Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

30 January 2023

**Present**: Fr Marcin, Margo Todd, Frank Boles, Catherine Mary Thomas, Evelyn Mooney, John Lavery, Tom Mullen, Margaret Meek, Brian Murray

# Prayer

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

# Apologies

None

# Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 8 September 2022. John proposed the minutes and Evelyn seconded.

# Matters Arising

**Organ/Music**

* A request has been made to create group to lead the music. 2 People have shown interest.
* A meeting will be arranged when there are enough names
* There is an option to pre-record hymns using the new organ

**Sunday Mass**. 2 People had provided feedback to Fr Marcin about the new Mass time of 11am

**Transport**. The bus to take Addiewell parishioners has been going well

**Church Cleaners**: 4 New people have come forward to join the cleaning team

**Remembrance Day**

* Fr Marcin attended the ecumenical Remembrance Service on 13th November

**Advent**. Rorate Masses mass attendance was down. Christmas Eve Mass was highest attendance, and Christmas Day Mass had very low attendance.

**Archdiocesan Medal**. A discussion was made on a number of parishioners who might be proposed for the medal.

**Mass Attendance**.

* A general discussion was had on the decline on the level of attendance (Approx. 185 per weekend).
* General concern was raised, and discussed options to help
* The parish does not have the bandwidth nor resource to improve catechesis. The Archdiocese is offering greater support in this area.
* **Action**: **Frank** to add a standing item “Health of Parish” to the agenda.

**New Parish Council Members**

* **Action**: **Fr Marcin**. Raise a request in the bulletin, asking if anyone might be interested in applying to join the PPC

**Heating/Draft in Chapel:**

* **Action: Brian** contact pass keepers to ask them to close doors when Mass starts and turn on the heaters above the main door.
* This will be monitored and handed to the fabric committee if this is still an issue

**Lent**

* The Archbishop will determine when Easter Vigil Mass can be said, as it needs to be after sunset. It is likely to be later in the evening.
* 7pm Station of the Cross
* Thursday Morning Mass 7am. Followed by Tea/Coffee
* 7pm Holy Thursday
* 3pm Good Friday

**Reception of Sacraments 2023 Update**

* 21 June will be confirmation. This will be a Confirmation Service, not a Mass and led by Archbishop Cushley

# AOB

* New parish email – [office.stmaryswestcalder@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stmaryswestcalder@staned.org.uk)
* St Thomas Head teacher is moving to school. The new head teacher Claire Goldrich.
* Thanks You Event, for those who help in the parish will be held on 27 Aug.
* WC Hub now managed the community centre. **Action**: **Margaret** to contact them to see if we can get access on Sunday after mass (1st Sunday of the month would be preferred)

# Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

# Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 22th May 7pm**