

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2017



PRESENT Roger Townley, Maeve Jones, Bridie Lamont, Ann McQueeney, Angela McNulty, Morag McGrath, Thomas Allison, Josephine Findlay, Patrick Ironmonger

APOLOGIES Father Eamonn, Pat Nicol

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Minutes were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

- Any points covered in agenda items below

PPC CORRESPONDENCE BOX

- No box correspondence received.

FORWARD PLANNING

- Angela is taking on the forward planning role formerly performed by Fran.
- There is a conflict on the date for the Mass for the Deceased originally planned for 15th November. This will be moved to the 14th subject to agreement by the bereavement group.
- The selected dates for the 2018 Mission week from 30th April to 5th May are no longer suitable and the alternate week from 21st to 28th April is now planned.

YOUTH GROUP

- Roger spoke to Deirdre who agreed to provide an update on youth group activities for future meetings.
- A sponsored walk to raise funds for the youth group took place on 29th September.
- Another request for parent helpers for each session was included in a youth group newsletter given to attendees.
- Some discussion took place regarding the need for additional volunteers to help with the Youth Group. It was suggested that some Largs Academy pupils could benefit their CV by volunteering to help, particularly with the younger group.
- Rog has been asked by St Mary's school to give a talk about the Parish and the Parish Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Nothing new to report on the web site (<http://www.stmaryslargs.co.uk>) or Twitter account (@SMarysLargs)

CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

- Some items are still outstanding, such as repair/replacement of the damaged exterior cladding panels.
- Audio system – improvements are in hand now the other work is almost complete
- Additional rail for front porch - Father Eamonn suggested that Jim Mackie should be consulted to ensure appropriate H&S and building requirements can be met. Roger has done this.

EMBRACING CHANGE

- Six parishioners attended the latest meeting on Saturday at which Bishop Nolan was also present.

A.O.B.

- PPC Christmas dinner – following previous positive experiences it was agreed to book The Lounge again this year on 14th December. A £10 deposit (to be collected) will be required per person to secure the booking
- The setup of points of contact for each church group within the council had been suggested at an earlier meeting. It was agreed this should be established -details will be finalised at the next meeting.
- The annual PPC newsletter will be prepared and issued in January or February 2018.
- A combination of sickness and absence has raised issues of cover for key individuals running the day to day church activities. Further discussion and planning is required,

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Agreed for Wednesday 1st November 2017, 7.30pm.