

# Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

7 November 2022

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

## 1 Prayer

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

## 2 Apologies

Tom Mullen, Margaret Meek

## 3 Minutes of Previous meeting

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

## 4 Matters Arising

### Sign-Up Sunday

- This was a success.
- 10 roles were filled from 14 people.
- Still special need for the following roles:-
  - **Sacristans**
  - **Church Cleaners**
- This will be repeated next year in spring, with the focus :-
  - Welcoming new members of the Church
  - Thanking the current peoples in ministries

### Organ/Music

- The organ was taken from Addiewell.
- A new Electric Piano was purchased
- There are now 3 organs (Broken original, Addiewell organ and new electric piano)
- Saturday Mass music is now supported with an iPad connected to the Boom Box. The iPad has instrumental hymns purchased and downloaded.
  - Fabric committee is looking at the value of the broken Organ.
- There is an option to pre-record hymns using the new organ

**Advent.** Rorate Masses will be held in the Wednesday's, with the following visitors:-

- 30 Nov – Rev Christopher Galbraith. Chaplain to Addiewell Prison
- 7 Dec – Fr William McQuillan. Fauldhouse parish priest
- 14 Dec – Msgr Chambers. Bathgate Parish priest
- 21 Dec – Rev Kay Gilchrist. Jackson Church Airdrie. Chaplain to Addiewell prison.

A special invitation to our local Church of Scotland parish will be sent for our advent services.

## **Christmas**

- First year in a many where there have been no restrictions. The Mass times will be as follows:-
- Christmas Eve
  - 6pm Carol service. 6:30pm Mass
  - Previous years the carols service finished too soon. Frank to propose a poem to be added.
- Christmas Day
  - 11am

## **Sunday Mass Times**

- To allow flexibility for Mass coverage from other priests in the Deanery, a reversion to the previous mass time has been proposed.
- Fr Marcin will propose a new Sunday mass time to be 11am. Feedback is welcome.
- The new Sunday morning Mass time would plan to start on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## **New Parish Council Members**

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Particular consideration should be given for a younger member, to represent the youth of the parish.

## **Heating Costs**

- The current Gas and Electricity are fixed until 2023/2024.

## **Remembrance Day**

- As always we are invited to ecumenical Remembrance Service on 13th November.

## **5 AOB**

- Discussion on nominations for the Archdiocesan Medal

## **6 Closing Prayer**

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

## **7 Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**