

## St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish

**Leadership Formation Team** - Minutes of meeting on Monday, 20 April 2020, 5pm via zoom

**Attendees:** Anna Mika-Hunt, Kitty McKinley, Thomas Davis, Tim Gordon, John Lawson, Paul Betham, Pete Roe

**Apologies:** Marushka Caldeiro, John Kleinsman

1. Opening prayer/reflection

2. LFT 13 April 2020 minutes of meeting confirmed.

### 3. Matters arising

- a) still getting lots of positive feedback from parishioners re weekly parish newsletter comms;
- b) Church app currently under development;
- c) instagram account being set up; and
- d) work underway to define purpose of each communication channel – missing channel are parishioners with no email address and sometimes difficult to determine validity of any given email address.

### 4. Newsletter items

- a) Challenge 2000 Youth Team preparing items for ANZAC weekend;
- b) Peter Roe including comment on family bubbles;
- c) confirmation that status quo remains at Alert Level 3.

### 5. Finance

- a) number of parishioners moving to automatic payments for gift giving continues to increase;
- b) tax receipts will be sent out by chimp mail for parishioners with email addresses;
- c) parishioners who gift give by envelope will receive a thank you card with an encouragement to consider changing to gift give by internet banking under the circumstances;
- d) LFT members and Challenge 2000 have offered assistance with delivery of tax receipts and new envelope bundles for parishioners with no email address;
- e) LFT endorsed the approach being taken by Finance Committee in relation to moving to an accrual basis for parish accounts and has asked that discussions continue with ADW on these matters.
- f) LFT also endorsed the enquiries being made by Finance Committee with regards to parish property insurance and has asked that discussions also continue with ADW on these matters.

### 6. Planning coming out of COVID-19

- a) LFT noted papers provided by Pete Roe on Leadership Formation and Liturgy of Hope;
- b) Pete spoke to papers and expressed 'scattered thoughts', so to speak, on uncertainty of post COVID-19 circumstances (refer separate Leadership Formation topic below);
- c) 'Hour of Hope' is the bones of a liturgy that could take place once a month in Ohariu;
- d) difficult to say when we may gather again as a Parish;
- e) size of a suitable venue could be a challenge at that time;
- f) could just be one priest available in the area post COVID-19;
- g) could also ask parishioners what they think parish life will look like post COVID-19;
- h) Kitty happy to work on different scenarios under different COVID Alert Levels; and
- i) general agreement to keep these matters on the LFT meeting agenda for the time being.

### 7. Leadership Formation

These are just a few thoughts while in isolation and quietly thinking about the need for these matters to be addressed before post COVID-19.

A Church that loves its model rather than its mission will die.

- \* A joyful community living the spirit of St Francis (this includes our Schools, St Vincent de Paul, Challenge 2000 etc)
- \* A new tomorrow is here today
- \* I attached a revised version of “Liturgy of Hope” – for reflection, ideas, adjustments and eventual action, as a possible liturgy when we are first able to celebrate together as one. A new beginning!

Some thoughts: going forward;

In order to move forward it is so important not to squeeze the newness into an existing model of status quo, in other words we have to loosen our existing structure, that I believe is still in place, so to allow for new possibilities.

- \* First Communion celebration is as one Parish
- \* Confirmation celebration is as one Parish
- \* First Reconciliation is as one Parish
- \* Baptisms are one Sunday a month (not scattered throughout a month)
- \* Where possible combined school Masses (celebrating one Parish different charisms)
- \* Combined sacramental programmes as one Parish 2020/2021
- \* Selection and Formation of leaders for possible Leadership within a Pastoral Team, Finance, Liturgies
- \* Review of weekday and Sunday Mass timetable

Just a beginning of my reflection.....Pete Roe

**8. ADW presentation**

- a) LFT noted 'Change Document' and thanked Tim Gordon for the paper in relation to assisting a collaborative presentation to ADW post COVID-19;
- b) general agreement to keep these matters on the LFT meeting agenda for the time being.

Next meeting Monday, 4 May 2020, 5pm via zoom.