

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1 November 2017



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

APOLOGIES Maeve Jones, 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

- The date for the Mass for the Deceased originally planned for 15th November cannot be moved to the 14th since the hall is unavailable. It is now scheduled for 16th November. Readers, servers and music are already organised. Morag and Josephine volunteered to help with teas.
- There is a tentative plan for a Taizé evening during Advent. Rog will check with Pat.
- Fr. Jim McManus has confirmed the 21st to 28th April for the 2018 Mission week. He will advise the PPC what input he needs from this group. He has advised Fr. Eamonn that he will speak to parishioners about the mission one Sunday in the new year.

YOUTH GROUP

- Deirdre provided an update on the youth group - It started on 22 September and 11 sessions are planned to Christmas. There has been an average attendance of 17 across an age range of 8 to 15. Deirdre and Fiona are joined by Lesley Ironmonger and Alison Scollin to lead the group sessions. A sponsored walk has taken place to raise funds for group activities including a planned trip to the pantomime at Christmas.
- Some discussion took place regarding the parish providing some additional funding support for the group. Fr. Eamonn will talk to Deirdre
- Parent volunteers are still needed to help each week. The last request resulted in 2 parents offering to help for one session.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Newsletters and other documents published in future on the web site will be rendered into PDF rather than being left as Word documents. This is good IT practice.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

- Audio system – the selected contractor has installed the replacement system. However, the sound quality is not satisfactory and Fr. Eamonn has requested they return to fix it. Some additional spend may be involved if larger speakers are needed.
- Additional rail for front porch - Jim Mackie has produced plans which involve removing the existing rail and providing two matching rails. A cost of £1,007 for the railings has been given (removal works and installation is not included). Alternate quotes will be sought for the finance committee.

EMBRACING CHANGE

- Five parishioners are taking the correspondence course from our deanery.

A.O.B.

- Mary Hume has spoken with Fr Eamonn regarding funding a stained-glass window for the new St Mary's school building. A cost of £2500 has been partially met by school fundraising activities. Fr Eamonn will suggest that Mary and the priest involved with the idea come to speak during a Sunday Mass after which a special collection will be taken up for this purpose.
- Rog unavoidably has had to postpone his visit to St Mary's school to give a talk on being a member of the Parish Council.
- Points of Contact (POC) in the PPC – This idea was raised at an earlier meeting and it was agreed to be actioned. Following a review of each of the parish groups the following list of POCs were agreed:

GROUP	GROUP CONTACT(S)	POC in PPC
Adoration Group	Fr. Eamonn	Fr. Eamonn
Altar Servers	Fr. Eamonn	Fr. Eamonn
Bereavement Group	Mary Ryan	Bridie
Chat and Do	Angela McNulty, Kathleen MacInnes	Angela
Children's Liturgy	Kathleen McComish	Ann
Church Care and Cleaning	Mary Chalmers	Angela
Counting Team	Deirdre Faccenda	Patrick
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Michael Leahy	Roger
Flower Group	Kay Clark	Pat
Hall Management Committee	Linda Mitchell	Fr. Eamonn
Largs Churches Together	Kathleen Rourke	Fr. Eamonn
Legion of Mary	Mary Ryan	Bridie
Lourdes Group	Mary Ryan	Bridie
Parish Finance Committee	Fr. Eamonn	Fr. Eamonn
Pass keepers	Bridie Lamont	Bridie
Prayer Line	George McDermott	Thomas
Pro-Life Group	Mary Byrne	Morag
Readers	Gerry Condron, Tom McGuire	Roger
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Fr. Eamonn	Fr. Eamonn
Society of St Vincent de Paul	Stanley Graham	Roger
The Music Ministry	Anne Timmons, Louise Devine	Thomas
Visiting sick and housebound	Val Esselmont	Ann
Youth Group	Deirdre Faccenda, Fiona Wright	Patrick

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Agreed for Wednesday 6 December 2017, 7:00pm.