



ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2018

PRESENT Father Eamonn, Roger Townley, Morag McGrath, Maeve Jones, Bridie Lamont, Pat Nicol, Ann McQueeney

APOLOGIES Angela McNulty, Thomas Allison, Patrick Ironmonger, 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

- Annual Newsletter: Roger will review the minutes for the previous year's minutes and email the council a copy of the 2017 Newsletter and seek advice and suggested topics at the March meeting.
- There is a tentative plan for a Taizé evening during Lent. Pat will discuss prospect with other interested parishioners with a view to training for and assisting in the preparation.
- 2018 Mission 21st to 28th April 2017. Following Fr Peter Morris's visit and address to the parish on the weekend of 27th & 28th January 15 parishioners had already volunteered to help prepare for the mission. Further volunteers will be sought. Fr Eamonn will call the group together to progress planning and preparation,

YOUTH GROUP

- Patrick had spoken to Deirdre as his POC (Point of Contact). Deirdre has stood down from her role in the Group; Leaders who have volunteered can only provide fortnightly meetings until the summer break. There will be review then.

COMMUNICATIONS

- There is little growth in the number of people accessing the Twitter account. The Website continues to run well.

CONFIRMATION

- Bishop Nolan will officiate on Monday 19th February at St Peter in Chains, Ardrossan. A cluster of parishes will attend with 25 children from our parish.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

- Audio system –the system is not performing well, the Contractor is due in 2nd February. The LOOP system is not working and needs replacing. The provision of a new LOOP System will be addressed when the other is finalised.
- Additional rail for front porch was installed prior to Christmas as planned.
- It was agreed that Jim Mackie should be asked to consider ways to mark the steps from the altar, to remove the risk of someone tripping.
- The Church floor is to be polished to restore the area adjacent to the windows where the contractors worked last year.
- Minor water ingress at the front of the church will be dealt with.

POINT OF CONTACT REPORTS

- They were no other reports.

A.O.B.

- The parish collection raised some £900 towards funding a stained-glass window for the new St Mary's school building.
- Fr Eamonn announced his retirement on 25th May 2018 and a note will be published
- Damage to the front lawn by cars running over the stones was discussed; the possibility of installing larger stones will be explored.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7:00pm.