

Minutes of meeting of Parish Pastoral Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

(postponed from 10<sup>th</sup> January)

Present: Canon Tony Brennan (TB), Lin Bateman (LB), Clive Wadia (CW-Finance), Victor Wavingana (VW), Charles Ullermayer (CU), Pauline Cotton (PC)

Apologies: Justin Redmond, Bernadette Freed, Eoin Dineen, Eloise Freed

Fr Tony opened meeting with a prayer and PC welcomed the group.

Action points from Minutes of last meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022:-

- Date and time of meeting – need to give more notice and circulate Minutes more quickly. **PC to action**
- Welcome cards M Wood has examples provided by LB. Discuss getting them prepared and printed then look for volunteers to distribute at Masses. **PC, LB , MW**
- Ask SVP to share with VW list of housebound and those in need of help, and Visit from EMOc. **VW to contact SVP – Bill McCarthy**
- Website: **PC to supply list of names only of PPC members to N McGlynn for inclusion on Website**
- Open meeting of parishioners: After discussion, decision taken to hold meeting on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11.00 -12.30**. Plenty of advance notice to be given via Bulletin. Issues/ questions to be notified in advance via the Parish office. Group will plan format of open meeting at next meeting of PPC, using Synodal process: Group work, short presentation, work on “gracious listening”. Encourage all to reflect and pray.

Building matters: -

- Planning application – no update. Still with CBC as area of ‘natural beauty’. Fr T expects some decision by May/June as already been 2 years.
- Leaks have been repaired, internal drains cleared and some new lighting in process of being installed.
- High windows in ambulatory round church very bad with cobwebs. Will need a tower to clean with great care because become very brittle. Plan is to paint, repair and seal and further down line to install some form of secondary glazing.

Finance: -

- Position is improving slowly. Some large bills to come in especially re energy. Diocese have negotiated a fixed price for energy. Situation is comfortable at the moment, but any major job will deplete small reserve rapidly. Diocesan costs have doubled in last 12 months. However, at moment, more income than outgoing.
- Easy Fundraising – R Duke moved out of Parish many months ago. She is involved in new area, so asking for volunteer to “inject interest and energy and promote St Mary’s cause”. **CW to take it to next meeting of Finance Group.**

Use of Parish Centre : -

Hall is being frequently used. Bookings need to be made via M Wood in Parish Office.

Parish 'Thank you ' event was big success.

Pastoral Area Council: -

J Redmond attended meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January. Minutes were sent via Parish Office and are available for anyone who wants to read. Plans being made for Feast of St Alban Festival 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Date of next meetings Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March and Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

See summary of PAC objectives on Church Notice Board.

Purchase of sound equipment / installation of WIFI : -

Mike and portable speaker been purchased for use in Church or Parish Hall. Will be used for Bishop's meeting with Clergy. Screen for hall in pipeline. Internet in Church will be installed on 16<sup>th</sup> March, connection to hall via booster aerial.

Pastoral matters : -

- EMOCs commissioning - Fr T will reflect on this but will not happen during Easter Service.
- Updated list for parishioners in need being compiled and VW produced new rota.
- Plans for Easter Triduum well in hand with Music and Readers organised and Confirmation Group taking responsibility on Holy Thursday.
- Possible re-introduction of Holy Communion under both forms – will need more EMOCs. Fr T planning to trial the re-introduction of the Chalice at weekday Mass.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm in Presbytery.**

Agenda: Plan to discuss format and content of Open meeting, including:

- Pastoral – Life life and evangelise; Celebrate the Mass; Ministries
- Fundraising
- Liturgy preparation
- Offertory procession
- PPC membership