

ST. TEILO's with OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, November 9th 2017 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Canon Isaac	President
Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary
Claudiu Bulai	Clare Loveluck
Kathy Kirby	Madeline Page
Gerry Lewis	David Roblin

1. Opening Prayer

Madeline led the Opening Prayer

2. Apologies:

Katey Beggan, JR Diaz and Andrew Massey.

3. Minutes:

Madeline agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting were correct and Kathy Kirby seconded this.

4. The Presbytery at OLOL

Canon Isaac stated that three estimates had been received on the state of repair of the Presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes. Andrew Massey is dealing with this case.

5. Safeguarding

Gerry Lewis reported that the meeting on October 10th had been well attended. 18 people took part in this very interesting evening which was led by Clare Short. The feedback had been positive and people were interested in further education on this topic. Gerry reported that he had been in touch with Martin Mahoney and a second meeting was to be arranged. He also pointed out that people who had missed the first meeting would be welcome at the second. A date is to be confirmed.

6. Youth Ministry

Following the success of the first evening, it had been agreed to hold another one as soon as possible. The next date was set for Wednesday, November 1st

and the invitation had been extended to the Altar Servers as well as parents, siblings and friends. This time the group of over 20 young people were taking part. JR started the evening with prayers and explained the Gospel of the day. He involved the young people in the Liturgy on the Beatitudes. He then challenged the young people with a Quiz, which was very entertaining. This was rewarded with a Fish and Chip supper. Helga had helped, together with Peter and Chris Searle. In all, it was, once again, a successful evening. The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 7.00pm. This will have a Christmas theme.

The Group suggested that they would get in touch with the Three Churches and see what they are doing.

Madeleine was very impressed with the way the first evening started. The young people were welcomed; there was no awkwardness and she said that Claudiu, JR, Katey and Madeline should be congratulated on the way they got this group off the ground. An evaluation form, handed out after the first session, showed that the youngsters were asking for more prayer.

7. Review of Dementia Information Evening

It was disappointing that very few people attended this meeting. Maybe it should be advertised in the newsletter. The setting up of a group in our Parish was discussed but it was felt that not many people would attend. It was agreed that in the meantime it would be beneficial to find out what and where services are already provided; where refreshments are available and where people living with dementia/Alzheimer's and their carers can spend time and meet other people. Canon suggested that we could offer our services, if necessary. Gerry Lewis offered to do some research on this.

8. Social Group

As requested by the PAC, the Social Group met on November 6th. It was disappointing, that even though it was advertised in the Newsletter, nobody other than the present group attended this meeting. One suggestion of a day trip had been handed-in. The members of the Social Group debated over the social programme for the year 2018. This suggested programme was presented to the PAC viz. a quiz in February, a family day in June, a barbecue in September, and a quiz in December. Canon made the point that we need to get parishioners together at a parish event. Several suggestions were brought forward i.e. a New Year's Party, lunch at the Cornerstone etc. Canon suggested that we hold a Cheese & Wine evening on St Teilo's Day, February 9th, following the evening Mass. This item is to be carried forward.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11th 2018.

10. Concluding Prayer

Canon said the concluding prayer and gave a blessing.

The meeting closed at 8pm.