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Parish pastoral council meeting: 28th November 2018

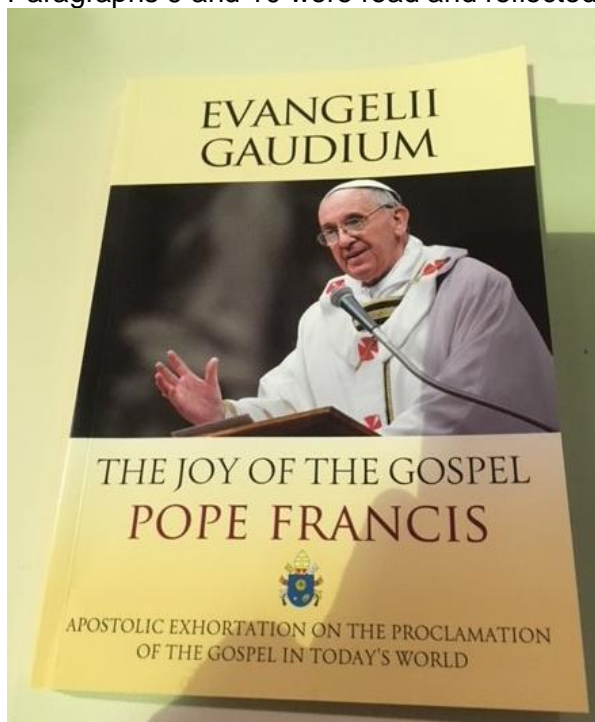
All Souls
Start: 7.30pm
End: 9.00pm

6 participants: Paola , Barbara, Robert Welsh, Sean Turley, Clare, Erwann
Apologies: Father Michael, Claire, John, Michelle, Giacomo.

Minutes of Meeting

1 – Prayer
Prayer led by Barbara.

2 - Reflective formation
Paragraphs 9 and 10 were read and reflected upon.



II. THE DELIGHTFUL AND COMFORTING JOY OF EVANGELIZING

9. Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good. In this regard, several sayings of Saint Paul will not surprise us: “The love of Christ urges us on” (2 *Cor* 5:14); “Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel” (1 *Cor* 9:16).

10. The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: “Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others”.⁴ When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfilment. For “here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means”.⁵ Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that “delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ”.⁶

3 - Finalising Christmas Celebration

- a. The Christmas party is going to be held on 15th December @6.30pm.
A Mass will be celebrated first.
Participants are asked to bring some food, as per the previous years.
Father to organise drinks.
Cutlery will be provided.
Richard and Claire to do the quiz.

Raffle tickets are now available. It is important to start selling as soon as possible.

Robert will follow up with the school. He will take them this Saturday and hand them back on the following Sunday.

An email is to be sent to the parish council to ask for help to sell them during Sunday services.

Prizes - There will be a cash prize. As a consequence, cash is accepted as raffle prize donation.

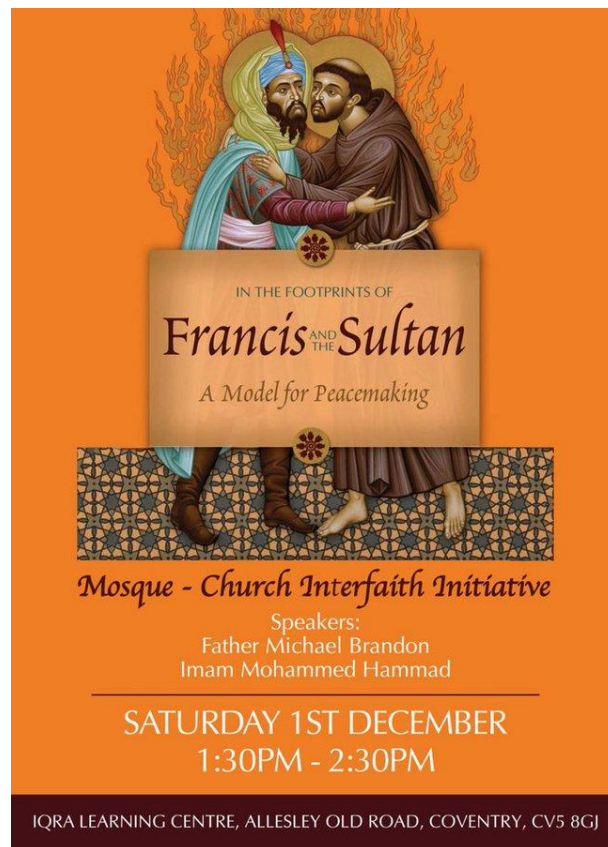
Profit from the raffle will be split between the school and the parish.

- b. Midnight mass will be held at 9.00pm on Christmas eve.
Please bring your own mince pies.
Mulled wine will be organised by Keith
Flowers: garlands, wreath and Christmas tree will be installed.
- c. Who is singing at the Christmas mass?
The choir

4 - CTEC and IQRA

- a. CTEC
A meeting was held today (28/11/2018) with the churches' leaders. Hopefully this went well.
Saturday => Methodist Church => 8am Prayer breakfast
Sunday => CTEC service at 6.30pm. We are looking for support

We are looking for representatives as we shall have 2 each time.
- b. IQRA
A poster was made for the next meeting.
Discussion about St Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malik al Kamil who were able to make peace by efforts to understand each other. Saturday 1st Dec at 1:30 pm.



5 - Catechetical Programs update

a- Journey to Faith

The program is going well.

3 people interested in becoming catholic.

Support provided by Claire.

b - 1st communion program

Only children from catholic school are coming.

c- Confirmation program

Room is always packed. The energy is wonderful

The atmosphere is lifting as there are parents that regularly attend

The final session for the year is next Sunday.

6 - Finance

No member present had any financial news.

7 - Support to the night shelter program

The response was amazing. A lot of people showed interest from all spectrum of the church.

We are going to provide support for two nights for meals.

Next year we shall be able to do it here.

The first night of support still has not happened.

There are 8 members from the parish volunteering this year. This shall give an insight and help on how to have it organised at All Souls next year.

Insurance => Seems that our standard insurance under the diocese would cover us. To be confirmed.

We were given two dates: One date will be looked after by IQRA. The parish will be involved on the second date: Jan 23rd (Wednesday).

Can anybody provide dessert (cake / Crumble...). We need to cater for 25 adults.

Barbara to check if breakfast needs to be provided by the parish.

8 - AOB

- a. Father Michael mentioned he could do with administrative help. This was mentioned a couple of weeks ago on the newsletter.
This was debated a couple of years ago.
This is going to become an item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- b. Is the club 200 defunct?
Yes due to lack of support to manage it.
- c. St Anthony is here. St Joseph moved up.
A blessing will be organised.