

END OF YEAR REPORT Parish Council (PPC) 2012

The PPC serves the priest of the parish, currently Father Andrew, by providing him with support. The PPC is able to advise priest.

This year most of the functions and extra activities that you see organized beyond the mass and functions performed exclusively by Father Andrew can be linked back to the Parish Council and affiliated groups.

As the Parish Council we have enjoyed tremendous support from Father Andrew, who ensures that he always attends all our meetings and makes encouraging contributions. Also the PPC has been well attended by its members and each person has taken on their role in a very meaningful way.

Our Council operates through the delegation of roles. It is up to the person or person and their team to ensure that he or she fulfills the role they have taken on. As I briefly outline the successful management of the different areas, you will begin to see that the colour, interest and fun for our church is so dependent of the people who so willingly give their time and skills to our church.

I am going to ask the PPC member to stand as I introduce them.

Jacqui Lukic – our fabulous secretary – she is the organizer behind ensuring we do all meet and perform our reporting tasks

New Parishioners, John Burke (currently at the funeral of his brother in law)

John welcomes people into the parish with a phone call and helps them to access the area of interest as they have indicated it on the new parishioners form. He invites them to join us at Sunday morning tea or an upcoming function.

Small Faith Groups, John Burke

ECCLESIA

Started to recruit more parishioners for Season Two. Don Bowden spoke at all

Masses on 19/20 August. Have had 12 responses so will form another group. In the process of getting one of these 12 to volunteer to be a facilitator.

Facilitator Training on 15 September at Savio where I will get the material needed for Season Two.

All on track for Season Two.

Justice & Peace, Mpush Ntabeni

Attends the archdiocese meetings.

These are the few points given at J&P meeting:

1. Funding: A proposal & proposed budget was sent to Archbishop Brieslin & had been approved. This would be enough to employ one part time person for a year. The intention was that the J & P Office would be occupied at least 3 mornings a week. Person appointed would be required to attend meetings on behalf of the Commission & write funding proposals. The funding would be more of a stipend than a salary. Ronald will work on a job description, which he will circulate. The Board would interview candidates.

Land issues: National Office has asked what the Church is doing about land redistribution. The Church in SA owns a lot of land. Ronald would ask Archbishop Brislin if a land audit has been done in the Western Cape.

CPLO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

J&P are invited and regularly attend the CPLO (Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office) roundtable discussions that are held. The latest one was a discussion on the on the refugee problem not only in South Africa but Africa as a continent and the services that the Catholic Church offers in areas where the government has failed to

recognize the rights of refugees. This is rampant in our public services and is largely as a result of ignorance and lack of training. We also subscribe to their publications, research and briefing papers which are published on the J&P webpage of our Church's website.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Social Doctrine of the Church calls on us to be stewards of the earth and in this way involvement in environmental matters is part of playing a role in serving other in the area of Justice and Peace.

- J&P had a representative at WESSA (Wildlife and Environmental Society of SA) who participated in work shopping to assist in producing their COP 17 statement (Convention on Climate Change).
- They have also attended meetings of the IWRM (Integrated Water Resources Management) which is led by the Department of Environment. The main purpose of the first IWRM programme has been to develop a number of guidelines related to groundwater, water conservation and demand management, and to provide support to water management institutions such as water user associations (WUAs) and catchment management agencies (CMAs). www.iwrn.co.za
- Recently we have been involved in supporting residents who are objecting to the erection of a cell phone mast in the middle of a residential area and within meters of a school. The concern is that legislation that has been passed in terms of not needing community participation in the erection of cell phone masts was based on outdated research. In May 2011 the WHO re-classified radio frequency radiation from 'not carcinogenic' to a class 2B carcinogen, placing it in the same category as lead,

- DDT, and asbestos. J&P approached the CPLO to consider taking this issue to a national portfolio committee on environmental issues. They have acknowledged our request.
- J&P is in the process of organizing a talk by the Program Head of Health Risk Management and a senior researcher at UCT.

COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

J&P attends the CPF meetings that are held in our area to help build a relationship between our law enforcement officers and the community. Report back is given to the parish on any issues that the police feel need to be raised in terms of law and order.

OUTREACH Rev Richard Aguirre

Outreach and J&P work in collaboration with each other in this area of exercising our Christian duty in helping others. The Parish has committed 7% of its planned giving and plate collection to this community service and in the last financial year has donated more than R67 000 to poor communities and individuals.

Just some of the aid we give- mainly in food, clothing, and cash- has gone to or goes to:

- The Westlake United Church Trust (squatter camp)
- Lamberts Bay Parish
- Langa Parish
- Grassy Park Parish
- Hout Bay St Vincent de Paul (mainly for their squatter camp efforts)
- The Little Angels Home for Orphans
- CWESI adult education classes
- Home for senior citizens
- A home for pregnant women rejected by their families
- A number of individuals both in our parish and elsewhere.

Fund Raising (Barry Visagie, to be replaced by Tom McLoughlin)

Offer the activities of the fete, pastoral meal, the international food evening. The fun and life of the parish.

Communications

Karen Parkin – excellent website, posters, and now our newly launched email send out

Year of Faith Committee

Newly formed

Don Bowden (new chair person); Mike Brooks (newly elected)

Family ministry/ Mens ministry/ folk group – Brian Goemans;
Mothers group Justine Hansen

Youth, Kevin Morris

There are a number of ongoing events:

- Sandwich making - 900 sandwiches delivered to the Masiphumulela school last Monday
- Pastis youth evening on Sundays Monthly
- Jono's Friday evening senior youth Catholicism DVD series will kick off on Friday the 7th September. He is currently expecting about 8 people to attend but we are hoping to persuade a few more at the Pastis session on Sunday.
- Junior youth - a meeting with parents who have responded to our survey will be held after the 09h00 mass on Sunday the 9th of September to discuss the issues around the Friday night junior youth.

Catechism, Kate Heins

Catechism is running smoothly. There is preparation for confirmation and first holy communion.

Ladies Group, Arlene Leisegang (an affiliated group)

- Visited Iziko Lo Lawazi in Hout bay. This is a non-profit organisation established in 2001 and aims to empower women through education and employment. It is a group of local women from Imizamo Yethu who are taught how to make stationery products from recycled paper and hand crafted beaded jewellery. Ten of us were given a guided tour.
- Prayers and tea with members of other churches. Yvonne welcomed everyone. Prayers were said and hymns were sung. Most enjoyable morning.

Maintenance – James Wagner

All the maintenance projects and building projects that are undertaken are done so through the careful management by James Wagner.

Care Group

Fran Robertson, Rene Esson, Patricia Waight – ongoing caring and prayer for people in the parish

Liturgy

Our special prayers and liturgical events such as stations of the cross is managed by Ivan Hendricks

