly approaching. The Southern Parish has asked for a meeting with our Leadership Teams and we need to respond in a timely manner. As this total project cannot be achieved with only our monthly meetings, it was agreed that a small number of council members would meet for short sessions to ensure the project was meeting timelines. Pat, Barry, Margaret, Gerard and Ray will coordinate the collation of information, keeping Fr Ephrem informed at all times. This small group will keep the total council members up to date.</p>	<p>Barry, Pat Margaret, Gerard ,Ray</p>
<p>Thank you notes;</p>	<p>Justine and Patricia O'Donnell for Fr Gregory's farewell</p>

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The next meeting will take place at **7.30 pm on Wednesday, 01 May 2019 at Holy Cross.**