

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, September 20th 2018 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:**

Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary
Clare Loveluck	Madeline Page
Claudiu Bulai	David Roblin
J.R. Diaz	

**1. Opening Prayer**

JR led the Opening Prayer

**2. Apologies:**

Canon Isaac, Katey Beggan, Kathy Kirby, Gerry Lewis.

**3. Minutes:**

Claudiu agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, were a true record. JR seconded them. There was one amendment. Katey's surname was recorded incorrectly. It should read 'Beggan' with a double 'g'.

Canon had sent a message to say that his first operation had gone very well, and that his recuperation was going to plan. His right eye was now significantly improved, so he was looking forward to the other eye being as good. His second operation was to take place the following Tuesday. He said that he would welcome our prayers that it would be as successful as the first.

**4. Correspondence**

Madeleine read out a letter from Andrew Massey who was tendering his resignation from the PAC with immediate effect. He said that it was nothing that anyone had done that brought about his decision, but it is more that he felt that his place on the Council could be offered to someone else who has more to offer by way of input and enthusiasm, than he is able to offer. He affirmed that he would continue to assist Canon Isaac in whatever way he could with regard to buildings, maintenance etc and other parish events in the future.

A letter will be sent to Andrew to thank him for his help over the past years as a member of the PAC.

Madeleine said that Andrew's words were a reminder to all members of their responsibility on the Council.

**5. Youth Ministry update**

Madeline reported that the BBQ on Sunday, September 2nd, at St Bridget's had been good fun and uplifting. She stated that the attendance was very disappointing and the organisation had been a little difficult. It was agreed that the timing was not good and it would be better to have such events in term time in future. However, she said that they will persevere and organise future dates for the youth group as well as adult events.

Madeline reported that she had been in touch with Canon Isaac and he had agreed to all future events/dates that she had planned. Madeline suggested gathering the youth group together each week and a suitable day should be selected. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a Friday evening would be best. David Roblin stated that Christ the King held a Youth Group on a Friday too. Madeline suggested games evenings, as well as readings etc.

**6. Ministering to the elderly and /or lonely**

Madeleine reported that Gerry Lewis had identified all the people aged 65 and above from the parish database. A meeting had been held to consider these names. Gerry Lewis, David Roblin, Helga Evans and Madeleine Walters volunteered from the PAC. It was decided to ask Rita Daughton from OLOL and Bernadette Evans from the SVP.

The names were discussed and those known to members present were discounted. When a number of people remained unidentified, it was agreed that they should be phoned or followed up by other means. David and Gerry volunteered to contact the men and the SVP ladies, Bernadette, Gina and Sonia were happy to contact the ladies. Bernadette had sent a comprehensive report to Madeleine. The outcome of the phone calls was that most were able to look after themselves and nobody was desperate or wanted help or visits. David reported a similar result from phone calls to the men. There were a few who had not been found and it was agreed to send them a card with an offer of help at Christmas. Madeleine will provide the addresses. Madeleine suggested that a 'Thank you' letter was sent to all the people involved in this exercise. Claudiu expressed his delight at the result. He had started the discussion on this matter several months ago. It was noted that the situation could change.

**7. Faith Formation**

Madeleine introduced this item by saying that she had discussed all that Madeline was going to mention with Canon Isaac and he had agreed to it all. Firstly, Madeline will be inviting young adults at the 6.30pm Mass to go across to the Fox and Hounds after Mass for a drink. This would start a kind of social group, which might produce helpers with the youth and more.

Secondly, Madeline mentioned doing something to mark Grandparents' Week, which would be celebrated during the week October 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. To acknowledge the part that grandparents, honorary grandparents or friends play in the upbringing of their grandchildren by bringing them to Mass and generally teaching them the Faith, it was decided to hold a coffee morning on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Hall at St Teilo's. A coffee evening would hopefully take place at OLOL after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Giving a Prayer Card as a gift was suggested and Canon will be asked to give a special blessing. Helga would speak to the coffee ladies and Madeleine will speak to Canon about the plans and the prayer card. This item will be advertised in the newsletter the week prior to this date.

Thirdly, Madeline is planning an adult formation series, possibly in Advent. Wednesday evening after the 7pm Mass is a possibility. Tea and coffee would be provided. It could entail watching a DVD e.g. Bishop Barron on the Mass., followed by discussion. These sessions could be done in blocks of six on such subjects as the Mass, the Creed and Catholicism.

Finally, having a parish Christmas meal in January at the Cornerstone was suggested. Madeline will investigate costs and menus.

Support for Catechists is to be put on the next agenda.

#### **8. 100 Years' Remembrance**

A day of commemoration will take place on Remembrance Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, which, this year, is the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One. It was again agreed to hold a coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Hall at St Teilo's. A coffee evening would hopefully take place at OLOL after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Active or former military persons will be invited to wear their uniform should they wish. Giving a Prayer Card as a gift was suggested and Canon will be asked to give a special blessing. This item will be advertised in the newsletter the week prior to this date.

#### **9. Any other Business**

David Roblin reported that Dick Dicketts has resigned from all his Ministries and Groups and handed over all his documents to David Roblin. Peter Searle has agreed to run the raffle. Helga said that she would help. Madeleine will discuss with Canon the question of him being put forward for a medal from Rome. Gerry A'Herne was also mentioned for recognition.

#### **10. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

#### **11. Concluding Prayer**

Madeleine said the concluding prayer.