

Agenda Parish Council Mtg December 14th, 7:30 p.m.: All members present, but Gerardine who communicated by email prior to the meeting.

Items	Person leading	Brief Description	Time Slot	Comments
Standing Items				
1. Spaghetti dinner	Vincenzo/Peter	Feedback of evening, number of attendees and how much collected	5 min	<p>1. Good to mix families in different rooms, good turnout, to get to know each other. Bingo went well but might do it a bit differently next time. Made c. 448.00 euros (in last week's bulletin). Some contributed but couldn't come. Over 18 families. Some invited other friends to come not from parish and would do so again. Interesting interacting of all families, in general it worked well...bingo went well. Next time it could be slightly different.</p>
2. RE update/Adult Faith formation speaker	Precilla	Classes, # students, book purchase, Xmas pageant/eve mass	20 min	<p>2. Adult faith formation: 2 families attended from first communion and Sloans with children, plus the usual parishioners who attend. Maybe we can ask if they can record the talk to make it available later. Shall we ask attendees how they liked it? Mabel: we should provide them with the ppt or notes, so we don't ignore what happened. Precilla will contact speaker and ask if we can send some summary, and we should tell parents that the next time we will ensure there are no technical difficulties. There were some technical problems, for the next ones speakers will be asked to send their PPT before the talk. Xmas pageant: all parents have been notified already about not being able to do this. But online pageant with kids dressed up is a possibility. Vincenzo and Precilla will work on this. The discussion on whether having in-person mass on Christmas eve and Christmas day resulted on the decision to offer them online, 24th at 6 p.m. and 25th at 11 a.m. St Anne's is not offering in person mass either. Church is open to visit the nativity on the 24th and 25th from 3-6 p.m. Families will be invited to visit the church at their own convenience on those days and times. Banners for first communion made by Guia are ready already. Vincenzo has them, all the banner materials so they can be picked up from him. Precilla – see if we have a meeting at St Anne's, then we can distribute them, otherwise leave them for pickup at Parish Centre (January parents meeting – can update them then)</p>

<p>3. Update of registration on ledgers</p>	<p>Mabel/Jacqueline</p>	<p>Briefly describe what's been accomplished since last meeting</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>RE books – ordering student books but problem was the teacher's guide (one-time purchase) Made purchase of the RE books for students and teachers. The package should be sent to Peter's address instead of the Parish address in Waterloo.</p> <p>3. A working group (Jacqueline, Monica, Father Ikenna and Mabel) will work on this and present a summary at the next meeting.</p>
<p>4. Bank update on signatures</p>	<p>Peter Gerardine</p>		<p>5 min</p>	<p>4. Gerardine said: "I have received the bank card, code and card reader. As yet I have no access to the online banking as Belfius forgot to give me the form to complete until after I had left Belgium, despite me informing them of my travel and going in person to the bank to finalize details. I have since completed the form and posted it to them from Portugal. Hopefully they will be able to grant me access before the end of the year. Thankfully this does not cause problems for OLM as Peter is currently able to proceed without my signature".</p>
<p>5. Holy Art website update</p>	<p>Vincenzo</p>	<p>Update and how to proceed</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>5. The website had some administration issues, so they granted us 100 euros upfront, which is already received. The way it works: once we reach 100 euros, a commission should get paid. Once we reach 100 euros commission, we get paid – they have different thresholds, we can choose – Vincenzo opted for us to receive the commission once we reach 100 euros commission (on average our commission is 10% of most items).</p>
<p>6. Promoting OLM Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to embassies and schools 	<p>Marc-Jacqueline-Mabel</p>	<p>Update</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>6. Schools outreach: Marc is waiting to meet with ISF. It's been very positive interaction. Also Marc is in close contact with the Catholic Center. Jacqueline contacted European school in Waterloo, which is associated to Le Moliere. Meeting went well and are enthusiastic about our parish and RE program. They even offered their place for our use next school year, should St John's is not an option. Mabel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnes school (Etterbeck) contacted by phone but they offer RE to their students and have a priest who provides all liturgical and sacramental services. • ACE in Auderguem: religion is part of the curriculum, they have a priest on site that refers to services if needed, don't allow leaflets and don't

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding OLM link to St Anne's website 	Vincenzo	Update on conversation with Alain		<p>provide any info to parents, they have no welcome handbook or anything like that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brussels International Catholic School: They offer religion as part of their curriculum, but are ok for us to send email with info. FOLLOW UP NEEDS TO BE DONE. • Lycee Francais Jean Monnet: they don't have any handbook for parents with any info...families come and go and don't particularly look for English services, although they have English speaking families. • Ecole International Montgomery: Noone answers the phone. I sent an email with info and flyer. FOLLOW UP NEEDS TO BE DONE. <p>Embassies outreach: not easy, not much progress has been done. Work in progress. St Anne's and OLM websites have a link to reach each other services and info.</p> <p>Group meetings: Invite one other person to online event...to give a good feeling for what we are</p>
<p>New items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-person mass procedure 	PC discussion		5 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-person requires a lot of organization, to register in advance and which one they are coming to Complicated as we have more than 7 families and we would leave someone out. Vincenzo: news says priest said don't sign up every week, leave space for others. Those who turn up without signing up were turned away. Someone would have to stand at the door (Peter) and that doesn't work well. Precilla – every Christmas eve the church was full, many visitors. Marc spoke to Fr Tricot – says they will not have Mass Saturday and sun but on weekdays so you don't have to turn anyone away. Didn't discuss Christmas mass, but same issue of not having to impose a quota.

