



The Cathedral
Church Of St Marie

St. Marie's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 12th October 2016
In Cathedral House at 7:45pm

Present:

Niall Corroon
Leandro Martins
Fr. Christopher Posluszny
Eileen Maher
Candida Calvert
Josip Korbar

Apologies:

Steve O'Hara
Moya O'Hara
Hugo Teruzzi

Opening Prayer: Led by Josip Korbar

Review of previous minutes: The previous minutes were reviewed, and points were discussed since the last meeting;

Leandro Martins has sent out a report detailing the event discussions which took place as part of the Bishop's visitation.

The end of the Holy Year of Mercy is fast approaching, with the cathedral's role in it having been successful with 1500 booklets printed and distributed so far. At the 10:30am mass on Sunday 13th November, Bishop Ralph will formally close the Holy Door, marking the end of the year.

Prior to that, there will be a special Parish Pilgrimage through the Holy Door on Saturday 12th November. Details of this are in the bulletin, with a formal pilgrimage at 10:30am, followed by Exposition, and opportunity for confessions finishing with Mass at 12:30pm. There will be another formal pilgrimage starting at 2pm on the same day.

There is still a meeting planned for all altar servers, where numerous issues such as logistics, distribution between masses and attire will be discussed – this has yet to happen.

It was suggested that the PPC are in need of some more members; all members present were in agreement on this. Many names were suggested in confidence at the meeting, and individual members will approach those suggested names to see if they are interested.

1. The Big Thank-You Party

Emails for potential guests to attend the Big Thank-You party have been 'combed through' by the organisers. Attendance to this event is to be via formal invitation from the PPC, and this year will include all of the Heritage Lottery volunteers who assist in the role of the

church as a place of secular interest. Once all of the names of invitees have been compiled, Josip Korbar is to send out invitations in the form of small card sheets using the same message as in previous years. This year, we are aiming to produce around 150 invites to the event.

ACTION: Prior to the Big Thank-You Party, emails are to be sent around to volunteers to ask if they would like assistance with refreshments.

2. Parish Website

Hugo Teruzzi was not present at the meeting, but the PPC were informed that current developments with the parish website were to protect it from hackers.

3. Other issues

Given that we are progressing into the Autumn and Winter months, the topic of Christmas masses was revisited. Last year, there were many non-regular church attendees at the Christmas Eve vigil mass. Although the mass was very well attended, there were concerns about a lack of any sense of community. The mass could also be enhanced by additional stewards, altar servers and singers. The other Christmas masses were judged to be very successful last year, although there was suggestion that since they are 'special masses' the Pugin chalice could be used to heighten the sense of occasion.

ACTION: Candida to discuss with Hugh Finnigan how the vigil mass could be improved.

4. Fr. Chris Update

Replacing the mortar on the tower is an ongoing process. The restoration of the tile has started, and is expected to take 6-7 weeks to complete.

Numerous curates for the cathedral are due to arrive, and Fr. Santosh is due to stay for a 3-year period.

The second floor of Holden Hall has been rented out successfully.

Closing prayer: This was led by Josip Korbar

NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed

Future meetings: Wednesday 7th December