

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, March 22nd 2018 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Canon Isaac	President
Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary
Katey Beggan	Clare Loveluck
Claudiu Bulai	Madeline Page
J.R. Diaz	David Roblin
Gerry Lewis	

1. Opening Prayer

JR led the Opening Prayer

2. Apologies:

Andrew Massey and Kathy Kirby. Canon joined the meeting later.

3. Minutes:

Claudiu agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting were correct and this was seconded by all present.

4. Safeguarding - Update

Gerry reported that the Polish community had started traditional Polish dancing. The people responsible for this had all been DBS cleared. He confirmed that the date for the follow up of the Internet Safety Seminar was Tuesday, March 27th.

5. Youth Ministry

Madeline confirmed that she had met with Canon Isaac to plan for future dates for the Youth group. These had been agreed as follows: meetings on April 19th and June 12th. A big event is planned for September 2nd with perhaps a barbecue and football. It is hoped to involve the Three Churches as they have a big youth group. A holy half hour might be included. It will also include the Polish youths. The young leaders will once again speak at all the Masses two weeks before. Advent preparation is planned for December 5th. Flyers and leaflets will be designed with all the dates and information and these will be distributed. Future goals are to have a bi-monthly mini

Adoration at the end of the social evening. A long term objective is to have a mini retreat, perhaps at Belmont Abbey in 2019.

6. Review of St Teilo's Day on February 9th

Mass was followed by wine and nibbles. There were not many people but there was a very good atmosphere. It was agreed that the parish should hold more of these social get-togethers, possibly after the 6.30pm Mass on Sundays or on other occasions.

7. Ministering to the elderly and /or lonely

Gerry Lewis reported that he had identified all the people aged 65 and above from the parish database. It was agreed to have a meeting of PAC members and others of a certain age who may know many of the people identified and also may know whether they are in need of help or company. It was suggested that we send a postcard to parishioners who fell into the above category from St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes to tell them that we are thinking of them and asking whether we could help them. It was considered important not to cut across the work of the SVP. So the process will be: meet, check with the SVP, and then send a postcard. It was agreed to hold a meeting to consider the names identified by Gerry. Helga Evans, Gerry Lewis, David Roblin and Madeleine Walters volunteered from the PAC. It was decided to ask Rita Daughton from OLOL and also Bernadette Evans from the SVP. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm. Madeleine thanked Gerry Lewis for his work.

8. How can the parish of St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes work to support Travellers?

It was unclear what kind of help was needed so a decision was reached to ask Canon Isaac and keep an open mind. Canon Isaac was asked when he later joined the meeting. He said it was about being willing to put on a Mass. Fr. Paul Millar has a great deal of involvement with the Travellers at St. John Lloyd. It was suggested to ask Fr. Millar to our next PAC meeting.

When Canon joined the meeting after the next item, he said that an extra Mass might be requested and some sacramental preparation.

9. Evangelisation at St Teilo's

Madeline is the Archdiocesan Field Officer for Evangelisation. She briefly explained to the PAC what evangelisation is. All the popes have spoken about it. By Baptism, all have the mission to evangelise. The mission of the Church is to evangelise. The mission of the parish is to serve the mission of the Church. The work we do is part of the worldwide mission of the Church. She explained the difference between evangelisation and catechesis. Evangelisation refers to the initial encounter while catechesis is on-going formation. Madeline recommended starting in small ways and utilising what is already there.

Suggestions:

- As the Church is always open, a sandwich board outside advertising this.

- Developing a regular pattern of socialising after Mass based on the liturgical year, inviting people at Easter and Christmas, but not only at these times.
- More adult formation, using some of the programmes available such as Sherry Weddells' 'Forming Intentional Disciples'.
- Lunch after the 11am Mass.
- It was suggested that the Film "A Case for Christ" could be shown after Easter.

Madeleine advised against rushing to arrange things. There was little time left before Easter. It was agreed that planning in advance, governed by the liturgical year was key. Helga suggested using the Social Group for the catering etc.

Canon said it was a matter of mission rather than maintenance and applauded Madeline for her enthusiasm.

It was suggested that the PAC should ask for people to come forward to work on a project, e.g. a Welcoming Group and that there should be a meeting in three weeks' time.

10. **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Gail Gerrard. She said that she has been doing the Easter and Christmas displays for many years since she retired from the Police Force. Whilst she is happy to continue putting up the Easter Garden and Christmas crib, she now needs some help. She requested that the PAC collectively asked around or suggested some younger people who could assist her, with a view to them eventually taking over this task.

She expressed the hope that someone might stay behind on Maundy Thursday after the Mass, to help put up the Cross, ready for Good Friday. She concluded by saying that it would be nice to know who is willing to help during the week before Christmas to put up the Crib and to help her bring the pallets, stones etc. from her garage and over to the Church. She said that this is becoming increasingly difficult to do on her own.

David, Gerry, JR and Madeline offered to help on Maundy Thursday and it was agreed that discussions about Christmas would be held in plenty of time.

11. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 7th, 2018.

11. **Concluding Prayer**

Canon said the concluding prayer and gave a blessing.

The meeting closed at 8pm.