

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

16 May 2022

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

1 Prayer

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

2 Apologies

Margo Todd

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 26 January 2022.

4 Rena Toner

On the passing of Rena Toner, the PPC would like to recognise and give gratitude for all the efforts Rena made to both the PPC and the parish as whole.

5 Matters Arising

40 Hour Devotion

- Adoration will be held between Sun 31 July and finish Wed 3 August. From 10am to 8pm each day.
- A sign-up sheet will have to be placed early to make sure times are filled, as it is during summer holidays and many people will be away.
- Fr Marcin will be away from the parish for the whole of August.

Reflection on Lent and Easter – The Holy Triduum was well attended (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). The Stations of the Cross was good to see a mixture of the parish leading the Stations, especially the younger people.

Music – Fr Marcin would like to setup a group to lead the music during Easter and Christmas services. This would include selecting hymns and practice in advance.

Organ Broken – The organ cannot be fixed, after asking multiple companies. The organ from Addiewell is old and a different style. John Lavery has loaned an electric organ. A replacement organ can be anything from £8,000 to £25,000. There is an electronic digital speaker with copyright hymns paid for, **Fr Marin** will try to find this equipment and try it. If this were to be used then someone other than Fr Marcin would have to control it during Mass.

Synod - Frank and Brian attended the Deanery Synod meeting in Bathgate on 1st and 9th February. Notes from the synod meeting were shared prior to the meeting.

Sign-Up Sunday – This was planned prior to covid. The new date will be Sat 10th and Sun 11th September. This will be held outside the chapel after mass. This will provide an opportunity to gather socially after covid and welcome any new parishioners into the community. The hope is that more people will become involved in the many roles in the parish.

- **Brian** – Create Booklet of job descriptions
- **Frank** – Work with ministry leads to get representative for the Sign-Up day
- **Margaret** – Arrange Gazebos and Social activity

6 AOB

Holy Communion Burngrange Care Home - Tom will soon be able to take Holy Communion back to the Burngrange Care Home.

St Mary's Mass - The primary school are still not sure whether people from the community can attend Mass at the school. This will be communicated in the newsletter when the community can attend.

Parish Mass Book – A request was made to display the page number on the wall next to the altar for the readings in the mass book. This will make it easier to find the correct page.

Paper free parish – There now 60 newsletters being printed compared to 200 previously.

Covid - Sign of Peace and passing the Collection plate are the 2 remaining restrictions after covid. The restriction will be retained and review at the next PPC.

RCIA - There is currently 1 candidate for RCIA. If there are no others, then the candidate will join another group in a local parish..

Father Marcin will be away in August from the parish to support a request from the Pallottine Fathers.

Ciaran will be moving to a new parish and will there be giving up his involvement in the parish. The PPC thanked Ciaran for all his efforts in the PPC and parish and wished him well for the future.

7 Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer. A special prayer was said for Rena Toner.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th September 7pm (After Mass)