

# Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

22 May 2023

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

## 1 Prayer

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

## 2 Apologies

Margaret Meek

## 3 Minutes of Previous meeting

The previous minutes were distributed by email on 6 February 2023.

## 4 Matters Arising

### Organ/Music

- John has 4-5 people interested in supporting music. John will try to arrange a meeting with the group.
- John has pre-recorded hymns that can be played during Mass, and is working well.

### Archdiocesan Medal.

- Frank has now received all the input on the nominees.
- **Action: Frank** will create a letter with details on each candidate and send to Fr Marcin.
- **Action: Fr Marcin** will then send to the Archbishop/archdiocesan committee.

### New Parish Council Members

- **Action: Fr Marcin.** Raise a request in the bulletin, asking if anyone might be interested in applying to join the PPC

### Lent

- Lent and Easter services went ahead, even though Fr. Marcin was unwell.
- Tom and Flora put a lot of effort in to prepare the Church for Easter. A reminder that the PPC/sacristans can be contacted if support is needed.
- All the ministries responded to the changes to the times of Mass.
- St Thomas school took part in the Stations of the Cross during lent. This was appreciated by the Parish Council and great to see the local schools becoming involved in the parish. Fr Marcin has sent a note of thanks to the school.

### Reception of Sacraments 2023 Update

- 21 June will be confirmation. This will be a Confirmation Service, not a Mass and led by Archbishop Cushley

### Thank You Event

- The event will take place on Sunday 27 August after mass (around noon).
- Margaret will lead the preparation and a number of the PPC will help to prepare this.
- **Action: Catherine** to create a poster for the event.
- A special invite will be sent to those serving in ministries.

## 5 Health of Parish

- New families have been attending Mass.
- The children liturgy seems to have the highest attendance ever seen.
- Frank attended the local Easter ecumenical service.
- There has been a baptism within the prison.
- There have been recent baptisms in the church.

## 6 Kneeler Inspection

Some of the kneelers are difficult to move, and some have staples sticking out.

**Action: Fr Marcin** to contact Fabric Committee to repair kneelers.

## 7 AOB

- Sacristans. There are a number of Sacristans (Tom, Val, Pauline, Margo) but more are needed.
  - **Action: Brian** to contact the pass keepers to ask if anyone want to be trained and help as a sacristan.
  - **Action: Tom** - A meeting is to be held to help coordinate a rota, or a support mechanism.
- **Action: Margaret** has contacted Hub/Community centre for access on Sunday, and will report back when she hears from them.
- Shaking hands at the Sign of the Peace will be introduced. People who do not want to shake hands will be respected.
- The PPC offered support to Fr Marcin as he continues to have concerns with his health and ability to speak for long periods of time. The fall back options may be:-
  - Fr Marcin may say a "Silent Mass", with readings and music.
  - The homily may be replaced and meditations on the Bible read by the readers
  - Get a replacement priest.

## 8 Closing Prayer

Father Marcin led us in a closing prayer.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm**