

All Souls Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

Date: 12 th January 2017	Venue: Parish Room	Time: 7.30pm			
Chair: Poala Casagrande	Minutes: Michelle Drake				
Attendees:					
	Fr. Michael Brandon	Deacon Paul Rabvukwa	Barbara McGowan	Christopher Kay	Michael Tourville
Paola Casagrande	Tony Thompson	Michelle Drake	Claire Groves	Richard Walsh	
Apologies:	John Corroon	Claire Kirrane	Irene Zikpi	Laura Crowe	

Minutes from PPC meeting 12th January 2017

Items to discuss and actions	Action owner
1 Prayer	ALL
<p>2 Reflection on Christmas celebrations</p> <p>All enjoyed the well attended Christmas Masses remarking on how lovely the church and flowers looked. A brief discussion about mass times for next year and whether to keep all of them took place, it was decided it was worth it for the turnout. Further discussion to take place at the September meeting as Christmas day will fall on a Monday this year.</p> <p>The Christmas party was well attended and all enjoyed the raffle and quiz. It was suggested to reduce the quiz rounds next year to accommodate those with small children or who have to leave before the end.</p>	ALL
<p>3 CTEC Final arrangements for Fellowship meal 21st Jan 2017</p> <p>Final numbers and menus were agreed and all tasks for the day distributed. Those attending were asked to arrive to set up from 4.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Background music to be provided rather than entertainment to encourage conversations.</p> <p>RW feedback on Christmas celebrations in the other Churches who reported low numbers to their services but a good turnout to the carol service.</p> <p>The annual 'How Great thou Art' festival has been proposed to be reduced from one week to a day this year. Further details to be released when known.</p> <p>Fr M. suggested the Greek Orthodox ICONS may be requested for display in All Souls again this year, all agreed they were thought provoking.</p> <p>Lenton lunches to start on 7th March 2017 on Tuesdays, all churches to take turns. It is All Souls turn on 21st March 2017 and also our turn for the Prayer breakfast on</p>	RW

<p>Saturday 4th March 2017, volunteers to help please see BM.</p> <p>Youth Groups in other churches have dwindling numbers, discussion around merging activities took place but it was decided the most effective way to help would be to show support by attending other CTEC events.</p> <p>RW has an extensive list and more details of forthcoming events from CTEC to be provided.</p>	
<p>4 Parish Census</p> <p>So far approximately 500 forms have been received and names, addresses and contact information are currently being added to a new parish database. The skills mix available has not been identified yet but when it is the PPC will need to help with responding to all parishioners. Fr.M. hopes the database will be up to date by the next PPC meeting in March. BM requested a list of jobs with corresponding PPC representative to be collated and displayed in the foyer and on the website as soon as possible</p>	MD
<p>5 IQRA meeting 11th February 2017</p> <p>The next IQRA meeting takes place 11th February 2017, 5.30-7.30pm. All Souls to host a meal in the parish room, BM to clarify dietary requirements and numbers. Suggestions for topics to discuss included how we balance our way of life, cultural differences and spirituality; deciding upon concentrating on what we have in common the similarities /differences between fasting for Lent and Ramadan.</p>	ALL
<p>6 Summer Garden Party Sunday 2nd July 2017 (Feast of the Precious Blood)</p> <p>Update Fr.M. is meeting with CQ on 24th January 2017 to confirm the role and input of the PTA who did a lot of work to make the last event a success.</p> <p>Suggestions for future discussion included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who to invite e.g. The Bishop • having a speaker from the religious orders e.g. Fryer Gerard or Sister Philomena for the mass • logistics of a BBQ / pig roast • whether or not to utilise the opportunity to fund raise e.g. for a new roof and / or church bells. <p>Parked until next meeting</p>	ALL
<p>7 Reflective formation – Maundy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord’s supper</p> <p>The evening ended with reflection on the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday Mass. Discussion took place around interpretation of the instructions concerning the Passover Meal taken from a reading of the book of Exodus and the true meaning being a message of hope for salvation.</p>	ALL
<p>New items to discuss</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	
<p>Webcam</p>	ALL

One of the parishioners requested that All Souls has a webcam to enable sick parishioners to view the mass at home. The pros and cons were discussed resulting in divided opinions between council members. It was agreed to revisit the proposal at a later date.	
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Future meetings:

- **Tuesday 7th March 2017 @ 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 3rd May 2017 @ 7.30pm**
- **Thursday 8th June 2017 ? TBC**
- **AGM Sunday 11th June 2017 after 11.15 Mass**