

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

25 October 2021

Present: Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, John Lavery, Ciaran Mcgonigle, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd, Catherine Mary Thomas, Brian Murray

1 Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a prayer to start the meeting.

2 Apologies

Margaret Meek, Rena Toner, Tom Mullen

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 8 September 2021.

4 Matters Arising

Eucharistic Ministers – Vote held. Majority in favour of resuming Eucharistic Ministers

CO2 Monitors – with fabric committee. No update

Windows cannot be opened to allow airflow in the chapel.

Guidance from Archdiocese is that the following are still restricted:-

- Passing of collection plates
- Holy Water
- Sign of Peace

Fr Marcin: Still to order new Liturgy Mass books

Streaming Sunday Mass will continue. There are between 3-10 people who join each week.

The paper copies of newsletters are working well. 40 people ordered newsletters, 45 are being printed and only 1-2 remain each week.

5 Advent

Rorate Mass will be held each Wednesday during advent:-

Wed 1 December	Rev Fr Peter Owolabi, Blackburn
Wed 8 December	Fr Jeremy Bath, Broxburn
Wed 15 December	Rev Nanda, (Church of Scotland), West Calder
Wed 23 December	Rev Leszek Wiececzek

Due to restrictions of COVID, there will be no Carol service before Mass. So that the chapel is not too busy, an extra Christmas Eve mass will be said:-

Christmas Eve 24 th December	6pm Mass (No carol service prior to Mass)
Christmas Eve 24 th December	8pm Mass (No carol service prior to Mass)
Christmas Day 25 th December	10:30am Mass (No carol service prior to Mass)

Hopefully, normal Christmas service, with carol service, will resume next year

Sunday Mass will fall on Boxing day and will be said at the usual time 10am.

6 Parish Renewable Energy

No action to be taken at the moment, but the parish should consider renewable energy in the future, possibly looking out for grants to offer financial support.

7 40 Hour Adoration

The Archbishop has requested that all parishes in the archdiocese take part in the 40 Hour Devotion. Our Lady and St Bridget's Church has been allocated 31 July 2022 for the Devotion.

There are 2 options:

- 1) 40 hours continuous (day and night) after Sunday Mass
- 2) Devotion only during the day

Option 2 would be a better option for the Parish. With the Devotion lasting over 3 days. Planning will take place closer to the time.

8 Synod

Pope Francis has asked that all people of God partake and provide feedback as part of the synod.

The exact details of the process for the archdiocese has not been defined yet.

9 Fr Marin Update

- 2 People are involved in RCIA
- 21 Children have enrolled in sacramental preparation (P3, P4, P7)
- A suggestion was made to resume teas and coffees after Mass, and possibly after Rorate mass. However, it was felt that this was still too soon to do this due to COVID restrictions.
- There is a leak in the church roof. 2 quotes have been received £6k and £15k.
- A company has been hired to grit the carpark during the bad weather in winter.
- The Archdiocesan contribution of £6,200 has been made from the parish.
- There is a huge gap in the aged clergy fund. £5k contribution to the fund from the parish. This contribution is likely to take place each year.
- An invitation has been received for the remembrance service.

10 AOB

Rena Toner has stepped down from the PPC. Fr Marcin and the PPC would like to thank Rena for all her contributions.

It was asked why the Church is closed during the day. COVID restrictions prevented the church from opening all day, as these are being relaxed Fr Marcin will consider when the church could be opened again.

There have been 3 members left, and 1 joined since the PPC was formed. After considering whether the PCC should recruit new members, it was felt that it was not the right time to do this.

11 Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24 January 2022 7pm

