

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7th Oct 2024

Present - Fr Marcin, Frank Boles, Tom Mullen, Evelyn Mooney, Margo Todd, Margaret Meek, Catherine Mary Thomas, Martin McNaughton, John Lavery, Manus McGonigal.

Apologies – Brian Murray.

Fr Marcin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Martin was introduced and welcomed as our new Parish Council Member.

Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Fr Marcin gave an update from the fabric and finance committee. Electrics in the church have been checked and do not meet safety requirements and they are waiting on quotes to have them upgraded. The pothole in the car park is in hand and will be sorted shortly. No decision has been made for securing the car park.

Tom raised the shortage of Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans. Fr Marcin will do another appeal but, in the meantime, if the Parish Council members can suggest anyone, he will speak to them.

The feedback for Margaret and her team on the barbeque was excellent. The event was a great success, and everyone had a marvellous time despite the weather.

The Bowling Club has been booked for 29th November (7pm – 11pm) for a Parish Cultural Family Event. Tickets will be on sale at the end of the month.

Fr Marcin hopes to have a Rorate Mass every Wednesday in Advent. The Polish community will take part in services.

Times for Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve Carols 6.30pm
Mass at 7.00pm
Polish Mass 9pm

Christmas Day Prison Mass 9am
Parish Mass 10.30am
Polish Mass 12pm

The Parish directory has been updated and will be published at the back of the church in a few weeks.

Fr Marcin would like to have regular meetings with all Ministers to the church.

Fr Marcin has received good feedback from the Polish community that are currently using our church and feel very welcomed and appreciate it.

It will be the 150th Anniversary of the Church on 13th Dec 2027 and discussions on ways to mark the celebration will begin at the next scheduled meeting.

There will be a new translation for lectionary at the beginning of advent. Fr said it is nothing drastic only a few words here and there. New lectionaries have been donated to the church and we are awaiting delivery.

Date of next Meeting **3rd February 2025**

Fr Marcin led us in a finishing prayer.