Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

7 September 2022

**Present**: Fr Marcin, Evelyn Mooney, John Lavery, Tom Mullen, Brian Murray

# Prayer

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

# Apologies

Margo Todd, Frank Boles, Catherine Mary Thomas, Margaret Meek

# Minutes of Previous meeting

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

# Matters Arising

**Sign-Up Sunday** –

Plans are progressing for the even on 10th / 11th September.

* **Fr Marcin** – Print 100 copies of the 1st 2 pages of the booklets. This will be distributed to each family at both Masses so they know the ministries in the parish that they can contribute to
* **Fr Marcin** – Print 30 copies of the full booklets to have available, and share for those interested
* **Fr Marcin** – Upload the booklet to a separate page on the Parish Website
* **Frank** – Arrange 2 gazebos from CDT. Gazeboes to be setup 4pm Sat – Margaret, Tom, Brian will help.
* **Margaret** – Setup teas and coffees for after Sat and Sun mass

There is also a mission appeal this weekend.

Going forward the support for ministries will take place once a year

**Organ Broken**

* A quote was received for a new electronic piano/organ. (£1049). A decision whether to buy will be made later - Wait until next meeting after Sign-Up-Sunday in case of new organ players can be found.

**40 Hour Devotion**

* The event was very successful with attendance throughout as well as parishioners in attendance from
* There also was visitors from other parishes
* A special thanks was given to Tom and Flora for the tremendous work
* 40 Hour devotion is a challenging event to arrange for a small parish. A “one-day” devotion is more likely next year.

Heating Costs

* Fuel prices are rising significantly and will impact the heating of the Church.
* Perhaps a second collection may be needed for fuel/maintenance
* This is an ongoing concern and will be monitored

# AOB

* **Advent -** The Advent season will be similar to last year. The final plans will be confirmed at the next meeting. The Rorate Masses will go ahead as in previous years, with visiting priests attending.
* **New Dawn** - There is a New Dawn event will be held in Paisley on 17 Sept. Poster church porch.
* **New PPC Members** – This will be discussed at the next meeting
* **Porch** – The use of the porch will be re-instated as parishioners enter the church. This will allow them to see the posters and cards available.
* **Collection Plate** – The passing of the collection plate was stopped during the pandemic. By unanimous vote the PPC agreed that the collection plates should be brought back.

# Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

# Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 7th November 7pm**