

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

5th Feb 2024

Present - Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd, Margaret Meek, John Lavery.

Apologies Catherine Mary Thomas, Tom Mullen, Brian Murray.

Fr Marcin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from previous Meeting

Agreed

1 Reception of Sacrament Update.

No update from previous Meeting

First Communions will be on the last Sunday in May.

2 Social Update

Parash Barbecue will be held 25th August.

Margaret is going to check with the Community Centre if they have any available dates to have Tea and Coffee after Mass, possibly monthly.

Proposal to have a one world evening; this will be discussed fully at next meeting.

3 Kneeler Inspection Update

No Update as Fabric and Finance committee are not meeting till next week.

4 Car Park

No Update as Fabric and Finance committee are not meeting till next week.

5 Christmas Feedback

Very Positive feedback from the Vigil service, numbers were 250 and extra seats had to be brought into the church.

Thank you to John for the excellent music.

Thank You also to Catherine and her helpers for the lovely job they made of decorating the church.

Numbers at the Christmas Day mass was low.

6 New PPC Members

New members have not been identified yet,

An action point will be added to meetings to identify possible new members.

Fr will speak to a few parishioners to see if they are interested in becoming members of the PPC.

7 Health of Parish

John has 3 people helping with music they will have a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss music for Easter.

New people have been identified to help with Eucharist ministry and there is now a rota for visiting care home.

A few ladies have volunteered to help with the money counting.

Frank would like a few more readers for a Sunday. Fr will mention this after mass or in the newsletter.

Fr would like the reading liturgy to run smoother, readers need to be on the altar to start reading and enter the altar via the middle isle. Frank will speak to all readers.

Fr would like the Alleluia to be sung.

Polish Community

Fr is still on a learning curve and adjusting to serving the polish community.

They have settled in well and volunteered to do a few things around the church. They help with the decoration of the church at Christmas and volunteered to help clean the church.

During Holy week there will only be only one main liturgical service for everyone in English. The Polish community is welcome to join.

There will be regular Stations of the cross on Fridays in Polish, Easter Blessing of Food and additional two Polish Masses on Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday mass will be at 7pm

During lent Mass will be at 7am every Thursday.

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm and 6.15pm for polish community.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7pm followed by adoration at the altar of repose till 10pm.

Good Friday Service at 3pm

6.30pm stations of the cross for Polish community.

Holy Saturday 10am 11am 12pm blessing of food for Polish Community

Vigil Mass 8pm

Easter Sunday 8am Polish Mass

Mass at Prison

11am Parish Mass

12.15pm Polish Mass

AOB

Fr will discuss with Fabric and Finance Committee if anything can be done with the basement for Parish use or if something can be added to the front of the building maybe in glass for use of the parish.

Fabric and Finance will also discuss the decoration of the house.

John brought it to our attention how untidy the choir loft is it is being used for storage,

Fr will bring this to Fabric and Finance Committees attention.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 JUNE 2024