



# tongariro catholic

*Parishes of*

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**17 April 2016**

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MINUTES**

**Parish Meeting Room**

**8 March 2018**

### **1.0 PRESENT**

Ange Edhouse, Harry Leusink, Vera Mclvor, Msgr Trevor Murray, Margaret Paahi, Lovely Painuthara, Rose Ruiz and Colin Shirley

### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

Glenn Clunie, Fili Sakaria, and John Smith

### **3.0 PRAYER**

The members prayed a passage from next Sunday's Gospel then shared their reflections and thoughts.

### **4.0 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS & FAREWELL TO FORMER MEMBERS**

Msgr Trevor welcomed Ange Edhouse, Rose Ruiz and Colin Shirley to the Council.

### **5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **Pitiroi Statue**

The monumental mason has a backlog of work. He will get to the statue as soon as possible. When the memorial stones are installed, the statue will be given its final coat of paint. The rededication will take place soon after completion.

#### **Maori Mass**

This is a PPC initiative to help Taupo Maori Catholics to reconnect with the Church. Maori Mass will be celebrated on the fifth Sunday of each month. The first Mass for 2018 will be on Sunday, 29 April. The Turangi, Rotorua and Taumarunui communities to be invited to attend.

#### **Columbarium**

We will engage a landscape artist/architect to produce concept plans. Once these have been approved they will be presented to parishioners.

Marketing: It was suggested that once the concept plans are before parishioners, those interested can either purchase a plot immediately OR organise a time payment.

#### **Parish Pastoral Plan 2018**

We need to keep this before parishioners. Reminders to be placed periodically in the newsletter. Next year's plan is already in preparation.

#### **Social Justice Office (SJO)**

Food donations: Colin has canvassed local supermarkets, greengrocers and bakeries to support our 'food for the poor and needy' initiative.

Soup kitchen: Lunch will commence on Tuesday, 10 April. We will provide soup and buns on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. This will complement the dinners provided by Inspire Church on the 1st and third evenings of the month.

SVDP is keen to assist. The Young Vinnies also want to be part of this. The senior youth group will be asked to assist as well. We will also call for volunteers from the parish.

Lunches for school children: Msgr Trevor to work with Ange to look at the local and community needs.

Food van: The parish has bought a van for the use of the SJO and youth ministry. Msgr Trevor and Colin are to ascertain the need for evening visits to the poorer areas of Taupo offering hot drinks and food.

Cooperation with other churches and agencies: Msgr Trevor has made a very useful contact with Alison McVicar, the Salvation Army Community Ministries' coordinator.

The Salvation Army offers a dinner once a month; the Baptist church offers a dinner on the Monday evening. Lovely to get details about another group that offers meals.

Homeless in Taupo: Msgr Trevor and Colin will attend a meeting on Wednesday, 14 March, where the focus will be how to assist the homeless in our area.

### **Youth Ministry**

G1 Friday evening youth: This is for immediate aged school children. Colin is taking a different approach from last year: he is looking at healthy eating (teaching the children how to prepare food and how to cook it); social activities; faith activities. The number of participants is good.

Sunday evening youth: This is for college students. Colin is networking and having face-to-face contact with students encouraging them to attend. He is confident that the numbers will grow.

Colleges: Colin has approached the two Taupo Colleges and the two Turangi Colleges. There is some reticence from the principals at present. However, Colin intends pursuing this important target group.

Prison Youth: Colin has been approved as a prison volunteer. He will work under the auspices of the prison chaplain and will work with young offenders (18-25 year olds – there are some 60 of them in the prison population). He has been asked to prepare a programme for them and a strategy for its implementation.

Filipino Youth: Msgr Trevor asked Rose if she would promote the youth groups among the Filipino community.

Set Free 2018: This is the diocesan lead youth event for years 10-13 students. It will be held in Tokoroa from 23-25 March. The parish will sponsor those students wishing to attend. Colin will be assisting at the event as well.

## **6.0 SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFICE**

See above.

## **7.0 'PULSE' OF THE PARISH**

One of the tasks of the PPC is to keep a finger on the 'pulse' of the parish: how are things going? what are people's complaints/requests/suggestions?. The PPC needs to be

accountable and transparent in its processes and procedures. If there are issues, we need to listen to them/identify them; implement a strategy to resolve them; inform the parishioners of the outcomes.

#### **8.0 REBUILT**

The PPC will use this book as an inspiration and guide for our parish. Members are asked to read it and to prepare especially chapter 6, "It's the Weekend Stupid". This will be the main agenda item for our April meeting.

#### **9.0 MSGR TREVOR'S SABBATICAL LEAVE**

Every five years the bishop approves a sabbatical leave for the priests.

In 2017 Msgr Trevor celebrated 35 years of priesthood. He will taking his sabbatical leave this year and will be away for two periods:  
12–24 April & 8 October–20 November.

#### **10.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **Lenten Retreat**

Taupo: Saturday, 17 March, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. A flyer will be included with the newsletters.

##### **Easter Ceremonies 2018**

Schedule has been published. A flyer will be included with the newsletters.

#### **11.0 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 12 April 2018, 7.00 pm in the parish meeting room.

##### **REMAINING MEETING DATES 2018**

(2nd Thursday of the month, 7.00 pm in the meeting room)

10 May | 14 June | 12 July | 9 August | 13 September | 11 October | 8 November | 13 December