

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

## 23 Oct 2023

Present - Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, Tom Mullen, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd.  
Margaret Meek.

Apologies – John Lavey, Catherine Mary Thomas, Brian Murray.

### 1 Prayer

Fr Marcin opened the meeting with a prayer.

### 2 Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed

### 3 Music

Progressing slowly, John hopes to have a small group organised by Christmas.  
Prerecorded music working well. Fr has purchased additional microphones.

### 4 Presentation

Medal Presentation went well, and feedback received was very good. Party afterwards was very good and well attended. Special thank you to Margaret for a tremendous job.

### 5 Reception of Sacraments

Enrolment 10 in P3 - 4 in P4 – 6 in P7

Dates 17<sup>th</sup> February First Confession

26<sup>th</sup> May First Communion

5<sup>th</sup> June Confirmations, which will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes in

Blackburn

### 6 Social Event

The Social event held in the garden was well attended and enjoyed by all.

It is proving difficult to organise T/C after Sunday mass due to the community centre not always being opened.

### 7 Kneeler Inspection

Kneelers still seem to be sticking in a few areas, Fr will bring it up again with the Fabric and Finance committee in February

### 8 Health of Parish

Sacristans are still required for Sunday and weekday mass.

There is 1 new alter server but more is needed especially on a Saturday.

Pass keepers are also needed for Funeral Masses

Help may be required for Christmas with crib, flowers etc. Ask Catherine if she would like help with tree.

Offertory procession to be reinstated if pass keepers don't mind asking for volunteers.

Tom asked if a mass could be dedicated in November for people who died in the parish from Covid.

#### 9 Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday Advent and Christmas

Mass cannot be change for remembrance Sunday to allow Fr to attend so Frank Boles will attend.

Advent will have the same format as last year with visiting priests attending each Wednesday.

Christmas also will have the same format as last year John will organise the music and Frank will organise the readings.

Times for Mass – Christmas Eve 6pm Carols followed by Mass at 6.30pm

Polish Mass 9pm

Christmas Day - Prison Mass 9am

Parish Mass 10.30am

Polish Mass 12pm

#### 10 Pastoral Care for Polish Community

The archbishop asked Fr to help with the care of the polish community in the area when Fr Peter moved. Mass is well attended.

#### 11 Car Park

It will be brought up at the Fabric and Finance committee in Feb about the use of the car park by visitors not attending mass, cars being left overnight and designated bays for disabled use.

#### 12 Donation to Parish

No decision has been made on what to do with the donation. Fr is interested on a marquee for parish use and the house needs decoration. Any ideas can be put forward for the next meeting of the Fabric and Finance committee.

#### 13 AOB

Fr showed a nice card of thanks for the church being open during the day.

Date of next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

Fr Marcin led us in a finishing prayer.

