

# Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

30 August 2021

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

## 1 Prayer

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

## 2 Apologies

Rena Toner, Ciaran Mcgonigle

## 3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 18 June 2021.

## 4 Matters Arising

There was an open agenda to discuss activities since last meeting through Corona Virus restrictions.

A vote of thanks was given to Fr Marcin for all the efforts to maintaining service through online streaming through the pandemic. This help to maintain the parish community.

Streaming will continue through the restrictions, and may be a good service to continue to offer in the future for the housebound.

Archdiocesan guidance:-

- Holy water has not to be used
- No handshaking as part of Sign of the Peace

The PPC decided

- To continue not to pass the Collection plate at the offering.
- Start to re-introduce a paper version of the newsletter, for those who do not have online access.
- A vote was held. The majority voted against Eucharistic Ministers returning. This will be revisited at the next PPC meeting.

**Action: Fr Marcin** to poll the congregation to see who would like to subscribe.

There was discussion on the best way to represent the weekly collection in the newsletter, as there are multiples sources as well as the collection plate there is electronic payment, and direct-debits.

**Action: Fr Marcin** to ask whether this is possible to do with little effort.

**Action: Brian** to ask the Passkeepers to:-

- Place the collection box in the middle of the aisle on entry, as this was being covered by SVDP board or sign-in sheet. This will make it more obvious as some people have not seen it.
- Use two tables for the sign-in sheet.
- The sign-in sheets does not need to match the side of the church that people site. Attendance at church is all that is needed.
- After people check in, ensure that the name and number is legible. This was a problem when people had to be contacted.
- Place the Hymns books at both ends to the pew, so that people are not have pass the books.

**Action: Fr Marcin** – Ask the fabric committee if it is possible to re-instate ability to open the windows to help with airflow. Also, ask whether the use of CO2 monitor could be purchased.

It was highlighted that the Scottish Catholic Observer has halted production. There may be a new magazine launched soon - “The Scottish Catholic Magazine”

Fr Marcin offered thanks for all the support provided by parishioners during the pandemic.

### **School Dates**

Sacramental preparation program for children dates:

- Rite of Enrolment – Sunday 3rd of October 2021 at 10am Sunday Mass.
- First Confession – Saturday 5th March 2022 (after vigil Mass) - First week of Lent
- Rehearsal before Holy Communion – Monday 16th May 2022 after morning Mass
- First Holy Communion – Saturday 28th of May 2022 at 12pm.
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Friday 3rd June 2022 at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes RC, Blackburn.

Request made for more Alter Servers and also passkeepers at funerals.

RCIA – 2 people are currently planning to take part. This will be open to the parish to participate.

PVG is only needed for Child Liturgy, SVDP home visits, Eucharistic Ministers going to people’s house. It is not needed for passkeepers.

Bus back to Addiewell is 11am. If people need to catch this bus, then they can leave before the final blessing.

## **5 Closing Prayer**

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

## **6 Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 25 October 2021 7pm**