

Minutes Parish Pastoral Council AGM 16 June 2019

The meeting was attended by thirty parishioners.

Chair's report:

- Constitution, Mission, Values (complete version may be seen in the porch)
- The need to be more open, welcoming
- Putting ourselves at the service of others
- Pope Francis' vision of missionary disciples, people inspired the presence of Jesus in their lives and the gospel message will lead to our wish to share our understanding and the hope God has given us with others.

Observations and suggestions:

- Are we fulfilling our duty by faithfully going to Mass on Sundays?
- A fire must be ignited within us.
- Possibility of exploring ways in which we can provide opportunities for people to grow in their confidence and share their faith with others.
- Question box
- Adoration weekly/monthly
- Putting on courses or Bible study sessions which allow for discussion of matters of faith
- Providing meals for newcomers (eg students)
- How do we engage young people in the Church?
- Ensuring parish room is used as far as possible – yoga/scrabble
- Contacting the University – setting up links with students

The parish owes a big thank you for the commitment of a small number who contribute to different areas of parish life.

There is a need for more support particularly in meetings with Iqra, CTEC and for the annual collection for Christian Aid – one means of witnessing to our faith outside the parish.

Financial Report

- The shortfall in the income of the parish is £30,000 annually; weekly, £600.
- There is no paid staff. If there were our financial situation would be worse. We are very dependent on the rental income from the old school premises.

- It was suggested that in the USA guidance was given as to the amount needed to keep the parish afloat, which could equal for an individual family the cost of a monthly meal at McDonalds or one hour's wages. A clear indication of our financial difficulties needs to be spelt out regularly.
- Gift Aid tax relief had not been claimed for 18 months.
- Could the Finance Committee insert practical observations/reflections in the bulletin?

Ordination/First Mass of John Waters

Ordination 20 July. Clare is looking into booking a coach to St Chad's

21 July – First Mass at All Souls

- Lists for help in putting up marquees, serving food, donations of food, will be put up in the porch weekend of 22 June.
- Chalice and patten will be a gift from the parish
- Deacon Keith Millage will oversee the transport of food from Costco to All Souls.

PPC nominations of new members

Three names were put forward and gratefully accepted:

Dominic Collins

Marketa Zadrapova

Daniela Sordillo

AOB

- Minutes for the PPC meetings are available in the porch – they will provide ongoing information as to what is being discussed by the Council. If you would like to raise any points, please see Paola, Chair.
- Organ is now completely restored and is fully functioning. During the summer the casework will be completed.
- It was suggested that a choir practice for the 11.15 Mass would benefit the parish.
There is a fortnightly practice for the 9.30 Mass

Future meetings:

Monday 6 September

Wednesday 6 November