

**Minutes of the Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
held at Holy Cross meeting room at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 July 2019**

**Present:** Ray Whelan( Chair), Fr Ephrem, Fr Paul, Pat Dunn, James Heffernan, Margaret Bearsley, Andrew Gunn, Justine Samson, Gerard Birss

**Apologies:** Barry Brook

**ITEM OF DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

The meeting opened with a reading by Gerard, followed by discussion.  
Next meeting prayer to be prepared by Justine.

**Justine**

**Minutes of Meeting 6 July 2019**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. Justine/Andrew

**St Patrick's Church Centennial**

It has been decided to hold a Joint Parish Mass at St Patrick's church on Sunday 17 November celebrated by former priests. A notice will be published in the September edition of "Welcome" and the parish newsletter seeking an Indication of numbers wishing to attend a lunch following the Mass  
The regular 5,30pm Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at St Patricks.

**Ray**

**Pastoral Council Membership**

It was with considerable regret that we received the resignation of Barry Brook. Barry is a long standing member and previously a chair of The council and his expertise and wisdom will be missed. Thank you Barry for the years of hard work.

**Ray/Margaret**

There were 2 names tabled as possible members and these will be followed up.

**Assisting/visiting people in need**

How do we find people who need help? The Sunday newsletter will continue to include the message. We will strengthen the message for ALL parishioner activity in this area to be channelled through St V de P. Our Samoan community should be encouraged to work through Va'a. We are all to do what we can to spread the word and provide leads for St VdP.

**All**

**Combined Mass: 23 June at St Patrick's College Hall**

This was a combined parish Mass with the music lead by our school children and was attended by 295. It was noted that a substantial number of school children's parents were in attendance.

David Sullivan will be moving to Greymouth in July and cannot continue in his role as chair of the combined liturgy group so we will need to appoint a replacement.

We do need to have an ongoing link between the Liturgy group and the Council. It might be possible to recruit members for this liturgy group via our school DRs. **All**

### **Confirmation**

Some 30 children were confirmed on Sunday 9 June at Kilbirnie.

### **Schools/Principals**

Our 3 primary school principals have agreed to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council. Gerard will send them a reminder. **Gerard**

### **If/when we have no priest available for service**

Holy Trinity parish does not have a set procedure to plan for services if one or both of our priests are unavailable for something as essential as Sunday Mass. Agreed that Gerard should seek advice from the Archdiocesan office. **Gerard/ Fr Ephrem**

### **Refugee appeal**

The target of \$1500 was reached and the money has been forwarded to Annette Bridgeman who has arranged for the purchase of the essential items needed to set up the house for the refugees. Some surplus funds collected over the original target will be kept in reserve for future refugee assistance. **Marianne**

### **Safeguarding training programme**

All parishioners who have contact with vulnerable parishioners are required by the Archdiocese to attend a training session. Some 25 of our parishioners attended a session held at St Patricks. Several additional sessions have been planned and advertised in our newsletter. We need to consider appointing a Supervisor to monitor this requirement and members are asked to consider anyone suitable **All**

### **Parish Self Review**

It was decided that the parish self- review following the 2017 Synod would involve the whole parish. **Gerard/Fr Ephrem**

### **Correspondence**

Nil

### **Cardinals Pastoral Review**

No further progress and the group is waiting for some further building /facility valuations to be received. **Pat/Margaret**

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

**Next meeting at Holy Cross meeting room Wednesday 7 August 7.30pm**