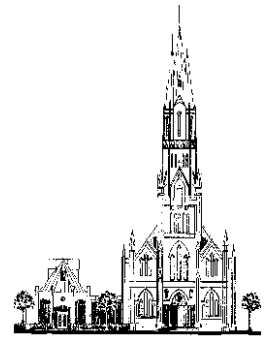


Cathedral Parish - Pastoral Life Committee (PLC) Meeting

Cathedral Meeting Room at 5.30pm

18 April 2024

Present: Cindy Nguyen, Donna Brown, Catherine Norman, Fr. Vui, Isaac Harris, Christine Cosgrove, Teresa Edwards.



Apologies: Bishop John, John Siu

Opening: Fr Vui opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from Previous Meeting held on 15 February 2024

It was agreed these were a true and accurate record of the meeting held 14/03/2024.

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence in and out: Nil

Reports:

Parish: Sacramental programme; there are 27 tamariki taking part in the programme. Fr Vui lead a wonderful First Reconciliation liturgy just before Easter. They have now begun lessons for First Eucharist which will be held on Trinity Sunday (26th May) during 9.30am Mass. Alpha: the current course is coming to an end with the retreat day next week and two more sessions after that. Before setting the dates for the next course there will be discussions around when this will happen, where and who the Alpha lead team will be with the intention of gaining more members on this team. We will also consult Parishioners from other Parishes who are successfully running Alpha for their guidance and advice. Please see below in other business for more Parish reporting.

St James: The role is increasing (which is great news) especially in the Indian Community this will mean that school Management will reassess their strategic plan so that it aligns with the needs of the community. A new permanent teacher has been employed to cover release of teachers 3 days a week. The school has received some funding for the current ORS students. This is for 11 hours a week. It does put stress on the teachers in these classrooms (mainly the Junior school) as the ORS students are at school for the full 30 hours a week. There will be 2 more ORS students starting next term. The Management team are very aware that they will need to manage this taking into account the mental health of the teachers in these classrooms.

St Peters: They have had a busy term with lots going on especially with special character. They had a successful can drive to raise money for St Vinnies & survive a slum for Caritas. Quite a few

students were recently Confirmed. It was wonderful to see that the students past St James teachers had been asked to be sponsors which shows the long term and ongoing support that our community gives to one another. O'Shea Shield takes place at Sacred Heart Napier next term. It will be the first time that the Bishop will be attending one. Isaac also acknowledged Tausilia and all of the wonderful work that she has done for the school as Chaplain.

General Business (this will be held over to next meeting on 27th June when members of the committee will have attended the Divine Renovation Conference and Bishop John will be present at the meeting):

To prepare for the next PLC meeting, here are some of the questions/items PLC will discuss:

- How does the PLC work in the future?
- Do PLC want to continue to meet at 5.30 pm on a Thursday or is there a time/date that suits everyone better?
- How often do PLC want to meet?
- What will the agenda look like? Will it still include reports?

- Other business:

- Youth Minister recruitment update; The Cathedral Parish is re-evaluating role with the possibility of it becoming full-time and seen as a career. There needs to be discussions around the expectations & vision of Youth Ministry in our Parish. The Parish Life Committee Chairperson would like to recommend that Bishop John meets with Nick Wilson to discuss this so that he is kept updated on what is happening going forward.
- Divine Renovation Conference in Harrogate in June update; Fr Vui, Cindy and Donna will be attending the Conference. Bishop John is also inviting parishioners to join them at the Conference in this week's Parish Newsletter. He will pay for the Conference fee for anyone who attends.
- 100-year anniversary of the Cathedral update: A Committee will be formed for this with Steph Grantham (Cathedral Manager) overseeing it. It will take place in March 2025 and is also 150 years since the Parish was established.

Closing: Fr Vui closed the meeting with a Prayer.

Next PLC meeting: 5:30pm - 27th June 2024