

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:**

Canon Isaac	President
Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary

Claudiu Bulai	Clare Loveluck
J.R. Diaz	Christine Lewis
Paul Doherty	Gerry Lewis

Kathy Kirby

Cathy Hopkins attended as the Baptism Catechist

**1. Opening Prayer**

JR led the Opening Prayer

**2. Apologies:**

David Roblin and Katey Beggan

**3. Minutes:**

Madeleine agreed that the Minutes of the meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> were a true record. They were seconded by Canon Isaac.

**4. Review of the Parish Meal**

- Madeleine asked whether the Parish Meal on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Cornerstone had been a success. It was agreed that it had been.
- Madeleine had written to Spiro at the Cornerstone thanking him and his staff for the wonderful lunch and had complimented the food, the service the ambiance and the prompt response to e-mails leading up to it.
- Approximately 30 people had had a really good time. It was agreed that it should be repeated in January 2020.
- Madeleine will e-mail to make the booking.

**5. Update of the 20s/30s Catholic Drinks**

Madeleine reported that in the absence of Madeline, who is presently touring Central America, there was no feedback on the number of people having taken part in the latest evening out. Canon pointed out that the venue had

been in a Pub in Canton and suggested asking Fr Nick Williams for an update.

## **6. Youth Ministry**

- J.R. and Claudiu had held a meeting regarding the drop in the numbers of candidates of the Youth Group. A further date for the Group will be arranged for 6.30pm on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Advertising this event will take place two weeks prior to the date in the form of speaking from the lectern, placing the event in the newsletter and asking Priya Parsons, who works at Christ the King School, to make the young people aware of the date. The young people of O.L.O.L. will also be invited. They plan to arrange a meeting of the group every 2 months.

## **7. Reports from Catechists**

### **Confirmation:**

J.R. stated that the date for Confirmation was set for Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6pm at St Teilo's. There are nine Candidates from St Teilo's and thirteen from Our Lady of Lourdes. Archbishop George agreed that it could be a bilingual Mass in English and Polish. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Hall.

J.R. reported that his first meeting with the Candidates, preparing the young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation, went very well. They were open and engaged freely. J.R. stated that he was planning a Retreat for the Candidates on Sunday afternoon, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, possibly at Nazareth House.

### **Baptism:**

Madeleine thanked Cathy for attending. Cathy reported that the Baptism Course was held at several venues in turn. The next course will be held at Christ the King, hosted by Briged Lee, on Tuesdays, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm.

Further dates/venues would be made available shortly.

Madeleine asked if there was anything that would be of help e.g. Literature etc. Cathy replied that there was a DVD of a Christening which was shown at the first session and at the second session parents were able to pose questions.

### **Children's Liturgy:**

Clare Loveluck reported briefly on the Children's Liturgy, which was going well, with helpers and numbers of children going up and down.

### **First Holy Communion:**

Clare Loveluck stated that the young people who are to receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, would make their First Confession on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Madeleine thanked all the Catechists who worked behind the scenes to prepare people for the Sacraments and said that the Parish and the Parish Council valued them.

#### **8. Report from the Finance Committee**

- This report dealt with Health and Safety issues, as well as repairs at OLOL and the annual inspection of buildings.
- The cost of installing the heating at OLOl amounted to £11500, the repairs to the roof were estimated at £1,000 and updating all electrical works was less. It included new sockets in the Church and the whole Presbytery.
- A request for new tables and chairs for the hall had been made; it was agreed that a quote should be sent.
- The house at OLOL would need new all windows and to update all electrical work.
- Work on the outside of St. Teilo's would include new lights, possibly LED bulbs, which were more expensive, but cost cutting in the long run.
- It was stated that all repairs/etc had been classed as urgent or moderate to be dealt with.
- The Finance Committee had raised the question of the Social Committee – whether it existed to raise funds for the church or to bring members of the parish together socially. It was agreed that it filled both purposes.
- This issue was discussed and it was proposed to form a new Committee.
- Helga said that it had never stopped, even after Dick Dicketts retired after many years of chairing this Committee.
- He had handed over the books and monetary items to David Roblin, Treasurer of the parish.
- However, the Social Group carried on and was planning to do so. There had been a Quiz Night in November 2018, with another one planned for mid February of this year. It had been difficult to plan and organise other events due to ill health and lack of interest from parishioners.
- Canon agreed with it and was also concerned about the lack of commitment and suggested that a new set of events should be proposed, celebrating some of the Holy Days i.e. Corpus Christi and other Feast days. Helga suggested that the months of Mary would be a perfect celebration with Hymns and Prayers on a Sunday afternoon in the Church and, weather permitting, a procession around the church with more Hymns and Prayers in the garden, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits/cakes in the Hall.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd 2019 at 7pm.

## **10. Concluding Prayer**

Canon Isaac said the Concluding Prayer.