

St Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4th February 2021

I. Call to order

Ken Eades opened the meeting at 7.04p.m and opening prayer prayed.

II. Roll call

Apologies from Father Kevin and Gus.

Absent: Kiko

Present: Ken, Fr Maleko, Pat, Tina, Remy, Ben, Dana, Mary, Cherylynn, Fr Biju and Kristina.

III. Meeting Minutes from our last meeting:

Moved to pass minutes by Cherylynn and seconded by Ben

IV. New Business

- A. **Year of St Joseph 2021:** 2021 is the year of St Joseph 19th March is St Joseph Feast, 9.15 a.m School Mass, but followed by 7pm Mass; followed by supper. A 9-day Novena in the lead up to his feast day (from the 11th March, finishing on the 19th with the vigil Mass followed by a shared supper). Angelique will investigate banners reflecting St Joseph to replace the fruits of the holy spirit (St Joseph banners to ideally go up after easter) Also to organise a cake for our special priests to celebrate their years of ordination. Prayer to St Joseph to be recited each mass after communion. Mary to put links to prayers-novena to St Joseph in the bulletin. Kristina to contact Andrew/School to find out what the school is doing to commemorate the year of St Joseph.
- B. **EJP Guest Judy Dixon from EJP:** Judy Dixon joined our meeting tonight to discuss and inform the wonderful and much needed work and support EJP provide our parish and wider community in the

way of housing and food etc. The EJP along with the support of the PPC will keep the parish up to date with their works, community projects and any needs that the parish can help the EJP with. Use of the large whiteboard/notice board in the church foyer to display any of their notices etc. Judy is sending a copy of her report to Kristina which she will email out to everyone.

- C. **Samoan Community**- Nothing New to report-leave it with Tina and she will come back to us with any plans that the community have.
- D. **Tongan report**- Gus away
- E. **Filipino Community**- The Filipino community had a special mass to celebrate the feast of the immaculate conception, also had NYW mass in St Peter and Paul parish in Lower Hutt. Local level they continue visits to homes through the Legion of Mary. The Philippines celebrate 500 years of Christianity, which will be celebrated on Easter Sunday.
- F. **Indian Community**-The celebrated Christmas midnight mass and NYE, in their language.
- G. **Sacraments of Initiation**- To be advised, programme is being looked at for this year.
- H. **Finance Committee**: Every month a report is sent to the archdiocese regarding the financial affairs of the parish. The finance committee provided answers to the questions PPC asked them to gain an understanding of their role and how they operate.
- I. **Parish Info Line**: Who approved this? What is its purpose? Do we need it? Parish Office secretary to contact telco to see if we can have phones diverted to either of the Priests when office isn't staffed. Kristina will email Father Maleko with what Barbara will need to organize.
- J. **Parish Meeting**- To be held on the 18th April 2021, open to all parishioners and groups within our church community to share their roles, purposes and what they hope to achieve for our church.
- K. **Multi-Cultural Mass**- To be held on the Feast of Christ the King (just like last year).

L. **Weekday Evening Mass**-Father Maleko to discuss with our other priests regarding this and will decide if this will go ahead then.

V. Adjournment

Ken adjourned the meeting at 9.15p.m and lead the closing prayer

Minutes submitted by: Kristina Lambert-Vickers