

St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish

Leadership Formation Team - Minutes of meeting on Monday, 7 October 2019, 7pm at Johnsonville Presbytery

Present: Shane Dinnan, Paul Betham, John Kleinsman, Sr Judith McGinley, Anna Mika-Hunt, Kitty McKinley, Thomas Davis, Marushka Caldeiro, Pete Roe

Apologies: John Lawson

1. Opening prayer/reflection
2. 23 September 2019 meeting minutes confirmed
3. Mass time changes

In all, there were 237 responses from the wider parish community about the proposed mass time changes. The majority of these were supportive of change and included preferences that took into account the needs of their particular community. The evident positive community spirit across the parish was especially heartening to see.

General themes which have become apparent include the following:

- * St Andrew's – OK with changes – prefer a vigil rotation;
- * St Benedict's – Not OK with 8:30am mass (inconvenient/tried before and it didn't work) – prefer 9am mass; and also suggest rotating the Saturday vigil service; and
- * Sts Peter & Paul's – Not OK with 10am mass (mostly parking issues re Uniting church service at 10am as well) – prefer to keep at 10:30am working well – also support vigil rotation.

Other helpful suggestions included:

- * 6pm Summer and 5pm winter times for Saturday vigil;
- * Youth mass once a month;
- * Delayed times for masses; and
- * Mass and liturgy services for the Saturday timeslot.

After a thorough and robust discussion by LFT members and, taking into account the feedback received, the following mass times was agreed to start from the first weekend in November 2019 on a six month trial with a review undertaken after Easter 2020:

5:30pm Saturday Vigil rotated:

St Andrew's – first Saturday of the month

St Benedict's – second Saturday of the month

Sts Peter and Paul's – other Saturdays of the month

Sunday masses:

9:00am – St Benedict's

10:30am – Sts Peter and Paul's

11:00am – St Andrew's

It was also noted that comment will be included on the following:

Children's mass to continue on the second Sunday of the month;

Youth mass will always be on the third Sunday of the month – this will ensure at both churches that there is a second option for mass on those weekends; and

No Lay-led liturgies until the appropriate training has been completed.

The above decision will be included in this weekend's newsletter and LFT members will talk to the decision at the end of masses this weekend (12/13 October 2019).

4. Parish General Meeting LFT reviewed the following documents in relation to the upcoming Parish General Meeting on Monday, 14 October 2019:

- * Power-point presentation by LFT

- * Information for handouts

- * Practicalities & To do list

Anna will continue to work on above documents, eg insert Parish Finance information including comment on Buildings review, and LFT members to send their comments to Anna by email re Finalised Version by end of this week.

5. Training and Formation

This topic was important on a number of levels and LFT was committed to having it undertaken within the TCI framework. There was a recognition that we need some movement on this by end of November or early December this year. A working group will follow up on this and report back to LFT with some urgency.

6. Re-imagining our Parish in a new era of being Church (handout for Parish General Meeting)

John Kleinsman reminded LFT members to read and provide feedback on what should be included in the document as John will be speaking to this document at the meeting.

7. Sts Peter and Paul's church heaters

LFT considered the memorandum and background information from the Finance/Building Portfolio Team on this matter and asked for confirmation that the proposal from Wasabi Group Ltd re the ceiling-mounted radiant heater panels are the same as the ones currently in St Benedict's and report back to LFT.

8. St Andrew's Presbytery floorboards

Anna commented that the St Andrew's Committee (SAC) Maintenance Team will check the floorboards at the Presbytery for rotting from a health and safety perspective and report back to LFT.

9. Staffing matters

LFT was updated on staffing matters with the appropriate matters actioned.

10. Next meeting Monday, 21 October 2019, 7pm at Johnsonville Presbytery