

Pastoral Advisory Group – St Francis of Assisi Ohariu

MINUTES of meeting held 23 October 2023, 7-8pm.

Present: Natasha (chair), Joe, Fiona, Jacqui, Lucienne, Robert.

Apologies: Scott, Mike, Pete, Petrus.

Natasha welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for making themselves available, either in person or by zoom, noting that this was a stat day.

Welcome prayer: (Joe).

Updates:

- ALPHA: 21 regular attendees; 27 started; strong sense of community in the group; young adults are working through among themselves how to keep connecting – this will be more than social but also include spiritual; time to start planning for 2024, with this current group contributing, there will be funds in the ALPHA kitty.
- St Andrew's: Joe gave an update of meeting with representatives of those who made a submission on the closure of the church. Fr Pete has written to Fr Patrick Bridgman with a view to the liturgical assessment required by Archbishop Paul before Christmas.
- Leadership Formation proposed by Archdiocese: we are looking for 1 or 2 people. **ACTION: Process will include members of PAG to consider qualities of potential future leaders that align to parish needs, based on the skill sets/ qualities identified a shortlist of candidates will be chosen and their approval sought. Lucienne to lead assisted by Joe. NB: due with ADW by 15 November 2023.**
- Sacramental programme: Robust discussion on the need for timelines and clarity for the parent community. Joe outlined the Archdiocese position on the order of sacraments and subsequent discussions with Challenge 2000 both parties are approaching Archbishop Paul/ADW to seek clarity).
- **ACTION: PAG advises that a plan should be developed and promoted to parents and caregivers by the end of the year. Joe is to obtain from ADW the order of the sacraments.**
- Future of PAG: noting how PAG came into existence, when the new Parish Priest is place PAG will look at transitioning with some new members, and a Parish Council put in place.

Closed with prayer: (Lucienne).

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2023, 7pm. The aim is to make this an end of year wrap up, with food. (Joe to organise).