

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8 March 2018



PRESENT Father Eamonn, Roger Townley, Ann McQueeney, Maeve Jones, Josephine Findlay, Pat Nicol, Thomas Allison, Patrick Ironmonger

APOLOGIES Bridie Lamont, Morag McGrath

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

- A volunteer is required to take over the Forward Planning role. Action: Any volunteers to contact Rog
- Mass for parish groups – The 15th April has been agreed for this Mass. Groups should be so notified by their points of contact. This date provides an opportunity to reach out to the parish since it is also another celebratory Mass for those children preparing for first Holy Communion with their families.
- Parish Council newsletter – the text was agreed. Rog to discuss printing with Averil and to agree a date to hand them out.
- Parish Mission
 - Fr. Eamonn has organised a meeting on 18th March for volunteers participating in the Parish Mission.
 - Maeve will prepare a draft brochure for review by Fr Eamonn and the mission group. She will contact possible printers to ensure brochures are available in advance of the 21st April
 - Maeve will also provide Patrick with the Mission brochure so that it can be uploaded to the Parish website

YOUTH GROUP

- The youth group met on 16th February and was attended by around 20 children of whom 6 were high school students. Activities included designer pancake making, puzzles and games. The meeting of 2nd March was cancelled due to dangerous walking conditions from the school to the church. A final session before the Easter break will be held on 16th March
- The three group leaders, Fiona, Alison and Lesley, have been assisted by Alison Scollin's mother
- A newsletter was sent to parents in February again requesting additional parent support for each session. No new volunteers have been forthcoming so far.

COMMUNICATIONS

- No new discussion items here with exception of updating the website with the Mission brochure already noted above.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

- Audio system – the sound system is still not performing well but it is felt that further improvements cannot be made with this contractor. The closed Loop system remains to be installed.
- Church floor - is being resealed and polished in the area by the windows since repair work has now completed.
- Jim Mackie is reviewing adjustments needed to an existing support rail design to ensure it can meet the needs for disabled access.
- Sealing of windows which were not watertight has been done. Some minor ingress of water is still occurring.

REPORTS FROM POINTS OF CONTACT

- No additional reports were presented.
- Kay Clark has stepped down from the flower group.

A.O.B. PPC Constitution was discussed- Tenure 3 yrs + optional 3yrs. Flexible approach is in existence.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Agreed for Wednesday 4th April 2018, 7:00pm.