

## **Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 8pm in St Benedict's Church Presbytery, Khandallah**

**Present:** Fr Peter, Fr Doug, Robert McClean (Chair), Marita Basabas, Graham Cooper, Tony de Joux, Eric De Souza, Oliver Hartwich, Shirley O'Brien, Mark Westerbeke and Deborah Lim (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Fr Sebastian, Eustie Kamath

Meeting opened with a prayer recited by Graham.

Motion was made by Robert, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of 10 November 2016. Motion carried. Minutes are now to be loaded onto the Parish website.

### **Update on Matters from Previous Meeting**

#### **St Andrew's Church Roof**

No further update.

#### **Parish Strategic Plan**

Sub-committee met again on 23/11. They have used the Strategic Plan drawn up by the Napier Parish as a reference to develop a vision and four mission statements all centred around God's love. Next step is to define outcomes for each mission statement. Council members all provided positive feedback.

#### **Review of Mass Times - Implementation**

Fr Peter tabled letter dated 25/11 from Cardinal John confirming approval to put new Mass times in place. Cardinal John also acknowledges Robert's efforts during the consultation process.

Points raised:

- New Mass times need to be implemented ASAP as this will advance the merger and also plans for having only 2 Priests.
- Will need to support long-standing regular parishioners at the Johnsonville Vigil Mass. Plan is to have a session on Saturday 10/12 to thank all the long-serving parishioners at this Mass.
- Can we provide transport for the Johnsonville Vigil Mass-goers to attend another Church? This will be discussed at the session on Saturday and also published in newsletter.
- Parishioners who are volunteering in Ministries at the Johnsonville Vigil are more than welcome to offer their services at either Khandallah or Newlands.
- Should we have more Greeters at Mass during the initial stage of the new Mass Times so people from other Churches feel welcome?

#### **Parish Liturgy Team**

Meeting was held on 29/11 attended by Wendy Cleaver, Colleen Campbell and Tony de Joux. Tony tabled minutes of the meeting. General aim of group is coordination of activities and practices across all three Churches. There is a need to train more people to do Liturgy of the Word Services and Fr Patrick Bridgman is running a course next year.

  
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## **Health and Safety**

- All three Churches were checked after the 14/11 earthquake and no damage found.
- There is a need to have emergency supplies in each Church and an evacuation plan.

## **Stewardship Day in the Parish**

All-day event confirmed for 11/3/17 and will be run by Cardinal John. Morning session is open to all parishioners and afternoon session for leadership groups, council and schools.

## **General Correspondence**

None tabled.

## **Other Business**

- Mark queried information relating to historical sale of land at Newlands and use of funds. Fr Peter has all the documentation and invited Mark to have a look anytime.
- Mark suggested extra/improved heating may be required at Newlands Church. Finance Committee will need to approve before getting a quote.
- No weekday Masses have been scheduled in Newlands throughout January. This has been the case for the past few years, but does it send out a negative message? Tony offered to conduct Liturgy of the Word services in Newlands if there is a need – this is noted for next year.

Meeting concluded at approximately 9.30pm.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St Peter & Paul's Johnsonville Church Hall.**