

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

24 January 2022

Present: Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, John Lavery, Ciaran Mcgonigle, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd, Brian Murray, Tom Mullen

1 Prayer

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

2 Apologies

Catherine Mary Thomas

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 27 October 2021.

4 Matters Arising

Christmas services went well. 6pm was busiest, but Christmas day was not so well attended.

Rorate Mass was well attended. When Rev Nanda (Church of Scotland) provided the homily, many of her congregation attended and gave positive feedback. There was also good feedback from each of the priests who helped at the Rorate Masses.

School preapartion of sacrament all going well.

Roof – 2 quotes provided. Going with the cheaper option.

5 Covid

Attendance levels seems to be back to something like normal.

Ministries are lacking

- Eucharistic Ministers – 2 at Sat 5:15pm Mass and 2 at Sunday 10am Mass. Could do with more
- Readers – 9 active readers. Some still have to return after Covid.

Collections levels are down.

Cleaning of the Church is not essential, and will stop after the current cleaning equipment is finished.

The pass keepers will have access to a small supply of masks for those who have forgotten. These will not be publically available.

6 Easter 2022

Additional early morning mass will be added during lent on Friday mornings at 7am (replacing the 9:30am Mass)

There are lots of online material provided by the Archdiocese that can be used during Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday's during Lent at 7pm

The Church will be re-opened during the day. If there are any security issues, then the Church will be closed again.

Easter week will be the same as previous years. Fr Marcin is looking for singer to lead hymns and sing the Exsultet during Easter vigil. One person on RCIA will be baptised at Easter.

7 Synod

Frank and Brian will represent the parish at the Synod meetings in Bathgate on 1st and 9th February.

Anyone who want to provide input to the synod can do it individually, or provide it to the representatives.

Many felt that the synod was not really well understood about its intention and the remit was far too wide.

8 40 Hour Adoration

Our Lady and St Bridget's Church has been allocated 31 July 2022 for the Devotion.

Current plan is to hold the Adoration from Sun 31 July and finish Wed 3 August.

Margo will prepare a schedule (30-minute slots) so people can provide a time when they will attend.

Stewards will be needed, as the Holy sacrament must not be left unattended.

9 AOB

Heating – Complains raised that the Church was too cold both on the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Fr Marcin - Ask the fabric committee to see if a thermostat can be fitted.

Car parking – A car has been in the car park unmoved now for many weeks. The police have been informed and the owner said they would move it soon.

Other people have been using the car park during the day. This is only really an issue when there is a funeral.

10 Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 May 2022 7pm