

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

21 October 2019

Present: Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, Brian Murray, Margaret Meek, John Lavery

1 Prayer

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

2 Apologies

Moira Watts Tom Mullen, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd, Catherine Mary Thomas, Rena Toner

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes were distributed from Catherine by email on 29 Aug 2018. There were no feedback of changes to be made.

4 Matters Arising

- a) **First Holy Communion** – will be held on the last Saturday in May – 30 May 2020. There are currently 4 candidates in P4.
- b) **St Marys Primary School** – There is an opportunity to have a better collaboration between St Mary's primary school and the Parish. e.g. the school choir could sing in Our Lady and St Bridget church, as they have done in other churches.
- c) **School Councils Church Reps** – Church rep has been nominated by the Diocese. **Fr Marcin** to confirm the name of the rep. **Fr Marcin** to remind St Thomas' HT about Evelyn's appointment.
- d) **Youth rep** – Ciaran to be added to the email distribution. **Brian** to pass on Ciaran's email address to the Parish Council. (ciaran.mcgonigle96@gmail.com)
- e) **Parish Directory** – completed. When all the people mentioned in the directory have responded to the GDPR, then the directory can be placed at back of church for all to see.
- f) **Photographs** – 8 photos to be taken. 4 still to be taken.
- g) **Monthly Tea and coffee** – Great involvement from many people in the parish to make this such a success. There has now been some money made from collections from tea and coffee. Margaret to hold onto this money just now as a float, it could be used for Christmas/Easter gifts for children in the future.
- h) **Parish Mass time** – The 10 am attendance seems to be slightly less.
- i) **Welcome Leaflets** – A number of new families now appear to be attending mass. It would be good for the Passkeepers to speak to them and provide them with a welcome leaflet. The welcome leaflet could provide an overview of the parish (e.g. Mass time, covenant, groups etc).
John and Margaret to prepare and share a draft version of the welcome pack.
- j) **Children at mass** – Children at mass are always welcome regardless of the disturbance and Fr Marcin is supportive. Parents of children should be supported by the parish community.
- k) **Church Posters** – **Margaret** to provide a poster of mass times to local care homes (Stewart Ct, Dixon Ct, Burngrange)
- l) **Sign Up Sunday** – Job descriptions of ministries and groups will have to be created for Sign Up Saturday. The initial drafts have been created, but need to be created in a consistent manner. **Fr Marcin** to send electronic versions to Brian to make changes. [COMPLETE]. The January meeting will focus on planning this Sign Up Sunday.

5 Any Other Business

Christmas Cards – Fr Marcin will prepare a message for a parish Christmas card that will be sent out to each parishioner.

Advent – Rorate mass will be held during advent on Wednesday evenings as in previous years.

Christmas Mass times – Christmas Eve, carols at 7pm, Mass starts 7:30pm. Christmas day **10:15am**. This allows Fr Marcin to get back from Prison mass. Fr Marcin has 5 Christmas masses to say.

Speaking Volume – Catherine has applied and will hear back by 7 Nov whether the application is successful.

PVG – There will be a PVG session held in March, Frank to confirm.

All Saints – There a firework display on 1 Nov to be held just behind the church. To prevent disturbance, Mass times for All Saints will be held in Church on Vigil 31st and held in St Mary's School on 1st Nov.

6 Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 Jan 2019 7:30pm – Focus on Sign Up Sunday