

PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY NELSON/STOKE
MINUTES OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021,
AT THE MEETING ROOM, ST FRANCIS CHURCH, SAXTON ROAD, STOKE

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance: Sam Meria (Chair), Father Joy, Kathy Mardon (Secretary),
Shelley Hills, Belinda Mellor.

Apologies: Noeline Grant, Dolly Meria

2. OPENING PRAYER: Father Joy opened the meeting with a prayer

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- (a) 22/3/2021 – from Cardinal John, re resignation of Mary-Ann Greaney from ADW
- (b) 27/2/2021 – from Mary-Ellen Lee, re stipends PFG
- (c) 11/3/2021 – from Lesley Hooper, from the Royal Commission Response Team – including letter from Cardinal John and further resources. Father Joy asked members to say a special prayer for Cardinal John who will be appearing before the Commission the next day.

Outwards:

- (a) From Noeline Grant re stipends PFG

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Name tags for PLT members: Kathy to follow up with Sarah **Action: Kathy**
- (b) Budget requests to Finance: Noeline has actioned
- (c) World Day of the Elderly: in August – defer to later meeting
- (d) Retreat: Fr Tony is able to come near the end of April. The meeting agreed on the following times for the three sessions, to be held at St Francis: Friday 30 April, 6-7pm; 2 to 4pm, Saturday 1 May and Sunday 2 May. It was suggested that we extend an invitation to parishioners from Our Lady of the Bays. The sessions will be preceded with a cup of tea;
Action: Shelley and Sam to be responsible for hospitality.
Fr Joy to follow up with Fr Tony.
Shelley to contact the sacristans.
- (d) Life Teen: Belinda reported that she has spoken with Phillippa again, but that there is no certainty about the future of this programme.

Discussion took place about the urgent need to attract young people back to the Church, and the need for opportunities for young people to gather together for Church related activities. It was noted that Garin College is the obvious place to

hold gatherings of young people, but that there is a lack of suitable prayer/meditation spaces at the College.

Fr Joy suggested that a starting point could be for him to issue an invitation to young people to meet with him.

Action: Fr Joy

- (f) Meeting of those preparing the PPT slides Fr Joy to organise a date for a meeting and send to the people involved **Action: Fr Joy**
- (g) Database: agreed that it would be appropriate for Kathy to invite some parishioners to help to bring the list up to date **Action: Kathy**
- (h) Phone trees St Mary's: pending the database being updated
- (i) Phone trees St Francis: Shelley commented that phone trees should be used for general pastoral outreach purposes, not just for emergencies. There are still some teething issues to sort out, particularly in relation to privacy issues around release of personal information.

6. PLT GOALS: YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Fr Joy would like to start visiting homes, to meet parishioners and to offer them the chance to have their home blessed. He will make up a form to have available at both Churches for people to fill in.

It was suggested that the parish have a "St Joseph the Carpenter" day, at which children would be invited to come along and make something out of wood, eg. a cross. The goods they make could then be blessed at Mass, and given out to families. The meeting agreed that this would be a suitable way of celebrating St Joseph, and getting children and families involved. More details to come later

"Year of the Family and Year of St Joseph": Fr Joy explained about Prayers for St Joseph and novena to be prayed after Mass. Prayers to be displayed in foyer at both Churches, and on website. It was agreed that in each foyer, there be a large board, with picture of St Joseph, and other info/prayers etc, to be updated on a regular basis. Belinda, Fr Joy to look out for images.

Action: Fr Joy, Belinda

7. REPORTS FROM FINANCE & LITURGY TEAM:

- (a) **Finance** – applying to Council re replacement of some stained glass. Grant for maintenance of Garin Chapel.

Amalgamation: Discussion took place about where the amalgamation process is at. The PLT requested that they be kept updated about the process, and preferably have a discussion with the amalgamation steering group, and to have some input into the process.

- (c) **Liturgy Group**: Easter services have been finalised, and will be displayed in the parish newsletter.
- (d) Shelley to check who's on Hospitality for the 9;30 Mass at St Francis.
- (e) Syndicates from St Joseph's school have started coming along to the Thursday Mass at St Mary's. The Liturgy Team are planning for Childrens' Masses , to be held on Anzac Day, Pentecost, and the Feast of the Assumption.

8. **PLT NOMINATIONS:** Fr Joy to give reminder at Masses this week. Nominations close this weekend.
A secretary will be required once Kathy leaves the PLT. It was suggested that a minute taker need not be an elected member of the PLT.
9. **CHANGE OF NAME:** It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Leadership Team be renamed the Parish Pastoral Council.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 29 April, at 7pm, in the meeting room of St Francis.

Action: Shelley to book meeting room.

Chair for next meeting: Noeline

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record

N.M Grant
(Chair)

29-04-21
Date

