

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CLOVELLY – CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Report on meeting held at 7.30pm on 27 June 2016 in the parish meeting room.

Present: Fr Pawel Kopczynski, Richard Haddock (Chair), Katy Haddock, Graham Russell, Joanne Russell, Chris Lim, Celine Lim, Kim Whyte, Marita Wells, Teresa Englen, Jan O'Neill, Joanne Sutton, David Chuah, Vicki Shirlaw, Elizabeth Eberl, Carlie Rohanna, Frances Etherington, Michele Bennett, Rose Chaaya, Joanna Nash (new members),

Apologies: Peter Court, Arlie McHatton, Sue Stivala, Nada Luskic, Col Blake, Lisa Gillespie, Linda Heavener, Claudine Fitzgibbon

Joanne R's report of the third meeting of the Committee (held 4 May 2016) was formally adopted without amendment - it had been emailed to Committee and hard copies made available in the church.

Richard said that the Committee must soon start to make some final decisions on what is proposed, set dates for events, and actually start locking in events and actions.

Spiritual activities:

- Fr Pawel is still working on a tentative schedule of the spiritual events he would like to have from June 2017 to June 2018. He would like to inaugurate the Jubilee year with a major Mass on the Feast of St Anthony (13 June 2017), inviting the Archbishop to attend.
- Russells have been compiling a list of the priests who worked in the parish and suggested:
 - Remembering those who have died on their anniversary of death.
 - Having a 'pilgrimage' to the graves of the three former parish priests buried in Waverley Cemetery (Mgr Peoples, Mgr Muirhead and Fr Prendergast).

St Anthony's School:

- School has got together the archival material used for the school's 90th anniversary - Liz Eberl will visit the school tomorrow to survey the archive.
- School librarian Vicki McLachlan is making plans to video interviews with families with long-standing connections to the school.
- Kim said that it is still too early to set a date for the proposed Open Day at the school; she would envisaged this being after a Sunday Mass.
- It was clarified that the school display material would be available for the parish display.

Communications/Publicity

- **LOGO:** Col Blake had modified his original design as requested, and his amended logo (last version) was approved, pending confirmation of the school colours.
- To maintain awareness amongst parishioners, monthly centenary snippets should be put in the parish bulletin from now on. (Joanne R).
- Joanne S will start work on setting up a Facebook page – Graham will send her an example he found through a notice in the Sydney Morning Herald.
- Col has designed an A4 sized ad for alumni/school newsletters, which was approved (pending confirmation of logo).
- Pull-up banner for use in the church foyer: Fr Pawel said that Horsley Park parish had a good one.

History/publication (chaired by Col Blake)

- Fr Pawel will contact retired Professor Gary Trompf, who will be writing the history, to arrange a meeting with the History sub-committee.
- Fr Pawel said that the history should be done properly, with authentication by a historian, and published properly. He mentioned that former parish priest Fr Janusz Bieniek was taking some time off, and wanted to get involved with the history.
- Joanne R pointed out that she had done a lot of work on the archives, and written up a fairly comprehensive history (which is on the parish website in slightly abridged form); she would not want to see her previous work overlooked.
- Michele Bennett will start on making videos of current and past parishioners telling anecdotes etc; Joanne R will get together a list, which will include Jim Taylor, Brenda Maher, Kevin

Wallace, Shirley Hassett, Joan Dunsmore (Michele does not want too many); there was a question of where to do these interviews.

- Russells intend to make an inventory of all the church 'furnishings' eg statues, and where they came from.

Displays

- Elizabeth and Vicki are still to go through the photographic archives with Joanne R.
- The contact for the display boards used at Marcellin College is David Wallace Photography, 0411 544 570.

Social events

- **Family style lunch** in the spring/summer of 2017 – Committee agreed that it would be good to make this a picnic after Mass (bring food to share?) – possible venues are Centennial Park, Varna Park (Michele Bennett will investigate costs); harbour cruise was not favoured.
- **Formal night event** eg dinner dance, in the autumn/winter of 2018 – Joanne S will investigate venues for about 200, including Randwick Club.
- Other possible venues for the major functions:
 - Auditorium of Little Sisters of the Poor – Teresa will enquire about availability and cost.
 - Waverley College – Col to enquire
 - Clovelly Bowling Club – Chris Lim had investigated the costs, which are (for 6 hours):
Monday – Thursday: \$950, closing 10.00pm, drinks close 9.30pm
Friday – Saturday: \$1,650, closing 12 midnight, drinks close 11.30pm
Sunday: \$1,100, closing 10.00pm, drinks close 9.30pm

Fundraising

- Joanna Nash showed some of the commemorative items she sells for St Vincent's College - aprons, tea towels, mugs, keyrings, calico bags; Committee was impressed with the quality, and agreed to drop idea of using children's art on these items; Committee also agreed that the line drawing of the church could be suitable as well as the centenary logo (have to be careful not to put St Anthony's image on unsuitable items).
- Compiling a cookbook was discussed and had some support; Sally will find out how Clovelly Public School did theirs.
- Selling pious items was discussed – Fr Pawel said that they would have to be related to Centenary eg rosary beads with St Anthony medal.
- Teresa's garage sale will be in September – Liz can get the surplus parish bookcase delivered to her.
- Centenary wine and Fr Pawel dinner parties – still possibilities.
- Committee recognised that it would be necessary to finance goods for sale, in anticipation of selling them.

Perpetual recognition

Fr Pawel was not keen on sandblasting of the church glass doors with a centenary message – he will come up with some ideas; Vicki suggested something for Michaelite mission in PNG, eg a scholarship for child(ren).

Other matters

- David and Teresa suggested that we should give more publicity to St Anthony and his miracles, as there is much devotion to him, especially among certain migrant communities; perhaps we could issue/sell a booklet about him.
- Joanne R said that the early history of the parish is filled with optimism about the future growth, in contrast to our current situation; Kim said that the child care centre being constructed in the old presbytery is a source of optimism, as the operators are very Catholic oriented – in fact, it would be good to involve them in the family centenary activities.

Next meeting: Early September (date not set, Monday is preferred)

ACTION LIST

Fr Pawel	Tentative schedule of spiritual events over the year
	Liaise with Col Blake/Gary Trompf re history
	Centenary wine/fund-raising dinners??
	Ideas for permanent memorial
Kim Whyte	Chair school sub-committee
	Tentative date for Open Day
	Check school colours with Col Blake
Joanne Russell	Minutes of meetings and posting on parish website
	Do 'centenary snippets' for parish bulletin from July 2016
	Go through/organise parish photos with Vicki and Elizabeth
	Send example Facebook page to Joanne S
	Send list of parishioners for interview/filming to Michele
	Continue research on priests and inventory of church items
Col Blake	Chair History sub-committee – meet with Gary Trompf
	Check logo colours with school
	Get ad in college newsletters
	Design Pull-up Banner (contingent on logo)
	Enquire at Waverley College about function space
Vicki Shirlaw	Go through/organise parish photos with JR and Elizabeth
Joanne Sutton	Set up Facebook page (contingent on logo)
	Investigate costs of venues for dinner dance
Teresa Englen	Enquire about LSOP auditorium
Elizabeth Eberl	Go through/organise parish photos with JR and Vicki
	Get ute to transport bookcase to Teresa's
Katy Haddock	Liaise with Joanna about commemorative items
Michele Bennett	Film interviews with parishioners
	Investigate use of public parks for centenary picnic
Sally Davies	Enquire about cookbook at Clovelly Public School