

# St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish

**Leadership Formation Team** - Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, 14 October 2021, commencing at 5pm via zoom

**Attendees:** John Lawson, Paul Betham, Kitty McKinley, Shane Dinnan, Pete Roe, Clayton Dias, Teresa Preston (joined meeting from 5:45pm as a guest for agenda item 4 only)

**Apologies:** John Kleinsman, Thomas Davis

1. Opening prayer/reflection.
2. LFT 27 September 2021 minutes of meetings confirmed.
3. Action log updated.

Teresa Preston joined meeting via zoom.

## 4. COVID Update / Planning

Masses will restart at St Andrews and St Peter & Paul's this weekend and LFT noted the following in the discussion:

1. Various people have taken responsibility for the Covid-19 level 2 rules and will wait and see how things go;
2. There were some issues with sign in/registration for masses set up by ADW for up to 100 people and PLAG team is working through these;
3. Clarification is being sought with regards to allowing for 'staff/workers' eg Priest + 4 others (Ushers, Readers etc);
4. There will be a need to progress the risk assessment to cover us if things go wrong;
5. Paul raised some concerns with seemingly lack of transparency in relation to the process of how the decision to restart masses this weekend was determined and this was noted by LFT;
6. Successful mid-week services have been held during the week;
7. Thomas has 'draft plan' for St Ben's with the intention of restarting masses next weekend;
8. The plan includes learnings from last year;
9. Clarification is being sought about where the list goes and who has access to the ADW website link.

Following further consideration and debate, agreement was reached to restart masses at St Ben's next weekend subject to plans being finalised to the requirements for the Covid-19 level 2 rules.

Teresa Preston left the meeting.

## 5. Strategic

1. State of the Nation – John Lawson has received comments and feedback from all and will incorporate these into the final version and send out to LFT in the next few days for sign off. It would be good to finish with a list of services that are needed rather than a set of guiding principles. Looking to deliver key messages in person on the weekend of 30/31 October, all things being equal, eg in place of a sermon at mass;
2. Property Review
  - a. There was a discussion about a deferred date to go back to + John for completion of the Property Review with the end of March 2022 and the end of June 2022 being the two options under consideration. Shane expressed a preference to complete the review soon rather than later pending Covid 19 developments and, in the end, consensus was reached on keeping date to end of March 2022 for a decision to + John re completion of Property Review for St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish;
  - b. It was noted that only about 30 responses had been received to date for the survey monkey questionnaire so may need to adapt this process to bring more people on board;
3. Clayton advised that the two external groups using St Andrews had raised the possibility of renegotiating their contracts for less services under Covid-19 restrictions. This will be further discussed with perhaps a reduction in rent aligned to costs of a commercial cleaners as appropriate;
4. Clayton also advised that a view, in association with Synod Vision, had been expressed at PLAG and supported by SAC for an inclusive approach to others to be part of our faith community so they can also become more involved and contribute to the local community. Pete commented that these relationships are important. Kitty said that inclusiveness was really important and raised concerns of potential Pastoral-Liturgical contradictions in going down the PLAG pathway for Ecumenical/Pastoral outreach. Closer connections with other churches is under John Kleinsman's Ecumenism portfolio and sits there rather than through PLAG which has differing responsibilities. This topic was set aside for further discussion;

5. There was also a discussion on the availability of priests from overseas with Clayton indicating he knew of a priest who may be able to help. However it was noted that an approach would need to be made to + John in the first instance about this. It was also noted that even if he took over from Fr Pete Roe, the involvement and workload would not be sustainable.
6. Portfolio updates
  1. Further masses for discussion and confirmation;
  2. Half a dozen or so Little Churches groups still operating;
  3. Parish Manager started Monday – article needs to go in this week's newsletter;
  4. There is a lady from Karori giving Helen a hand and Tim Gordon also helping out;
  5. Shane and Pete to organise card/gift for Michael Hinds.
7. Other business

Unconscious bias – discussion deferred to next meeting (Clayton)
8. Next meeting – Tuesday, 26 October 2021, in person at Challenge House (Time TBC)