



ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2017

PRESENT Father Eamonn, Roger Townley, Angela McNulty, Morag McGrath, Maeve Jones, Thomas Allison.

APOLOGIES Bridie Lamont, Pat Nicol, Patrick Ironmonger, Ann McQueeney, Jo Findlay.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Minutes were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

- Any points are covered in agenda items below

PPC CORRESPONDENCE BOX

- No box correspondence received.

FORWARD PLANNING

- The date for the Mass for the Deceased on 16th November went ahead and was well attended; our thanks to Angela McNulty, Mary Ryan and the Bereavement Group.
- There is a tentative plan for a Taizé evening during Lent. Rog will talk to Pat about her availability and the prospect of training others to take a lead in the preparation.
- Fr. Jim McManus will speak to parishioners about the 2018 Mission one Sunday in the New Year.

YOUTH GROUP

- Patrick had spoken to Deirdre as his POC (Point of Contact). The Youth Group have nothing to report at present and will provide an update once their meetings are scheduled for 2018. It was revealed that the group did not require help with funding the upcoming visit to the Pantomime.

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 as it protects the integrity of the document. Patrick continues to manage the Parish Website and progress the PDF transition.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

- Audio system – the selected contractor has installed the replacement system. The Contractor attended Mass today 6th December to listen to the system and remained on site until mid-afternoon. There was an improvement made in the sound production and Fr Eamonn requested that we report back to him following the weekend Masses with our comments
- The LOOP system is not working and in need of an update. It is a separate service to the sound system. The provision of a new LOOP System will be addressed when the other is finalised.
- Additional rail for front porch - Jim Mackie has produced plans which involve removing the existing rail and providing two matching rails. The work will go ahead and they should be installed prior to Christmas.
- Maeve referred to Fr Kinsler tripping on a step at the Sanctuary during a Mass recently and suggested that consideration could be given to providing a handrail to assist with access to the top platform and Lectern. It was agreed to discuss this proposal with Jim Mackie with a view to proceeding.

POINT OF CONTACT REPORTS

- Ann had sent word to report that there was nothing to bring forward from her contact groups. Roger reported likewise. Patrick sent word on his contact with the Youth Group as outlined above, he also reported that the Counting Team now had a full complement of members. Thomas reported that the Music Ministry had welcomed the initiative but there was nothing to report at this time. It is hoped that contact with all the Parish groups will lead to more inclusion with each other.

A.O.B.

- Mary Hume has spoken with Fr Eamonn regarding help to fund a stained-glass window for the new St Mary's school building. Fr Eamonn will invite Mary to address the parish during a Sunday Mass after which a special collection will be taken up for this purpose, once the sound system is ready

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 31st January 2017, 7:00pm.