

Parish of St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27th 2017.

Present

Canon Isaac, Katey Beggan, JR Diaz, Kathy Kirby, Gerry Lewis, Clare Loveluck, Andrew Massey, David Roblin and Madeleine Walters.

Apologies

Claudiu Bulai, Helga Evans and Madeline Page.

1st Business – Canon proposed to elect a Chairperson for the coming year. He nominated Madeleine Walters who was unanimously seconded by all present. She accepted the nomination. The secretary and other positions will be elected at the next meeting.

Canon Isaac's report

Canon explained the make up of the Parish Council regarding expertise and roles

Andrew Massey will be responsible for building, heating and maintenance of the church.

Paul Docherty - Health and Safety Representative

David Roblin - Treasurer and finance

Gerry Lewis - Safeguarding Officer

Canon Isaac noted that we were very lucky in the parish to have many volunteers to assist the finance department and all audits are very efficiently maintained.

The importance of confidentiality was stressed All issues discussed at Parish Council Meetings should remain private to the Committee, unless stated.

Canon also made us aware of the Archbishop's Homily in the Chrism Mass in which he stated the fact that Diocese numbers are dwindling. Some parishes will not be viable in the future. We need to think about an Evangelisation Team and be ready to "reach out" to parishioners who may have left the church.

Kathy suggested a youth club to encourage young people to attend church. Katy wanted to know what social activities went on in the Parish. The Social Group is no longer active and needs to be reinstated. We all agreed that this would help people come back to the Church and could encourage new parishioners. Kathy said that a

Bible Discussion group was useful. Katy felt we needed to use social media more and base the Evangelisation on the Christian Union at the University.

Other Issues

St Teilo's - The Church needs redecorating and new carpets need to be fitted. Andrew will put out a tender for the work.

Our Lady of Lourdes - The presbytery needs care and attention. Fabrizio is still living there and helps to look after it. The arrangement is successful at the present.

Mass times need to be discussed

Baptism

The Northern Arc of parishes is coordinating the Baptismal Preparation courses. They meet once a quarter and it works well. The preparation is done in all three parishes children are baptised in their own parish. The same arrangement is being planned for marriage preparation.

Social Evening

There will be a social evening for people who help in the parish. Everyone will be invited to bring a plate of food. Canon will provide the drink. The provisional date is Thursday, June 15th but this is to be confirmed.

First Holy Communion

Clare reported that this will take place on June 11th at the 11 o'clock Mass. There are twelve children making their First Holy Communion and classes have been very successful.

Corpus Christi High School

Canon and JR will meet children from Corpus Christi in an effort to discover why they do not attend Mass in our parish. A possible Youth Club, linking the different parishes across the Diocese was discussed again.

Altar Servers

The altar servers are growing in numbers and the social evenings are proving very popular.

Music Group

JR would like new Laudate hymn books. The different music groups will meet to discuss moving forward with the music in the parish, at a date to be confirmed.

Cathedral School Choir

There will be a Concert given by this Choir at the 6.30pm Mass on May 7th. Kathy will organise refreshments afterwards for them in the hall.

Christ the King

There will be a School Mass in Church on June 18th at 11am . Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. Kathy will organise pop and crisps.

Peter David's Ordination

Peter David, a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, will soon be ordained. He is the Chaplain to the Hospital and an ex Anglican Minister. We will need to mark the ordination with a celebration in the parish.

Future meetings

Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of June, September, November, January, March and May. The next meeting will be after Mass on Thursday, June 29th. .

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Chair