

St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish

Leadership Formation Team - Minutes of meeting on Monday, 27 January 2020, 7pm at Johnsonville Presbytery

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

Apologies: Shane Dinnan, Thomas Davis, Tim Gordon

1. Opening prayer/reflection – Pete Roe

Cardinal John's original hope was for St Francis of Ohariu in two/three years to be a 21st century model of a truly lay-led parish that could be replicated elsewhere within the Diocese. This was our 'mission', and a model that was very much in line with my thinking as a Marist and with the Society of Mary, and still does. In brief, St Francis of Ohariu would become an 'Eucharistic People-led Parish' replacing the current 'Eucharistic Priest-led Parish'.

2020 is upon us, and alas the Ohariu parish is still very much 'Priest centred' especially Sacramentally.

It is my hope that by June 2020 with a more deliberate approach:

- * Two of the 4 masses on Sunday are Lay-led services; and
- * Lay-led 'Reflections' for Sunday masses are happening.

It is also my hope that with more robust communication and catechesis – recruitment, training and mentoring by qualified trainers and Marists plus calling on the resources already available to us, that the following Lay Ministry Teams are in place by June 2020 for:

- * Baptisms;
- * Funerals;
- * Communal Reconciliation Services;
- * Anointing of the Sick and Dying; and
- * Blessing of Homes.

My personal energy and the energy of others is called upon to make the above a priority for 2020 into 2021.

Personally, and with the assistance of others who may step forward, I have a ton of energy for the formation of the above Lay Ministry Teams. However, it does require a review of my present role which I am in the process of reshaping, with consultants, especially from what I have learnt over this past year of 2019 and now into 2020.

Agreed to continue Reflections conversation at next meeting.

2. 16 December 2019 meeting minutes confirmed

3. Action log updated

4. Objectives

Maybe LFT needs to pick a couple of objectives from the list that was in the newsletter to focus on for the first quarter of 2020 eg:

Goal 1 – Recruitment and training to start in March to identify parishioners to lead a variety of ministries and prepare for liturgical and pastoral leadership roles in our parish and church (say LFT-led team of Kitty, John K, Pete plus 3 parishioners); John L to seek two couples to speak at masses from St Bens, Anna to identify parishioners from St Andrews, Sr Jude to consider parishioners from St Peter & Pauls; and

Goal 2 – Relook at whether current portfolio model is 'fit for purpose' including firming up and finalising parish Vision statement (eg link it to ADW Vision statement?) by say end of March. It was suggested to start advertising on weekend of 8/9 Feb for a parish meeting on Sunday 23 February to conclude this matter.

In relation to Goal 2 Tim Gordon has been requested to outline a timeline and strategy for parish vision document.

5. Review of parish buildings

The review of parish buildings is a third priority LFT goal for 2020. Parishioners who have indicated an interest and

could be asked to assist with this piece of work include Brian Hill and Peter Mulqueen.

6. Lay Pastoral Leader

A discussion was held on the possible employment of a transition Lay Pastoral Leader for the parish for say 3 days a week for say 12 months to begin with.

Agreed that Kitty would consult and follow through with ADW on the above matter and report back to LFT.

7. Parish meeting with Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC)

John Kleinsman spoke to this request that St Francis of Ohariu host an event on Friday, 28 February 2020, to develop relationships between parishes and their communities. It was noted that their decision to come to Ohariu early in the year could come in part from a concern to continue to publicly validate the work the LFT is doing within our parish. The meetings provides opportunities for questions from parishioners.

Agreed to host this event and commence appropriate communications to the parish.

There is also a World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March which is also supported by the LFT which will also be advertised to the parish.

8. Goodbye to St Judith

Sr Judith is returning to Dunedin in mid February after arriving in Johnsonville with the Dominican Sisters in the year 2000 to support the local church and, in particular, the work of Challenge 2000. The kind, gentle and wise presence and counsel of Sr Judith at LFT meetings will be keenly and sadly missed. The parish will farewell St Judith at a shared lunch after the 10:30am Mass at St Peter & Pauls on Sunday 16 February.

Agreed to have a shared LFT dinner on Monday 17 February at 7pm, Johnsonville Presbytery.

9. General business

- * Ian Hamilton (Focolare) to be invited by John Kleinsman to the next LFT meeting to talk about the Ecumenism Portfolio and associated topics; and
- * Anna to check on Heater options and quotes for St Peter & Pauls and report back to LFT.

10. Items to stay on the agenda for future action

- * Set aside significant quality time at beginning of 2020 for LFT Formation, identify dates, commit to be there etc;
- * Ongoing plan for the Eucharistic Ministers;
- * Scripture classes and partnership with TCI; and
- * Chairperson for the LFT.

11. Next meeting Monday, 10 February 2020, 7pm at Johnsonville Presbytery.