<p>2. Records keeping and</p>	<p>Mabel</p>	<p>-Committee members</p>	<p>10 min</p>	<p>Fr Ikenna: St Joseph’s Waterloo got permission to have 30 people for Christmas Mass (so have 3 masses, can accommodate more) Jacqueline – better virtual as ability to bring family is limited, for instance the grandchildren Marc – whatever we can do live is quite limited</p> <p>Peter – if every group is husband and wife then we soon have 30 Mabel – could we instead do the pageant for parents and grandparents with children, in person, have it twice (7 couples on each) Elda: But the rest of the community follows online – a lot of organization and we lose the sense of the community Doesn’t’ really solve the problem for anyone other than for Jewish weddings Jacqueline – sign in system will not work Fr Ikenna suggests a later time for Xmas eve if online Peter Sloan says can plan dinners around that Sad that we have the opportunity to have in person Mass but not offer it But hard to organize it now) open it up to those who really want to go. If more than can go, we have to see how to spread it over the two masses</p> <p>Peter – Fr Tricot solution is better, weekday Masses Fr Ikenna – many people show up on Xmas eve who don’t usually come to church at all, so will make it difficult Marc – the people we turn away will be very frustrated Elda – announce in bulletin that church open 3-6 pm on 24 and 25th and come with children to the creche, dressed as shepherds, but they have to abide by the Covid rules one family at a time, distancing, masks Marc will ask Fr Tricot if they will open the church and have someone there. 1 family at a time, with the usual conditions. Mabel – if church is open, someone from French parish is there to check Marc – find out if they will be open and someone on duty. Decision for the time being, continue with virtual masses.</p> <p>2. A suggestion was made on the communication protocol of committees, basically, ensuring all members are included in the</p>
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<p>communications protocol</p>		<p>communication:(PC/DRE/FINANCES)</p> <p>-Admin tasks: parishioners'list, sacraments notification to parish of baptism...</p> <p>-Cloud account for all info</p>		<p>discussions in each relevant committee. The committees are as follows:ASBL (Peter N., Vincenzo, Elda and Gerardine), RE (Precilla, Monica, Father Ikenna, Jacqueline, Vincenzo), Communications (Elda, Vincenzo, Marc), Events (Elda, Vincenzo, Peter S. and Mabel), Promoting OLM (Jacqueline, Marc and Mabel), Sacramental procedures committee: Jacqueline, Monica, Father Ikenna and Mabel.</p> <p>Admin tasks- Put off for next meeting</p> <p>CLOUD Account: Vincenzo will look at Microsoft Teams as a way to Have a cloud, each committee/team has a folder where things can Be shared. It will be useful and necessary so that members don't Keep parish documents on their personal devices. Example: Elda mentioned she has everything from past 5 years on her PC, a cloud space should be set up for back up too. Note: Precilla is experiencing some technical problems, not receiving the bulletin and some parents have noticed the same. Elda and Vincenzo are looking into this.</p>
<p>3. Sacramental procedures draft</p>	<p>Monica</p>	<p>Present draft for discussion on procedures for all sacraments</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>3. A working group is formed: Jacqueline, Monica, Father Ikenna and Mabel. Will aim to present the draft at the next meeting.</p>
<p>4. Update DRE job description</p>	<p>Mabel</p>	<p>Registration on ledgers isn't on the description</p> <p>Update</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>4. Item put off for next meeting.</p>
<p>5. OLM as part of the "Temporal matters committee" Alliance</p>	<p>Marc</p>		<p>5 min</p>	<p>5. Item put off for next meeting.</p>

<p>6. Project India School</p>	<p>Vincenzo</p>	<p>How can OLM help? Parish takes on the project or we leave it up to parishioners to support on their own.</p>	<p>5 min</p>	<p>6. Item put off for next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Bake sale 23-24 January</p> <p>Next meeting: 18 January 2021</p>	<p>PC discussion</p>		<p>10 min</p>	<p>7. If we can't have a live bake sale, we could have an auction, says Vincenzo, and the cakes could be dropped off at Parish centre and one Brussels place, and the winners pick up from there. A group will look into the options: auction baked items online, baking virtual class...Elda, Vincenzo, Peter S. and Mabel will look into this. As the date is set on calendar and hall booked, no change in dates for this event.</p>